

January 7, 2020

**A Year Overflowing with Blessings**

It's a brand new year! Welcome back to WCS in 2020. Wishing you God's blessings, strength and grace as you journey through this year. Whether you are about to walk through the greatest year of your life, or the most challenging, know that God's word and promises hold true. It's a new year and as we plan how we will live our lives this year, perhaps make some changes and resolve to do things better, be guided by these words from Psalm 119 in which the psalmist recognizes God as a God who makes and keeps promises, who is strong, generous, wise, and loving.

*Teach me lessons for living, give me insight, guide me down the road of your commandments, give me a bent for your words of wisdom, divert my eyes from toys and trinkets, invigorate me on the pilgrim way, affirm your promises to me*

*Let your love, God, shape my life with salvation, exactly as you promised*

(vs 33-41, The Message. Reframe: Today)

Be confident that God will use you and build you this year. Trust that he will provide and that his grace and love will continue to flow over and through you.

Blessings for 2020.

C. Verbeek



Monday - Markus F., Gr.3  
- Peter S., Gr.3

Wednesday - Ezra B., JK  
- Cora B., Gr.8

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Requests:** As we begin 2020, may we experience and share God's love and grace within and beyond our community. We thank God for his overflowing blessings and for the time of renewal and refreshment we had through the break. We pray for the Boersma family with the passing of their mother/grandmother and for other families as they cope with needs and challenges. Please pray for safety for our buses during winter driving conditions.

**Christmas Thanks-** For all of you who blessed our staff with cards, delicious baked goods, candles, gifts, candy, chocolate, and other gifts and treats, a big THANK YOU. It is good to partner with you as we grow our children in the knowledge of God and his creation. Thank you for showing your love through gifts and words of encouragement and appreciation.

**Welcome** to Mrs. Ysselstein who will be teaching grade 5 for several weeks this month while Mr. A. Hiemstra is on parental leave. Mrs. Ysselstein lives on a farm near Woodstock, loves travelling and hiking, and is a former WCS teacher who also provides occasional guest teaching services for WCS. Mrs. Dieleman, our librarian-teacher, will also be teaching in grade 5 on Tuesday mornings. Welcome!

**Transportation Matters-** It's January and we are expecting winter conditions! Please note that weather and road conditions vary widely across our catchment area. There may be days when our buses travel in less than ideal conditions. If there are routes changes or cancellations, you will be informed via the REMIND system, on the website, and via our local radio stations. If you feel you would rather keep your child home or drive yourself when conditions change, that is always a choice that you can make. Please notify the school office if your child will be late or absent. We ask for your patience with our buses and drivers as on snowy and wintery roads bus routes may take a little longer or begin slightly earlier.

**Gr5 swimming-** Our fifth grade class is going swimming for phys ed! This is an annual unit for our grade 5 students, to better acquaint them with water, to build skills in this area, and to promote fitness. We are thankful for our partnership with the Southside Aquatic Center and for access to the City of Woodstock facilities. Swimming will happen every Monday afternoon for 8 weeks.

**Electives-** In February 2020, for five consecutive Wednesdays from about 2 - 3:30 Woodstock Christian School will be offering electives to our junior and senior students. The elective team is meeting regularly and hoping to finalize potential elective choices this week. Stay tuned for a letter next week that will provide a sign-up link. If you have any ideas you wish us to pursue, let Mr. Hiemstra know ([g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca)). Thanks.

**Kindergarten Information Evening** will be held on Thursday January 30 @ 7:45pm. If you know of someone who is looking for more information on Woodstock Christian School or has a child going to Kindergarten in September, please share with them about this evening.

**Student Support - Mrs. Bulthuis:** Happy New Year! Thank you for all the cards, gifts, and warm wishes that I received before the break. I feel incredibly blessed to work with your children and to be partnering with you. I pray you all had a great holiday and that the students will quickly settle into school routines. Keep reading at home; book bags are due back to school this Wednesday!

**Wednesday** - return book bags (gr. 1-3)  
**Friday** - spelling test (gr. 2, 4, 7)

**Junior Kindergarten:** Welcome to a new decade! Please watch for a January calendar coming home today. We want to wish Ezra a Happy Birthday for Wednesday. Have a great week.

