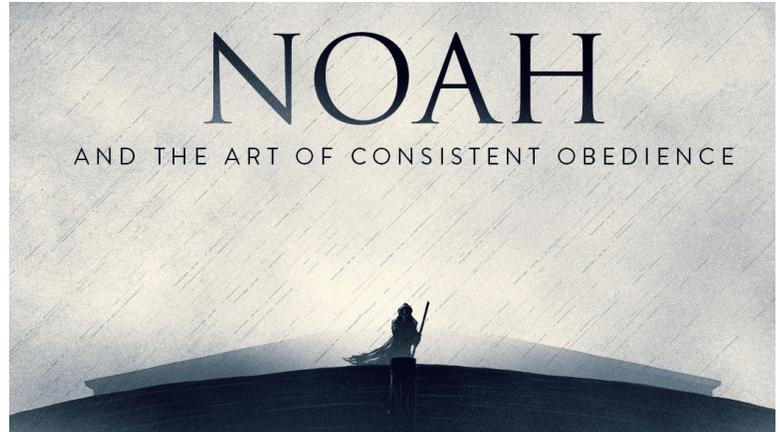


September 18, 2017

Noah - A Righteous Man

At our Wednesday morning chapel last week, we learned more about Noah as a hero of faith and how God called him to complete the unusual task of building an ark. Noah was a righteous man, we read in the Biblical account, and he responded to God in obedience. Righteous is not a word that we use in our everyday language. However, check out the definition and the alternate words listed in the thesaurus: good, virtuous, upright, upstanding, decent, ethical, principled, moral, high-minded, law-abiding, honest, honorable, blameless, irreproachable, noble. What a list of terrific qualities! We should



all desire to be righteous like Noah! As we draw our students' attention to the Bible characters listed in Hebrews 11, we seek to focus on the action that each of these people of faith carried out, but also the virtues that each person exemplifies. Obedience and righteousness are themes in the Noah account. As you explore, read, and reread the Bible stories with your family this year, I encourage you to go deep, ask questions about how the characters responded to their calling in their time and place in history. Challenge your children to respond in obedience to God in this time and place. Our prayer is that our children will grow in knowledge, wisdom and in their faith walk this year as they understand that they are part of God's great story of salvation and action.

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| Monday | - Brennan C., Gr.6
- Mrs. A. Reyneveld, Bus Driver |
| Wednesday | - Lucas B., Gr.3
- Esther D., Gr.5 |
| Saturday | - Cameron M., Gr.1A |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Requests: We praise and thank God for the safe arrival of a daughter, Kassidy to Justin and Alicia Mulder on Friday.

From Mrs. Bulthuis, The Learning Place: Reading at home is one of the best ways you can help your child succeed in school. Starting this week, book bags will be sent home with students in grades 1-3 who are receiving support in the Learning Place. Please spend a few minutes each night helping your child read his/her "good-fit" books and sight words. Book bags need to be returned to the Learning Place every Tuesday. Thanks!

Michael Mitchell
CANADA IS FOR KIDS



Michael Mitchell is coming to Woodstock Christian School! "One of the most renowned and recognized school performers in Canada, Michael Mitchell, OMM, CD, MA, is an award-winning singer, songwriter and storyteller. He is on a never-ending mission to stir up some patriotic spirit in the hearts and minds of all Canadians through lively songs and humorous stories of our history, geography and some of the wacky oddities that identify us as Canadians." He is on a cross Canada tour and will be in Ontario during the 2nd week of October. Please communicate this event to parents of your students. Pump it up! He performs all over Canada and we are excited to have him with us on October 12th. Check out his website and all the resources available: <https://michael-mitchell.ca/>

Volleyball Referee: There is a possibility that a referee is required for boys' home games this year. Do you know the rules for volleyball? Do you like blowing a whistle? Please send Mr. Hiemstra (g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca) an email if you are interested in helping us out this year, or are looking for more information.

Scholastic book orders are due on Wednesday September 27.

Mobile Text Messages: You can join anytime if you haven't yet considered this. Please check the emails that were sent out the first two weeks of school.

Cross Country Team: Students from Grades 5 - 8 are invited and encouraged to join the team. All students from Grades 3 and 4 will be participating at the Christian Schools meet on October 11 at Stratford Christian School. We will begin after school practices next week on Tuesdays. These practices are for grades 5 - 8. Students need to be picked up by 4:45 pm. Look for a team letter from your child later this week.

