

W E E K L Y N E W S L E T T E R

September 25, 2017

Welcome to the fall season! It may still feel like summer with current temperatures so high, but we have (as of September 22nd), officially entered fall! I hope that these past few weeks have gone smoothly for you: transitioning your children back to school or sending them for the first time.

As I reflect on the first 3 weeks of school I think about how busy it is for students, parents, and teachers - yet it is an exciting time. We teachers feel the energy and excitement and we know its because of things like: the first day of school, reuniting with friends and/or making new friends, leadership team sign-ups, soccer teams practising, cross country runners training, volleyball starting in a week, buddy classes getting together for the first time, the Terry Fox run, the first pizza day, and so on. From a teacher's perspective, September can of course be a stressful time, but it the excitement seem propels us forward. It's exciting for teachers because the students are excited. It's neat to see students signing up for extra-curricular activities, testing themselves mentally and physically again, and building community here at WCS. I pray that this school year goes well for you and your child. I pray that your child finds enjoyment in his/her learning. I pray that your child grows in the wisdom and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. Blessings!

A. Hiemstra



Monday	- Amber H., Gr. 7 - Lucas B., Gr. 1A - Grace R., Gr. 8
Tuesday	- Luke M., SK
Thursday	- Katie V., Gr. 2A - Mrs. Schuster, Gr. 1A Teacher
Friday	- Eryn H., Gr. 5 - Tiffany H., Gr. 4
Saturday	- Mrs. Streutker, Advancement Director
Sunday	- Paige M., Gr. 3 - Jasmine S., Gr. 2A

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Learning Place: Books bags were sent home last week. Please make it a priority to spend just a few minutes each night reading together with your child. Extra reading practice at home is one of the best ways you can help your child. Please return book bags tomorrow. Thanks! -Mrs. Bulthuis

Cross Country Team: The team from grades 5-8 will be practising after school on Tuesday till 4:45 pm. Our Christian schools meet is on October 11. Info was sent home last week. Team commitment forms are due today. Any questions see Mrs. Hickey.

Scholastic book orders are due on Wednesday September 27.

Leadership Team assignments will be posted this week. Thanks to all the students who applied for the various positions!

Senior Girls Volleyball: Another season is about to begin and we will be holding tryouts this week. We will have an after school try out on Tuesday - if your daughter is in grade 6-8 they are welcome to come out - please pick them up at 5. The team will be posted early the following week and the first game is set for Thursday Oct 5. All games will happen on Tuesdays and Thursdays Any questions please see Mrs. Horinga or Mrs. Vanderploeg.

Senior Boys Volleyball Practice: There will be a volleyball practice this coming Wednesday until 5:00 p.m. for those interested in trying out for the senior team in grades 6 through 8. Students can be picked up at 5:00 p.m. Our first game is Wednesday, October 4, and some students will be invited to play at our first few games until a team is chosen in October.

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: Thank you to all the parents who were able to cheer us on at our exhibition game @ Cambridge Christian School - and drive us back to Woodstock. We appreciate your help and encouragement! We will be continue with recess and after school practices (Thursdays from 330 to 450 pm) this week. Students must wear shorts, shin pads and running shoes or cleats to the practice. The tournament will be Monday October 2 in Warwick Ontario (raindate Wed October 4th). Tournament schedules and news will be shared with parents this week. For those students who wore jerseys and purple socks home last week, REMEMBER to bring them with you on Monday. Please have your purple gym shirts and grey shorts with you too.

Terry Fox National School Run: This Thursday grades 3-8 will be participating in a walk through the community to promote the Terry Fox Run. All students are expected to raise funds to give for cancer research. Every dollar counts so donations can come in any amount. 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. Be sure to know who you are running for. Cancer can be beaten!

Chicken: Thank you to those of you who ordered chicken this month. Your orders will be available for pick-up this THURSDAY, September 28th, between 3 and 4pm. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during this time frame. Please keep in mind that the school no longer has a large deep freezer so it is very important to make arrangements to have your orders picked up. Please note that we will not be responsible for orders that are not picked up without prior arrangements. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-539-7839 or jmsol@rogers.com.