**Wednesday-** Sub Day, Library  
**Friday -** Show and share something circular

**Senior Kindergarten A (Poort):** Happy New Year to you. This week Jhenia is our helper. We are having a STEM workshop on Wednesday. Please return reading log calendars for a trip to the prize box. Sight words: review. Letters: review.

**Tuesday** Library  
**Wednesday** STEM  
Subs

**Senior Kindergarten B (Body):** Happy New Year. Welcome 2020. Praying you had a wonderful break. I am looking forward to seeing the children tomorrow! Please remember to pack hats and mittens. An extra pair of mittens and socks is always a great idea. Labelling outdoor clothing reduces the risk of losing articles.

**Tuesday** - Library  
**Wednesday** - STEM workshop  
- Sub Lunch

**Grade 1:** Welcome to a new year! January calendars will be sent home today. Check your emails for an update about what is happening in our classroom this week.

- Monday** - Phys. Ed
- Tuesday** - Library
- Wednesday** - Sub lunch  
- NO Show & Share
- Thursday** - Phys. Ed  
- Bible notebooks due back at school
- Friday** - Spelling Test  
- Flashlight Friday

**Grade 2:** In grade 2 we are beginning a poetry writing unit. This unit will tie well with the upcoming poetry competition. Please watch for a package coming home later this week regarding the Poetry Meet. This week we will be practising our +2 math drills to help increase speed and accuracy. Our spelling focus this week is doubling consonants when adding ed or ing. We will be winding up our unit on Global communities with a look at the various continents and some of their special features.

- Wednesday** - Sub Lunch  
- Library (many of you took 3 books home for the holidays so bring them ALL back!)
- Friday** - Spelling Test

**Grade 3:** Happy New Year! Welcome back, grade 3! Thank you for your cards, gifts, and prayers and your help with bringing games for our time after skating! May God bless us in 2020!

**Friday:** Spelling test

**Grade 4A:** Welcome to 2020, January, and a new year of learning! I pray that you all had a refreshing Christmas holiday with your family and friends.

- Monday** - Music: remember your recorders
- Tuesday** - Gym: bring your clothes
- Wednesday** - Sub lunch  
- STEM workshop  
- Library: return your books
- Thursday** - Gym: bring gym clothes
- Friday** - Spelling test  
- Music: bring your recorders  
- Memory work: Psalm 27: 1,2

**Grade 4B:** Welcome to a new week and a new year. May God continue to bless us as we serve Him in 2020. We are starting a new Science unit called Light and Sound. Send a small, clean tin can to school tomorrow. Students need to choose a chapter book for a book report due at the end of the month.

- Tuesday** - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)  
- Bring tin can for Science
- Wednesday** - Library  
- Sub Lunch
- Thursday** - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
- Friday** - Mem. Work - Psalm 27:1-2  
- Spelling Test - List 15

**Grade 5:** Happy New Year! God's blessings and joy to you as you continue your journey in grade 5. I am looking forward to teaching you for the next three weeks.

- Monday** - Swimming Lessons
- Wednesday** - Music: bring your instruments  
- Sub Day
- Thursday** - Music  
- Spelling work should be completed  
- Math quiz: centimetres, decimetres, and millimetres, couple long division questions
- Friday** - Weekly wrap up: Memory Work  
Proverbs 22:6  
- Spelling test  
- Circulatory system quiz (see handout)

**Grade 6: Friday** - Memory Work John 1:1,2,3: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

**Grade 7:** Please refer daily to Google Classroom for grade 7 homework, assignments and tests.

**Grade 8:** Welcome to 2020! I hope you all had a great Christmas break. Thank-you all for the wonderful Christmas gifts, I feel blessed to be part of the WCS community. The grade 8 class will be helping out at the Adelaide Soup Kitchen on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of this week, groups of students will be transported to the Soup Kitchen in shifts for each of the three days. We are also heading to Caressant Care on Friday for our monthly visit with our senior friends. Please keep checking Google classroom for homework and due dates.

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>January</b>	6	New Years Chapel
	8	Staff Meeting 7:15am Sub Lunch
	15	Prayer Group 8:30am Staff PLC- 3:45pm
	21	Board of Directors Meeting
	22	Pizza Lunch
	27	MAP Testing
	28	Junior Basketball Tournament
	30	Kindergarten Information Evening
	31	Theme Chapel