Terry Fox National School Run - September 28 - Grades 3-8: Our school is proudly taking part in the 2017 Terry Fox School Run. Let's show our school spirit by going the extra mile for Terry Fox. Online donating is simple and you will receive your tax receipt immediately. Simply click <http://www.terryfox.ca/WoodstockChristian> to make your donation and your funds will be automatically added to our school's fundraising total.

Welcome Dessert Social Thank You: We had a great evening on Friday full of fellowship, prayer and delicious desserts, celebrating the return to another school year. Thank you to all who came out and brought such wonderful goodies. Thank you to all the hard working volunteers who helped prep and clean the kitchen and who cleaned up the gym afterwards. You are so appreciated! Special thanks to Hilde Makkink for donating all the beautiful flowers that decorated the gym and to our school mascot for helping to add school spirit! A wonderful beginning back!

Dessert Social/Open House: It was wonderful to see so many of our families on Friday evening at the dessert social/open house. Thank you for your delicious contributions to our dessert tables and for taking time to meet the teachers, view the classrooms, and making the effort to fellowship with other families. Thank you to the CR Team for hosting and organizing!

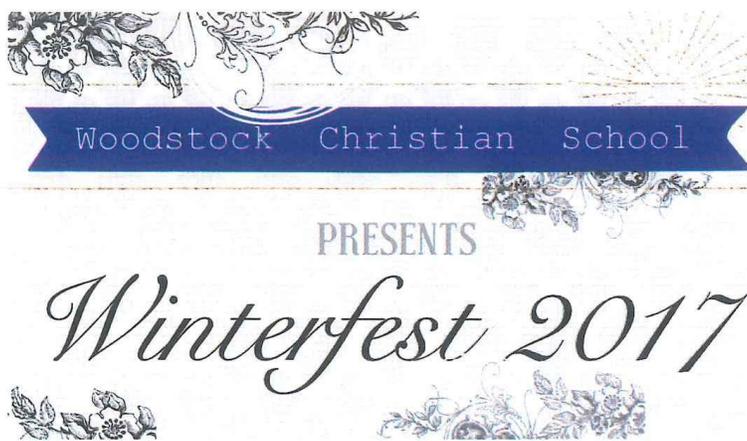
Prayer Group: Prayer Group this Wednesday at 8:30 am. All are welcome to attend. If you have questions please contact Dawn Streutker at admissions@woodstockchristian.ca. This year we will be praying over every family at WCS (thank you to Kristen VanderPloeg for creating a prayer chart!). Looking forward to a new year!

Chix with Sticks: is a fun, light event for the ladies in our community. Invite your friends and neighbours to play a game of ball hockey in the school gym. We play every other Friday night, starting Sept. 29th. Cost is \$5 per game. Only equipment required is non-marking running shoes! Interested in playing please contact Dawn Streutker at admissions@woodstockchristian.ca.

Forward Drive: The *Forward Drive 2017* is taking place in October. This is a time where we intentionally inform our community about the happenings at WCS and invite them to participate with us. Participation can be through donations, volunteerism or praying for the school. Oct 16th and 17th are set aside to make 400+ phone calls! Can you help us? We would love for new faces to join our team! Please contact Dawn Streutker.

GIRLS SOCCER: We will have an Exhibition game with Cambridge Christian School on Thursday afternoon (September 21st) to help us prepare for our tournament. Come watch us and cheer us on! We will take a bus to Cambridge (but not back) and ask that parents pick up (can we carpool?) students at Cambridge to bring them back to WCS following the match. Boys will play from 2-3pm, girls will play from 3-4pm. Our regular after school practices will continue on Thursday September 28th from 3:30 to 4:50 pm. Students must wear shorts, shin pads and running shoes or cleats. There will be several recess practices each week - watch the sports board for dates and times. The tournament will be Monday October 2 in Warwick Ontario (raindate Wed October 4).

WCS LEADERSHIP TEAMS: Students have completed questionnaires to help them uncover/share their leadership qualities and strengths. Next week students may be asked to further explain their choices in an interview. They are asked which team(s) they would like to participate in based on the gifts God has given them to serve the school community while developing new personal skills. Growing in becoming Christian servers, students discover God's ultimate truth, their unique gifts, and their purpose in life. Our leadership teams also act as enrichment vehicles for every student in our school, giving them the opportunity to lead and excel beyond the scope of academics and their classroom responsibilities. Team assignments will be posted at the end of September.



