

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 30, 2019

We all know what overflowing looks like: The moment you are not paying attention while pouring coffee into your mug or juice into your glass. The rain comes teeming down and eavestroughs or street gutters cannot handle the load. Spring runoff from melting snow swells creeks and rivers beyond their banks. Dictionary.com provides these definitions for the verb *o-ver-flowed, o-ver-flown, o-ver-flow-ing*.



- to flow or run over, as rivers or water:
- to have the contents flowing over or spilling, as an overfull container:
- to pass from one place or part to another as if flowing from an overfull space:
- to be filled or supplied with in great measure

I am drawn to the last two definitions in this list when thinking about the WCS theme for this year: **Overflowing with Thankfulness**. God is full of grace and mercy, full of love and compassion. Many, many Bible passages tell us about the nature of God and frequently use the words, 'full', 'abounding', 'all'. Our response to Him comes from the recognition of His greatness. As we discipline ourselves to be conscious of the blessings He pours out, knowing that we are filled and supplied in great measure, those blessings can pass from us to others. Look at what God is doing in your life, in your community, and let His goodness and grace overflow through you.

C. Verbeek, Principal



Monday	- Madelyn M., JK - Paige M., Gr.5
Tuesday	- Jasmine S., Gr.4A
Wednesday	- Miranda W., Gr.8
Thursday	- Nicolas D., Gr.2 - Annabelle M., SK1
Friday	- Mrs. Grevers, Custodian
Saturday	- Erin M., Gr.8 - Isaiah V., Gr.3
Sunday	- Wyatt Y., JK - Mrs. Renkema, E.A.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Spirit Wear is Back! Spirit wear forms have been sent out, if you have not received a form please let the office know. We will have samples in the lobby for you to try on for sizing for all the different types of clothing. Please send your forms in to the office before Thursday October 10 with payment.

SONBeams: We still have a few spots left in our SONBeams program. If you are unsure if you child would enjoy SONBeams, you are welcome to have a 1 month trial period, and then decide after the month if you want to continue with SONBeams. SONBeams is held every Monday and Thursday with Mrs. Westerveld. Transportation to and from school is included in the cost. For more information or to sign up please contact Joleen at

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Terry Fox Run: Grades 3-8 participated in the Terry Fox School run last Friday. WCS raised \$2125 for cancer research this year. Donations will still be accepted this week. Online donations are open until March 2020.
<http://www.terryfox.ca/WoodstockCSWoodstock>.

Cross Country Run: WCS performed well at the Christian Schools Cross Country meet last Thursday. The grades 3 and 4 division especially finished strong. Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 10. Anna - 1st, Annelies - 8th, Lauryn - 10th, Isaiah - 1st, Tyler - 3rd, Calvin - 5th, Kyle - 9th. In the grades 5 and 6 division: Megan - 3rd, Keaghan - 9th, Jaron - 3rd, Matthew - 8th. Elena placed 13th in the senior division. Since we did not have enough students in the grade 5-8 divisions we did not have a chance to place. Thank you to all the parents who came out to support us.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: It is that time of year again. The grade 3's will be leading the Thanksgiving Assembly and encourage all classrooms to bring in canned goods and packaged foods for the local Salvation Army Food Bank. The food items will be brought forward at the assembly. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Volleyball - Boys: Tonight we have a game after school at St. Jude's in Ingersoll. Players can be picked up at WCS at 5:30 p.m. (or at St. Jude's around 5:00 p.m.) On Wednesday posted players will be playing a home game against St. Michael's. That match will go until about 5:00 at which time players can be picked up. Next Monday we have another home game, this time versus St. Patrick's. Those posted players playing in that match can also be picked up at 5:00 p.m.

Girls Volleyball: We begin our regular season games this week. Last week your daughter received a package that included a calendar of games, as well as a sports commitment letter. Please be sure you have returned the commitment form. We will play at St. Jude's in Ingersoll on Tuesday after school and have a home game vs. St Michael's on Thursday. Please have arrangements for pick up for 5:00.

Leadership Teams: These teams help our students uncover and share their leadership qualities and grow the gifts God has given them. Team assignments will be shared with students this week.

