

the Community Link

FALL 2014



From the Principal's Desk

This year, WCS is pleased to welcome Mr. Axel Hiemstra to its teaching staff. Mr. Hiemstra recently graduated with a Bachelor of Education from Redeemer University College and is a member of the Ontario College of Teachers and Edifide (the Ontario Christian School Educators' Association). His passion is "guiding students toward a deep-rooted faith in Jesus Christ and cultivating character through learning for a life of service to God." Teaching Bible, Science, Geography and Phys Ed to Grades 6, 7 and 8 students offers Mr. Hiemstra many opportunities to live out his love for God, his students and learning. With a university major in Physical Education, he enjoys and is well-qualified to lead in extracurricular activities, coaching soccer and volleyball teams. One of his students recently commented to his mother, "He's my favourite teacher, he's nice, he's not mean at all. He loves sports and he's really good at soccer." Mr. H. (as he is known at WCS) is happily married to Abby, lives near Thorndale, enjoys the outdoors, and has seen God's splendor and love through mission trips and travel through Europe. We are privileged to have Mr. H. teaching at WCS and pray that he will continue to be blessed and be a blessing in our community.

Bernice Huinink-Buiter – Principal



COMING EVENTS

November 11th

Remembrance Day Chapel
at 8:30 a.m.

November 14th

Winterfest Auction

November 26 – 28

Book Fair

December 11th

Christmas Tea (Formerly
known as the Senior Tea)

December 11 & 12

Lion, Witch and Wardrobe

December 18th

Christmas Assembly, Kinder
Choir participating at 8:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE:

February 5th, 2015

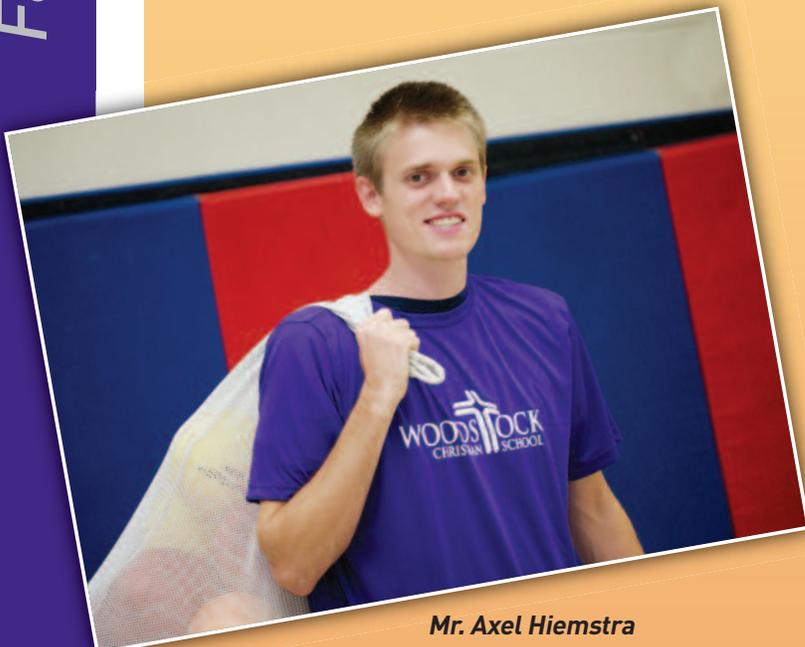
Kindergarten Information
Evening

SAVE THE DATE:

February 7th, 2015

WCS Benefit Banquet

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Mr. Axel Hiemstra

Winterfest 2014 **November 14 at 6 p.m.**

Thank you for your commitment to the Winterfest Auction on November 14th at 6 p.m. at WCS. We want to thank all of the businesses that have made donations and to all those who come out for a great night of fun and fellowship to support our school!

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Choosing WCS



It seems like yesterday we were holding our baby in our arms and suddenly Caleb was four and it was time to send him to school. We had some apprehension about sending our son to a public school. We couldn't imagine entrusting his heart to an environment where our values weren't shared and reinforced.

Caleb had spent a few months in Wee Creations Christian Preschool and was really thriving there and being in the school, we wanted to know more about WCS. We attended a Kindergarten information meeting and everything just fit. I can't point to a particular example of what solidified our decision, but the feeling in my heart was that it is definitely the place where we wanted to send Caleb.

We have not regretted our decision once. We were worried that Caleb would have trouble adjusting to school. Our fears were put to rest the first day. There was no anxiety or tears on Caleb's part. He was greeted by the friendly smile of the amazing Miss Linker and has truly thrived having her as his teacher. Mrs. Vanderspek and Mrs. Kuipers have also added so much to his kindergarten experience and he absolutely loves going to school.

It's so refreshing to walk through the halls and be greeted politely by older students, attend assemblies that are dedicated to prayer and worship, and to always feel welcomed by every person I meet. It genuinely is a family of faith. The love for God and passion that each of the teachers and staff have at WCS is unmistakable. We feel so incredibly blessed to be a part of the WCS community!

Joost, Christine, Caleb & Jaden Buruma

It is Book Fair time again at Woodstock Christian School! We welcome anyone from the community to join us in checking out the books for sale from three book sellers! The dates for this event are November 25, 26, and 27. This is also a great time to get some Christmas shopping done! Times for checking this out are November 25, 8:30 to 3:30 pm. and November 26 and 27 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm and 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The three companies represented are: Scholastic Books, Usborne Books, and The Christian Supplier. Remember, a portion of profits are redirected into literacy projects at Woodstock Christian School, either for the Library or for curricular needs. Thank-you!

The library at WCS

This summer our library went through stage one of our renovation project. A new coat of paint, some new shelving, new flooring, benches, and reorganizing of the furniture have helped to create a "new" environment for our students. A huge thank you goes out to all those who helped paint, lay flooring, and create an amazing atmosphere. Also to Heritage Building and Decorating for donating money towards our new flooring. Next time you're in and visiting us, be sure to stop by our library and see what has been done, and what is yet to come.

Written by Erica Schuster





WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Welcome Wednesday School Open House

9:00 a.m. - Noon. Every Wednesday throughout the school year at Woodstock Christian School, 800 Juliana Drive, Woodstock, ON N4S 0A8

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WCS hosted a Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner to share with our Korean families. Together we ate turkey, stuffing, gravy, squash and pumpkin pie! The meal was an amazing way to show our Canadian Traditions!



Woodstock
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presents:

**THE
LION,
THE
WITCH
AND THE
WARDROBE**

**December 11 & 12
@ 7 p.m.**

Admission is FREE! Tickets are available at the school office, 800 Juliana Drive. 519-539-1492. or at: office@woodstockchristian.ca



Cross Country at WCS begins as the school year starts. Students in grades 5-8 have the option of joining the team while grades 3 and 4 practice as a class and participate at one of the meets. We encourage students to practice running during the Mileage Club at recess 3 times a week. We also have after school practices. The team participated at the Christian Schools Meet in Stratford the first week of October. The boys Midget team (grades 3/4) placed first and the girls Midget team placed third. The boys Senior team (grades 7/8) placed second. We also participated at the Separate Schools Meet in London where 96% of the WCS runners received the gold standard! Students who qualified also had the privilege of competing at the All Ontario Cross Country Meet in Dundas.

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