Woodstock Christian School
PRESENTS
Winterfest 2017

Mark Your Calendars now for this annual event on Nov 17!!!

Plans are already under way for our fundraising auction! We have over 200 local companies to contact and **we need your help with this.** Would you be willing to take on a list of even just 5 companies and contact them to see what they are willing to donate? This is a great way to help out that really doesn't take a lot of time and you can do it anytime in the month of October. Please contact Lisa Schaafsma (519-536-9269 or cell - 519-535-3947 or email - tlschaafsma@sympatico.ca) **this week** if you can do some of this canvassing! We really need your help to make this auction successful!

We will be having a **meeting with all canvassers** at the school on **September 25 at 7:15pm.** We will give you your list of companies, copies of the letter and discuss tips/tricks on how to be successful! Thanks in advance for all your help!

Sonbeams Program @ WCS: Are you looking for childcare on Tuesdays and Fridays? We have openings!! SONbeams is a play-based program which includes scheduled and supervised activities in the classroom, recreational time outside, fun in the school gym and learning on class trips. SONbeams builds upon the teaching offered in our Kindergarten classrooms. Our SONbeams program is rooted in God's Word, and offers Christ-centered learning that supports the Christian education our students receive at Woodstock Christian School. Students from both Junior and Senior Kindergarten come together on these days in a small group environment to play, learn and grow. It includes bus transportation to and from school. Children must be enrolled in Kindergarten at WCS. Currently our SONbeams program is operating Tuesdays only but we would like to expand that to Fridays as well. Please contact the office if you have any questions or to register. admissions@woodstockchristian.ca or 519 539 1492.

Junior Kindergarten: This week we will continue to learn all about the creation of the world - we are creating a mural and have been learning a song too that I hope you have heard at home! God's blessings to Lauren and her family who welcomed a baby girl named Kassidy on Friday!

Wednesday - Library: bring back your book so you can get a new one

Thursday - Show and Share: a picture of something red (can print it off or cut it out of a flyer/magazine)
- Pizza day (if you ordered pizza you can pack a lighter lunch)

Senior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new week. It was great to connect with you on Friday night. Please watch for a seesaw form coming home tonight and connect ASAP to get a peek into our class. Thank you for completing your AppleLand forms. Please send back sound books and message bags daily. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - pizza day
- show and share something from the garden.

Grade 1A: Welcome back from a beautiful weekend! It was great to get a chance to share our classroom with you on Friday evening and put some names to faces. Thank you to all those who were able to make it out. This week we are celebrating the birthdays of Amaya and Cameron! May God continue to bless and keep you always!

Monday - See VIP Folder

Tuesday - Return VIP Folder
- Library Day

Thursday - Pizza Day

Friday - Foster Child Collection

Grade 1B/2B: Welcome to the third week of school! Wow! September is flying by. Thank you to those who stopped by our classroom during the Dessert Social on Friday - it was great to see you! Please send in a family picture (or a copy of a picture) for a small project to start off our Creation Studies unit. Check your emails for an update about what is happening in Grade 1&2 this week.

Tuesday - Gym
- Library

Wednesday - Prayer Group @ 8:30 with Dawn Streutker

Thursday - Pizza Day!

Friday - Gym
- Last day to bring in a Family picture

Grade 2A: Welcome back to another week of school and grade 2! This week we will continue to learn about patterning, bees, and building our stamina during Daily 5. We will also be learning about the Old Testament and some of the people God used as his Heroes of the faith. Please look for a golden yellow form in your child's VIP folder in regards to our field trip next week to Clovermead!

Monday - Gym

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Gym

Thursday - Pizza Day

Friday - Return Field Trip form (if not already returned)

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week. We are excited about participating in the Terry Fox Run. Keep collecting money for cancer research and think of someone to "run for".

Monday - Phys. Ed.

Tuesday - Bible Test: Unit 3 Creation (see study sheet sent home Fri.)

Wednesday - Phys. Ed.

Thursday - Library
- Pizza Lunch

Friday - Mem. Work: Hebrews 11:1-3

Grade 4: Welcome to the third week of school grade 4. Remember grade 4 to ask your grandparents or aunts and uncles to donate to Terry Fox.