Child Cognition Lab: For parents of kindergarten and primary grades, consent forms have gone out regarding the research being done by the Child Cognition Lab of the University of Waterloo. Please return your forms if you agree to have your child participate in this research. Thank you.

Friday, October 11th is a PD Day. Teachers will be at school working together at their own learning. These days are set aside for teachers to go deeper with some of the learning initiatives that we have started at WCS, such as the Responsive Classroom, project-based learning, differentiated instruction, application of growth mind-set strategies 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. Full day PD and curriculum days allow teachers to explore resources and how best to use them, observe other teachers in action, and to become better teaching practitioners. Please note these days on your family calendar.



To make this event successful, we need everyone's help!! Please think about the goods or service that you would like to donate or try to approach a business contact to donate something as well. Your personal contacts greatly enhance the quality of the items that we receive. Approximately 200 local companies are already being contacted and we have canvassers following up with these companies. So if you have a company in mind to ask, please take a look at our master list of companies that have someone following up with them already so that these companies are not asked multiple times. This list is available in the school office or you can send Lisa Schaafsma an email (Lschaafsm3@gmail.com) to check if the company is on the list.

Please drop off all donations to the school office by November 2nd in order to be included in the auction booklet. This booklet will be available before the event, so you can plan your bidding! Any late pledges or items will be added to our supplemental list available the night of the event.

A Reminder re Bus Cancellations: For FOG DAYS, when driving conditions are too dangerous for the buses to run, our WCS morning school bus routes will be cancelled. Parents will drive their children into WCS when they feel that it is safe to do so. All

classes will begin at normal time (8:25 am). The buses will run as usual after school to bring the students home. For students traveling to LCH, you can expect there to be a bus that will leave WCS at 8:10 (or when that bus driver believes that it is safe to drive to London). Please bring your high-school students to WCS for 8:10, provided you believe the roads are safe. The London bus will drive students home (as usual) at the end of the school day. For serious weather or road conditions, a SNOW DAY will be announced, bus routes will be cancelled, and classes will not run for the day. If you have not yet done so, please sign up for the REMIND instant messaging system. You may also consult the school's web site at www.woodstockchristian.ca to see if buses are running.

Transportation: BUS DRIVERS NEEDED: Would you be interested in a career as a bus driver? Many of our drivers report that they love this job because of the children and because the driving schedule completely matches that of their children's school schedule. If you are interested, or 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 connect with principal@woodstockchristian.ca.

Student Support - Mrs. Bulthuis: Book bags for grade one students will be coming home this week! Please take a few minutes every evening to read the booklets sent home with your child. Book bags for students in grades 2 and 3 need to be returned every Wednesday. Most Individual Education Plans (IEPs) will be sent home this week. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's plan.

J.K. - Mrs. Westerveld: Happy Birthday to Madelyn. (Sunday). We pray that you have a joy filled year. Please watch for an email /letter coming home with JK news and events.

Wednesday - Sub Lunch
- Library

Friday - Show and share: a sign that fall is coming

S.K.1 - Miss Body: Welcome to a new week with lots of rain in the forecast. We had a great time creating with apples on Friday. Please note Annabelle's birthday is on the 3rd not the 2nd. Connection question: What 3 things did we do with apples last Friday? (A: make apple sauce, bake apple crisp and apple prints.) Letters: Review (s, a, t, i, p, n). Sight words: away, go.

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Sub Day

Thursday - Happy Birthday Annabelle!

S.K.2 - Mrs. Poort: Welcome to a beautiful fall week. It's exciting to see the leaves start to turn colour. We had a great apple baking day last week Friday. Check your seesaw account to see many pictures.

Tuesday - 'e'
- gym
- library

Wednesday - 'h'
- gym
- subs
- show and share: something that gives you a feeling: anger, joy, sad, happy - ex book, toy,

pic..

Friday - Fantastic Friday with SK1&2

Grade 1 - Mrs. VanderPloeg: Welcome to another week! Be on the lookout for October calendars that will be sent home today. Also, be sure to read over the information pages that are sent home! Sight words & Spelling programs are starting this month. Check your emails for an update about what is happening in Grade 1 throughout the week.