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.

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/>

Early Dismissal Days: This Friday - September 29th - is an Early Dismissal Day. As noted in previous parentlinks, on these days, our end-of-day buses will run early and students will leave WCS at 1:30 pm. (These are not school days for LDCSS students, so they will not be affected.) Teachers will stay at school and work in their Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). These afternoons are set aside for teachers to go deeper with some of the learning initiatives that we have started at WCS, such as Responsive Classroom, differentiated instruction, project-based learning and more. These blocks of time allow for more focussed application and planning for our staff and are intended to enhance the learning environment in the classroom. Next early dismissal dates are January 29, and April 20.

Cancellations: On FOG DAYS, when driving conditions are too dangerous for the buses to run, our morning run WCS school buses will be cancelled. Parents may drive their children into WCS when they feel that it is safe to do so. As our transportation service covers a large geographic area, there may be some parts of the county that experience very different conditions than other areas. Parents will use their discretion. Classrooms will be open and as much as possible, classes will begin at normal time (8:25 am). The buses will run as usual after school to bring the students home. For bad weather such as SNOW or ICE DAYS, school will be cancelled, and classes will not run for the day. Please sign up for the REMIND instant messaging system to receive updates. Cancellations and updates will also be posted on the school's web site at www.woodstockchristian.ca

Transportation: BUS DRIVERS NEEDED: If you know of any bus drivers that are willing to work as spare drivers, part-time drivers or train to be full time drivers, please encourage them to contact principal@woodstockchristian.ca. Please note that from time to time, we may have to cancel a run due to our bus driver shortage. Every effort will be given to provide advance notice.



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! Thanks to all those who agreed to canvass/follow up with our local businesses. Your willingness to help is much appreciated!! If anyone else is willing make some calls/visits or to pick up donated items, please contact Lisa Schaafsma (519-536-9269 or cell - 519-535-3947 or tlschaafsma@sympatico.ca).

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

Grade 1A: Welcome to a brand new week! This week we celebrate with Lucas and Mrs. Schuster who have their birthday's this week. We pray that God will continue to bless and keep you always. In your child's VIP Folder today you will find 2 important letters with information. The first will provide you with information regarding our spelling tests, and a few other upcoming events. The second will detail our sight word program which we started today. Please don't hesitate to send me an email with any questions you may have.

- Monday - See VIP Folder
- Tuesday - Return VIP Folders
- Library Books
- Friday - Spelling Test
- Memory Work Due (Heb. 12:1-2)
- Early Dismissal (1:30pm)

Junior Kindergarten: We have finished learning about the story of creation and students created a beautiful mural - if you can stop by to see it in the hallway. We are also continuing with various school routines and have learned how to show we are good ready learners! Watch for our October calendar coming home later this week.

- Wednesday - Library
- Thursday - Show and Share - free choice (students may bring in something of their choice and be ready to share 2 sentences about it)

Senior Kindergarten: Welcome to a beautiful summer like week. We want to wish a Happy Birthday to Luke on Tuesday. Blessings for the year ahead, Luke. On Wednesday we are headed to Appleland to learn about Apples. Please make sure that your child has plenty of water and a hat with them. Thanks you to Mrs. Huinink, Mrs. Steen, Mrs. Wesselson, Mrs. Boersma, and Mr. Steen. for coming with us. Please meet us at school at 9:15. Thanks to all those who brought in thing from the garden for our show and share last week. For this Thursday's show and share you may bring in an apple. Please be able to share what kind of apple it is and anything that you know about it. We hope to make applesauce on Thursday. Have a great week.

- Wednesday - Library day
- Thursday - Class trip to AppleLand

Grade 1B/2B: Welcome to the fourth week of school! It sure felt like summer again this weekend - I hope you continue to enjoy the sunshine! Please send in a family photo (if you have not done so already!) Thank you to those who have. Check your emails for another update about what is happening in our class this week!