Monday - Dev
- Music

Tuesday - Emily D.
- Library: remember your books
- Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Emily W.
- Music

Thursday - Emma
- Pizza lunch
- Phys. Ed.

Friday - Hyun
- Math test: Number Patterns
- Spelling test
- Buddies

next Mon. - Ian

Grade 5: Welcome to the 3rd week of school already! My hope and prayer is that students continue to settle into their school routines, build/reinforce their relationships with staff members and peers, and enjoy their time here at school. I really enjoyed seeing and conversing with many of you at the dessert social on Friday; I'm glad you were able to make it. This past week the Gr. 5's and I enjoyed a presentation/slideshow about Haiti from Victoria Body who went on a missions trip to Haiti to help rebuild following the major earthquake in 2010. Students will continue to learn about Haiti and brainstorm ways in which we can help Lagosette Christian School this year (our service learning project this year). Just a reminder that I do NOT put my signature on student's agenda/planner books, but I DO check to see that students have written their homework in them before they leave school each and I make sure they have their homework in their hands before they leave the classroom at the end of the day.

Another reminder: I don't assign a lot of homework, but every Friday students have a memory work quiz and a spelling quiz. There will be a quiz or two in other subject areas on

Thursdays or Fridays as well. I assign quizzes towards the end of the week so that students can study during the first few days of the week. This does mean that students need to be diligent about studying for quizzes during the week. If there is an upcoming quiz, they should take their notes home to study each night, and take them back to school each day as they may need to use them at school each day.

Students are asked to bring the following to school for art: the case from a case of 12 cans of pop and one empty pop can. Thank you.

- Tuesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
- Music: bring recorder
- Thursday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
- Math Quiz: Study the first 8 pages of Jump Workbook
- Music: bring recorder
- Friday - Spelling Workbook: Lesson 3, Spelling Test: Lesson 3
- Memory Work: John 11:25-26 New International Version (NIV)

Grade 6: It was good to meet with many parents last Friday, and the desserts were super too! We are now into the third week of school. Parents, please initial the agenda when your child asks you to sign it. Thank you for initialing the students' first week letter. Last week we had an informative assembly about Terry Fox. Your child has brought a pledge form home for our upcoming school walk on Thursday, Sept. 28.

- Thursday - Math Quiz
Friday - Spelling: Individual spelling test 2 & book due
Monday - Bible Test Unit 1.
Oct. 6 - Class flight study at a museum

Grade 7: On Wednesday students are asked to bring baseball gloves to school for a class game of baseball. Please continue to sign student agendas each evening. Students are fundraising for cancer through the Terry Fox Run happening next week. Thank you for your donations.

Grade 8: It was amazing to see and connect with so many Grade 8 parents on Friday evening during the Dessert Social. Grade 8 is off to a great start, may God continue to bless us as we work to build community in our classroom and learn more about ourselves and the world around us!

- Tuesday - Gym (Bring Gym clothes)
- Music (Bring Instruments)
- Math Quiz
- Wednesday - VanStraten Order Forms are due
- Thursday - Gym (Bring Gym clothes)
- Music (Bring Instruments)
- Spelling Quiz, Spelling Workbooks are due
- Friday - Grade 8 Retreat at Camp Binimi (we will leave school at 8:30 and return by 3:20), each student will need a black 100% cotton t-shirt for one of the activities we will be participating in.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| September | 19 | Board Meeting |
| | 20 | Prayer Group |
| | 21 | Pizza Day |
| | 28 | Terry Fox Run |
| | 29 | Early Dismissal 1:30, Staff PCL - 2 p.m.
Chix w Stix |
| October | 2 | Soccer Tournament |
| | 4 | Staff Meeting
Prayer Group |
| | 5 | Thanksgiving Chapel
Sub Day |
| | 9 | Thanksgiving Day* |
| | 11 | Cross Country Meet |
| | 12 | Michael Mitchell Concert |
| | 13 | Interim Reports
Chix w Stix |

SONG OF THE MONTH: Big Word

A huge cloud of witnesses is all around us, all around us
So let us throw off everything that stands in our way,
stands in our way
and let us throw off any sin that holds onto us so tightly

and let us keep on running, keep on running,
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Title: Big Word
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Words & Music by: Hillsong Kids