

February 22, 2021

When you have a neurotypical child or what some may label “normal”, you feel reasonably assured that class participation and decent study habits will result in good grades. These kids have close friends. They get invited to participate in social things like playdates and birthday parties. They make the teams, auditions, organizations and clubs.

But when you have a child with certain differences, this is often not the case. Learning may take longer, both academically and socially. Despite their tremendous efforts, results are often a fraction of their peers and social acceptance is fleeting, setting them up for painful comparisons and bitter frustration. Instead of a fun and fulfilling experience, school can become a breeding ground for depression and anxiety, and assignments a battle ground at home. It is exhausting for parent and child alike.

Students in our own school community struggle with Learning Disabilities, Autism, Dyslexia, and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) - *how do we in the WCS school community treat these students?*

For all the children who struggle every day to succeed in a world that does not recognize their gifts and talents, and for those who are walking beside them, please let this be a gentle reminder to be kind and accepting of ALL people.

Recognize that the "playing field" is not always a level surface.

Children who learn differently are not weird. They are merely gifted in ways that our society does not value enough. Yet they want what everyone else wants: To be accepted!!

(Source - unknown)

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" Psalm 139

Marcia Horinga

For your Information:

Prayer Corner- We are coming toward the end of winter. We pray for good health, safe travels, snow on the weekends, and lots of learning opportunities at WCS. May God grant you open eyes to know all the ways you've been blessed. We had a great Kindergarten Information (virtual) Evening last week and are excited to introduce new families to WCS. Please pray for kindergarten registration which takes place this week. Pray for our Board and committees as they plan 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.

School Health Updated again- Southwestern Public Health has provided an updated decision tool for parents revised AGAIN February 12th. Parents are reminded to complete the COVID-19 Student Screening Tool before putting students on the bus or bringing them to school.

[COVID-19 school screening](#)
[COVID-19 Resources for Schools and Parents](#)

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.

Kindergarten & more - Recruitment time- 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. If you know of families with children ready for kindergarten, or families with older children looking for distinctive Christian education, tell them about WCS, steer them towards this event or connect them with Mrs. Mulder or Mrs. Verbeek.

Spring Break- 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.

Daytime Cleaning- Woodstock Christian School is seeking someone for third term to provide cleaning services within the school day (approx. 2 hours with flexibility of time). This service would also entail laundering services. If you are interested or seeking more information please email the vice principal at g.hiesmstra@woodstockchristian.ca

Chicken Orders: Thank you to everyone who ordered chicken this month. This month alone we raised close to \$1800 for our school! We appreciate you and your support.

Chicken and Pizza Orders will be available for pick up **THIS Friday, February 26th**. We will have two pick up times again: the first will be between 2:50 and 3:10 and the second is between 3:30 and 4 pm. This way we will not be interfering with busses. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during these time frames. Please come to exterior gym door (the one in the parking lot) where we will greet you and deliver your order to your car. Just a reminder that we cannot store your orders at school. Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-532-4904 or thesols@yahoo.com

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 1 st, 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. Here is a video with instructions on how to make your own bazaar bottle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5acCLO3kXJU&feature=youtu.be>



JK- Mrs. Westerveld- Welcome to a new week! We will begin our turtle project this week. Please begin collecting shoe boxes and send them to school. Shoe and share will be free choice this week. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library

Friday - Wear your Spirit wear to school, Pizza Lunch

SK Miss Body- Welcome to a new week with another blanket of white. *Take away my sin, and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Psalm 51:7 (NLT).* May you feel the forgiving power of our Lord as you look at, play in, and appreciate the snow today.

What's happening in SK:

Letter: oo Sight word: for

Math: position words Bible: Moses

Wednesday: All school devotions
Library

Friday: Pizza lunch
Spirit wear day

Gr. 1/2A- Mrs. Schuster- Welcome to a new week of school. Happy birthday to Mollie who celebrates later this week. We pray that God will continue to bless and keep you always. We have been working on ensuring that our printing is neat and our letters are formed correctly. Check Seesaw for more information on the socials homework that is due later this week as well as what's happening in math this week.

