

Armour of God (continued)

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Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:17 Of all of the pieces of armour, the one we are most experienced with is the helmet. Hockey players, cyclists, snowboarders, rock climbers ... we wear a helmet when we engage in these and more. Why wear a helmet? To protect your head, of course. The helmet is a key piece as it protects your skull, your brain, your vision, your thoughts... such a critical component of your body. But why, as a Christian, protect your head? The armour of a warrior is the analogy that Paul uses when he advises Jesus-followers to get ready for the conflicts and battles inevitable in life. The Helmet of Salvation protects our mind, where so many battles take place. 1 Corinthians 2:16 tells us that believers “have the mind of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:5 explains that those who are in Christ have divine power to “demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ” The gift of salvation in Jesus Christ is our helmet; when we believe and profess Jesus as our Lord and Savior by grace through faith, we are outfitted with this defensive headpiece. When we are intentionally fixed upon and abiding in Christ, we suit up for battle against the enemy’s schemes and the world’s temptations.



But we must consciously put it on every day to protect our minds and to find our hope and strength. So, we learn Scripture through memory work. We read the Bible in devotions and in Bible class. We pray through and over all things. We wear the armour.

Sources: trinityruston.org/devotions/ , jtdyer.com/the-helmet-of-salvation/ , wheatonbible.org/

Carol Verbeek, Principal

For your Information:

Prayer Corner: I pray that you were blessed this extra long weekend and that students are ready to be back in the classroom. We pray for our families as they experience the joys and challenges of this season of life. May God grant you the strength, patience and joy that you need each day. Trust God to provide. Please pray for our Board and committees as they begin planning for the next school year. If you have specific prayer requests, be sure to pass those along to our prayer team through j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca.

Thank-you! Thank-you! For all who have shown appreciation for the WCS staff so far this year by providing snacks, Valentine chocolate, coffee, cards, prayers, notes - we feel loved and supported. We miss our daily interactions with the parents of our students. We miss our volunteers and seeing our community. We love our WCS families!

Kindergarten recruitment- Families with kindergarten age students are considering school registration at this time of year. Pray for and encourage those who are considering enrolment at WCS. Our kindergarten information event is taking place on February 18th. If you know of families with children ready for kindergarten, steer them towards this event or connect them with Mrs Mulder in the front office.

March Break- As shared in the parent email communication last week, the traditional March break will be postponed until April. Students will receive their second term learning reports as scheduled on Friday, March 12th. One of the six scheduled break days will be used on Monday, March 15th (no classes). Third term will begin on Tuesday, March 16th and continue through to June. WCS will pause for the newly scheduled SPRING BREAK week - Monday, April 12- Friday, April 16th.

MAP testing- Our winter round of MAP testing wraps up this week.

Uncle Daddy's Pizza Order- Please have your payment and order form in for the Uncle Daddy's pizza orders by Thursday of this week.

School Health Southwestern Public Health has tried to make a complicated set of daily health decisions a bit easier with an updated [Parent Decision Tool](#) (revised February 5th). Parents, EACH DAY complete the COVID-19 Student Screening Tool before school <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

If you need to reach out to SWPH to have your questions answered, they can be reached at the SWPH COVID-19 Response Centre: 1-800-922-0096 x 9.

Springfest- This year Springfest will be online, and it will still be as good as ever! If you are interested in donating an item to the auction, would like to help out on pick up day, or would like to help out with baking, or any other area. Please contact Joleen or Dawn. We would love to have your help!

Bazaar Bottles- It is that time of year again, where we are in the planning stages of Springfest. This year it will be online, but we still plan on making bazaar bottles! We are asking the students to get on their creative hat, and we will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place bottle again! This is always a highlight for the students, and they love to walk through the front lobby and check out each others bottles. Stay tuned for a video later this week on how to make a bazaar bottle.

VIRTUAL Springfest

WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ORDER ONLINE **MARCH 22 - 27**
PICK UP AT WCS **APRIL 10**

NEW THIS YEAR:
COVID-FRIENDLY
FAMILY ACTIVITY

ALL YOUR SPRINGFEST FAVOURITES

- BAZAAR BOTTLES
- WCS KITCHEN
- BAKED GOODS
- TREAT BAGS
- MARKETPLACE
- FLOWERS
- AUCTION

Student Support - Mrs. Bulthuis: I pray you all had a great weekend celebrating the gift of families. The grade 5 math group wrapped up their algebra unit last week and tests are coming home today. Please sign and return them. Retakes are welcome if students wish to improve their understanding and scores. The grade 4 literacy group will continue to focus on "No Excuse" words and answering questions in complete sentences for the next few weeks. The grade one literacy groups will have their spelling test this Friday. Please review the words posted on SeeSaw and keep reading with your children every evening. Have a blessed week!