- Tuesday - Gym
- Library
- Wednesday - Memory Work due! (Grade One: 1 John 3:1; Grade 2: Micah 6:8)
- Friday - Gym
- Early Dismissal @ 1:30

Grade 2A: What an exciting week we have in store! We have the opportunity to go on our first field trip to Clovermead to learn a little bit more about bees and have time to play. We will be celebrating Kathryn's birthday on Thursday and have an early dismissal day on Friday! We will begin a new math unit on "Number Relationships" and begin to learn to type using the Home Row. We continue our Bible and Creation Studies units.

- Monday - Gym
- Tuesday - Library
- Wednesday - CLOVERMEAD
- Friday - Early Dismissal

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week. We are looking forward to the Terry Fox Run. Who are you running for? Please bring donations for cancer research. Every dollar helps! Math text books will be coming home Tuesday and should not come back till Thursday. Please review unit 3 concepts with your child for the test. (pg.138-139)

Monday - Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Library
- Phys. Ed.

Thursday - Math Test: Unit 3 Geometry
- Terry Fox Run

Friday - Mem. Work: Jeremiah 17:8

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week of learning grade 4. On Thursday, we are participating in the Terry Fox Run. Think about who you will be running for. Remember to collect donations!

Monday - Ian

- Music

Tuesday - Jaron

- Bible test: The Bible unit

- Memory work: Books of the Bible song

- Phys. Ed.

- Library: remember your books

Wednesday - Jeremy

- Music

- Bird quiz

Thursday - Josiah

- Terry Fox Run at 8:45

- Phys. Ed.

Friday - Justin

- Happy birthday Tiffany!

- Spelling test

- Early dismissal at 1:30

next Mon. - Lydia

Grade 5: Welcome to fall! I hope you've been able to enjoy the warm weather this September (or perhaps escape it). A September letter will be sent to you this week with a summary of what we've been learning and discussing in Gr. 5. With that letter I'll likely send October's memory work and a list of AR Reading Comprehension due dates. A couple reminders: Please help your child remember to bring his/her agenda book to school each day and gym clothes on Phys Ed days. Please email me if you ever have any questions or comments.

Tuesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes

- Music: bring recorder

- Old Testament Bible Quiz

Thursday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes

- Music: bring recorder

- Math Quiz: Study pages 9-16 of Jump Workbook

Friday - Spelling Workbook: Lesson 3

- Spelling Test: Lesson 3

- Memory Work: Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Grade 6: Parents, please initial the agenda when your child asks you to sign it. We are trying to establish habits and routines. Students need to bring in their pledge forms for the Terry Fox run on Thursday. Who is your child running for?

Thursday - Terry Fox Run

- Math Quiz

- Science Quiz: 4 principles of air, and 4 forces of flight

Friday - Spelling: Individual spelling test 3 & book due

Oct. 6 - Class flight study at a museum

Grade 7: Happy Birthday to Amber! (Sept.25) Bible memory work is due on Thursday, Gen 6:22. September book reports are due on Friday. Students will be given time in class to write their book report. Grade 7 will have a chapter #1 math test on Friday. Please return Terry Fox fundraising.

Grade 8: We had a great time at the Grade 8 Retreat on Friday! The weather was beautiful. Thank-you to Pastor Daryl Meijer for leading us through some devotions and worship! The Terry Fox run is this Thursday, get those Terry Fox pledges in, and remember to think about who you are going to run for Grade 8!

Tuesday - Gym (bring Gym clothes)

- Music (bring Instruments)

Wednesday - Student-wide Devotions

Thursday - Gym (bring Gym clothes)

- Music (bring Instruments)

- Spelling Work Due (Lesson 3), Spelling Quiz

Friday - Early Dismissal (1:30pm)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 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,

keep on running the race marked out

let us keep on running, keep on running, keep on running
the race marked out for us

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Title: Big Word

Words & Music by: Hillsong Kids

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