Monday - See VIP Folder

Tuesday - Return VIP Folder

Thursday - Healthy Eating Homework
Due

Friday - Spelling Test Week 15
- Memory Work Due (John

3:16-17)

Gr. 1/2B- Mrs. Horinga- Wow already the last week of February! We will return to our weekly spelling list this week with most focusing on beginning r blends. List will come home today, and we will have a spelling test on Friday. I also encourage all students to be reading every night

for 10-15 minutes. In Bible we are going to learn about the Parables of Jesus which will lead us into our Celebration of Learning project. We will also be beginning our first Science unit which focuses on States of Matter.

Friday - Pizza day (if ordered)

- Spelling test

Monday (March 1) - Library Day

Gr. 3- Mr. Hiemstra- This week we will continue our legend study. We will also continue our multiplication drills with 3's and 4's. Students are able to practice at multiplication.com as we continue to work on accuracy and speed.

Bible test - This Friday, Feb 26. Review sheets will go home tomorrow, and we will be reviewing in class as well. The unit we have been studying is from Genesis, focussing on the lives of Jacob and Esau.

Memory Work - due Tues Feb 23 1 Peter 1:3

Creation Studies - We are continuing our unit on Forces. Our focus this week will be on Magnetism.

Friday: Spelling test: list 20 (posted in Google Classroom) These are or and ar pattern.

Gr. 4- Mrs. Hickey- Welcome to a new week. We are starting a new unit in Math called decimals. Poetry memorization continues this week. Keep reading your chapter book for the AR test at the end of the month. We are learning about Light and Sound in science class.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed.

Friday - Spelling Test - Lesson 21

- Mem. Work - 2/3 of your poem

- Phys. Ed.

Gr. 5- Mr. H- Welcome to the last week of February! I hope your kids enjoyed their snow day. Can you believe we're almost finished term 2 already? Report card writing day happens next week Friday, March 5th - we have many assessments and assignments to finish up this week and next. Grade 5 students have been enjoying their story-writing project, using their

knowledge/creativity and showcasing the writing skills they've learned so far, this year. All assignments and quiz dates will be posted on Google Classroom, as usual. Have a good week!

Gr. 6- Mrs. VanAnder- Welcome to the last week of school in February, grade 5 and 6. It is a full week of learning! Keep reading your February book! When you are done reading, make your book bag report. It is due next week Thursday. We have almost finished sharing our Castle in the Attic projects. The projects will be coming home on Tuesday.

Tuesday	-French with Mrs. Pasma
Wednesday	-Library - remember your books -Bible - test on Unit 6 - Jesus' Resurrection -Phys. Ed.
Thursday	-Music with Mrs. Martin
Friday	-Pizza lunch -Spelling tests -French with Mrs. Pasma -Phys. Ed. -Wear your WCS shirts today!
next Thurs.	-February book report is due.

Gr. 7- Mrs. Racicot- I hope you are enjoying your Snow Day! Happy Birthday to Justin! (Feb. 22) This will be a busy week. We will begin our PBL: 401 (project-based learning) with Grade 8. Students will write 'Informational' speeches this week to present next week. Graphic novel book reports are due February 28. Students are to have their graphic novel read and will be given class time to write their reports. Students are enjoying the winter weather at recess times. Please encourage proper winter attire: hats, gloves, boots, and snow pants.

Gr. 8- Mr. Schaafsma- Welcome to a new week of learning! We are going to begin a couple of new projects this week, details will come tomorrow. We will also have a Math Quiz and Science Test on Wednesday.

Tuesday	- French, Math Review
Wednesday	- Math Quiz, Science Test and

	-Bible Memory Work Due, Library
Thursday	- Music, French, Art
Friday	- French, Pizza Lunch, School Spirit Wear Day