Wednesday: -Return book bags (gr. 1-3)
Friday: -Spelling test (gr. 1)

JK- Mrs. Westerveld- Welcome to a new wintry week. We want to wish a Happy Birthday to Noah who celebrated turning 5 and Adelaide who celebrated her birthday last week. may God bless you both in the year ahead. On Wednesday we will celebrate Valentine's Day. Please wear red, pink or white. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library
Friday - show and share something about LOVE.

SK- Ms. Body- Welcome to a new week. I hope you all had a fabulous weekend in God's love and with family. Scripture speaks clearly of his love and our place in His family. *See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! (1 John 3:1a) God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. (Eph. 1:5)*

What's happening in SK: This week our lessons and activities will have a valentines theme.

Wednesday: All school devotions
Library
Valentines exchange

Gr. 1/2A- Mrs. Schuster- Please look at seesaw for updates for our class this week.

Gr. 1/2B- Mrs. Horinga- This week we will be finishing up Jesus' miracles and begin looking at the parables that Jesus taught. In math grade 1 will focus on subtraction this week, Grade 2 is focusing on adding and subtracting strategies to 10. In writing we are focusing on poetry writing, this week we will begin writing a biography poem. Due to the short week this week we will not have a spelling list but will focus on High Frequency words in class.

Wednesday - Library day
- Sub Lunch

Gr. 3- Mr. Hiemstra- Thanks for the Valentine cards and treats brought in last week. We were able to quarantine them and hand them out on Thursday. Students were excited! This week we finish map testing. We will be continuing learning our spelling word list focusing on oi and oy patterns. We have completed our multiplication lessons and now are working on speed and accuracy with 2's, and 3's, and will be beginning drills with 4's. Students are able to practice these at the multiplication.com site posted in Google Classroom. In language arts we are studying legends.

Friday: Spelling test: list 19 (posted in Google Classroom)

4- Mrs. Hickey- Welcome to a new week. We will take the last MAP test this week and results will be included with the 2nd term report card. We are starting a new unit in Science called Light and Sound. Please send a clean empty tin can for an experiment by Thursday. Practice your poem this week and memorize the first third by Friday. No spelling test this week. Remember to keep reading your chapter book for the AR test due at the end of the month.

Wednesday - Library exchange
Thursday - Bring tin can for Science
Friday - Mem. Work - Poem (one third)
- Math Test - Unit 9 - Fractions
- Phys. Ed.

Gr. 5- Mr. H- Welcome to a new week of school! I hope you and your family enjoyed the long weekend. Albeit short, there is much learning to happen this week; I'm particularly excited to continue our story-writing project and teach students more about how our Canadian government works. A reminder for you/your child to check Google Classroom for daily homework updates. Have a great week!

Gr. 5/6 Mrs. VanAndel- Welcome to a new week of learning grades 5 and 6! It is another short week of learning! Tomorrow, our Castle in the Attic assignment is due. We have started sharing them with the class. Presentations will continue through the week.

Wednesday- Sub lunch

-Phys. Ed.

Thursday -Alieda's happy birthday!!!

-Music with Mrs. Martin

Friday -Spelling tests

-French with Mrs. Pasma

-Phys. Ed.

Gr. 7- Mrs. Racicot

Wednesday -Celebration of Friendship for Valentine's Day. Continue memorizing 'entertaining' speech.

Thursday -Begin presentations of 'entertaining' speeches. Math quiz.

Friday -Continue and complete presentations of 'entertaining' speeches.

Gr. 8- Mr. Schaafsma- Welcome to a new week of school! I hope you all had a great weekend. This week we will not have any spelling work. We will begin speech writing and the Demonstrative Speech is the first one we will work on. We will go over the details tomorrow, all needed information is posted in Google Classroom.

Wednesday - Sub Lunch, Phys. Ed.

Thursday - Music, French, Art and Phys. Ed.

Friday - French