Monday - Phys. Ed

Tuesday - Library

- MAP Growth (Language)

Thursday - Phys. Ed

Grade 2 - Mrs. Horinga: Welcome to a new week. This week we will continue our study of families - ask your child about the different types of families we have studied. We will also begin making an "out of this world" family tree.

Wednesday - sub lunch

- library

Thursday - MAP testing

Grade 3 - Mr. G. Hiemstra: This week we will be practising for the Thanksgiving Assembly. We will be collecting canned goods and packaged foods for the local Salvation Army Food Bank. If there is anyone who still wishes to bring in Terry Fox money, please bring it in tomorrow.

Friday - Spelling

Next Tues. - Unit 1 Bible Test

Grade 4A - Mrs. VanAndel: Welcome to a new week of learning grade 4! If you have not sent in your Terry Fox money, please do so soon.

Monday - Music

Tuesday - Happy birthday, Jasmine!!!

- Phys. Ed.: bring your clothes

Wednesday - Sub lunch

- MAP testing: Reading

- Thursday - Library: remember your books
 - MAP testing: Reading
 - French vocabulary quiz
 - Phys. Ed.: bring your clothes
- Friday - Spelling test
 - Memory work: Hebrew 11:1-3
 - MAP testing: Math
 - Music
 - Buddies
- next Mon. - Field Study to Mountsberg Conservation Area

Grade 4B - Mrs. Hickey: Welcome to a new week. We will continue MAP testing this week. We will also start reviewing the multiplication facts with daily practice sheets. Practice at home is very important.

- Tuesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
 Wednesday - Library
 - Sub Lunch
 Thursday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
 - French Quiz
 Friday - Spelling Test: Lesson 2
 - Mem. Work: Hebrews 11: 1-3

Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra: Welcome back! I hope you've enjoyed your weekend and your family is feeling refreshed for a new week! We continue MAP testing this week. MAP stands for Measure of Academic Progress. It is the standardized testing system that our school and many Christian Schools in Ontario use. Students have taken the math test already, but need to complete the language usage and reading tests in the next couple of weeks. Results will be sent home with report cards at the end of term 1. Please let me know if you have any questions about this, and I can send you more information. Here's a look at the week ahead in terms of homework.

- Monday - Physical Education: bring gym clothes
 Wednesday - Music: bring recorder
 Thursday - Music: bring recorder
 - Science quiz, based on starred/highlighted notes
 Friday - Physical Education: bring gym clothes
 - Spelling Quiz: based on Lesson 5
 - spelling Workbook: Lesson 5 due
 - Memory Work Quiz: Jeremiah 30:18 (NIV)

Grade 6 - Mrs. Dam: We anticipate a wonderful day at the Canadian Heritage Warplane Museum today. Thank you to our parent volunteers! This week:

- We begin a new math unit on data management and probability. Expect to see the unit 2 test tomorrow.
- Spelling test on Wednesday
- Thursday: Memory Work - be able to list all the books of the Old Testament in order, starting with Genesis
- We continue to work on our writing project with the grade 8

class.

- The first reading response activity "Book in a Box" is due at the end of this week.

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

Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma: Welcome to a new week! Thank-you for getting VansSraten orders and Grad Wear orders in last week. The baked goods will be available for pick up next Thursday at 3:30. This Friday we are walking over to Caressant Care to meet some senior friends and we will visit with them each month.

- Monday - Music (bring instruments)
 - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
 Wednesday - Sub Lunch
 Thursday - Math Quiz
 Friday - Caressant Care visit

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

October	2	Staff Meeting 7:15 Prayer Group 8:30 Sub Lunch
	7	School Photo Retakes
	9	Thanksgiving Chapel 8:30
	10	Interim Reports
	11	P.D. Day*
	14	Thanksgiving Day*
	15	Beginning of the Forward Drive Board Meeting
	16	Prayer Group 8:30 Pizza Lunch
	24, 25	P.D. Days** (Edvance Conference)
	30	Chapel 8:30