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Newsline 16



Greetings WCS,

The following message was written by Rich Miller found at the following website <http://www.christmasincyberspace.com/advent/themall.html>

"Every year around this time, I have a familiar experience. I'm out shopping, and I'll go through the checkout line, and pay for my stuff. When the cashier hands me back the change, they'll say "Happy holidays," or perhaps even "Merry Christmas."

I realize that this comment is not always motivated by the cashier's genuine interest in whether or not I enjoy my holiday. I'm aware that they may be saying this because they've been told to. I can envision the memo from K-mart corporate headquarters directing cashiers when to switch from "Have a nice day" to "Happy Holidays," on the assumptions that this will somehow help

cement a lasting bond between the store and the customer that won't evaporate when a Wal-Mart opens across the street.

I'm aware of all that, and suspicious of the whole business. But at least once every year, I have a cashier who looks me in the eye and says "Merry Christmas," and really means it. And it changes my whole day.

There really is something genuine to this whole idea of Christmas cheer. As Dec. 25th draws near, people warm up just a bit. If you're out and around on Christmas Eve, you'll notice that people are friendlier than on any other day of the year.

Folks warm up when they are mindful of the Christ child's birth, and make an extra effort to practice the virtues the angels sing of - "peace on earth, goodwill towards men."

But consider this – why do we notice this at

Christmas? Why does this surge in warm heartedness stand out? I think it's because, despite our best intentions, goodwill towards men can easily become a seasonal event rather than a standing policy.

When Christ entered our world, he didn't come to brighten our Decembers, but to transform our lives. It can be hard work to practice goodwill towards one another. But John the Baptist's message was that as we prepare for Christ to come into our lives, we can change our ways.

The Gospel accounts of Jesus' ministry provide the blueprint for loving our neighbor in a busy and complicated neighborhood. Christ made a point of seeking out the broken and disenfranchised people of his day - the lepers, prostitutes and tax collectors - and he saw the value in each one of them. And in so

doing, He helped them recognize the value in themselves.

This Christmas season, let us recognize that just as faith is a decision, goodwill towards people is a series of decisions that work themselves out not in temporary holiday cheer, but in the details of everyday life."

The words of this message spoke deeply to me as I hope it does for you too. Have a blessed Christmas Break everyone, and see you all again in January!

**Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas**

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

M.P. Bev Shipley

Mr. Bev Shipley will be visiting our Grade 5-8 classes next week Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. to talk about our government. If you are able to attend you are more than welcome. This will take place in the Grade 7 & 8 classroom.

Christmas Program

We would like to invite all of you to attend our Christmas program scheduled for this Thursday from 10:45-12 p. m. in the Grade 1 & 2 classroom. Each class will be presenting a little planned piece. All are welcome to attend, but remember the space will be tight; please be on time.

WCS Skating Day

Following our Christmas program on December 21, we will have the first of two skating days, running from **12:30-2:30 p.m.** (new timing this year). Buses will begin driving the students to the rink at 12:15 pm. Parents and siblings are welcome to join in the fun! **Students should be picked up at the arena at 2:30 p.m.; buses will also leave at 2:30 from the arena.**

Each family is asked to pay **\$6**, which covers both skating days! The second will be held in February. Please send in your money this week.

Hot Chocolate:

The A-team will be selling **hot chocolate** on Thursday, December 21 to be enjoyed during our classroom parties. Parents are

welcome to come in a few minutes early (10:15) and share a glass of hot chocolate with their child(ren). Each glass will cost \$1 and the money raised will go to the school that we sponsor in the Dominican Republic. Please have orders (see form in this Newsline), along with the money, sent to the school **no later than Wednesday**. Thank you.

PE Classes

Mrs. Baisden will be driving for the morning run, and Mrs. Hearn will be driving during the afternoon run to the CRC church on Tuesday.

TRIP:

REMINDER: The expanded Holiday Order form is now **closed**. The Fundraising Committee will determine if they will offer this again in the new year. The smaller order form is available on the website. **We encourage everyone to use these cards as part of their regular routine.** In stock cards are available immediately; Laurie is in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

In addition, we do have these items in stock. Please consider helping us clear them from our stock (first come, first serve basis).

Campus Crew	\$25	(1)
Cineplex Odeon	\$10	(8)
Gap	\$50	(1)
Mark's Work Wearhouse	\$25	(1)
Sears	\$25	(11)

Kingdom News

The winter version of the Kingdom News will be sent home this week.

Cookie Dough Orders

These orders went home last week. **Thank you for participating!** We raised over \$500 to give to the OACS GROW SMART program, through which Christian curriculum is written.

Happy Birthday to:

Nathan Partridge – December 19
Elliott Smith – December 24

Prayer Corner

Bill Schenck is now at home with Meghan, and continues to make a slow and steady recovery. Mrs. Schenck sends her warmest thoughts to you all for your prayers and support.

Anita Lubbers - Please pray her count will be high enough for the next chemo treatment on Wednesday, even though she is currently suffering from a cold. She is in good spirits and praises God every day for His faithfulness.

Russell Kraayenbrink continues to do well. Thank God for His wonderful provisions! Congratulations to Russell and his parents, Fred and Valerie, with the birth of a baby boy, Collin Frederick. Mother and son are doing fine. We give thanks for the gift of new life!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 18, 19, 20
Thursday, December 21 10:45-12:15
12:30-2:30

December 22 - January 5
Monday, January 8
Friday, January 26

KAPOW Days
Christmas Open House
School Skating
CHRISTMAS VACATION
Back to school!
P.D. Day – no school

Reminder from the Cleaning Committee:

If you are having someone clean for you, please send your money in on the Friday (cost is \$30).
If you are writing a cheque, please leave the name blank, as there are 3 different people who clean.
Contact Nicolina at 627-4739 or Carrie at 628-5891 for more information.

Christmas Holidays

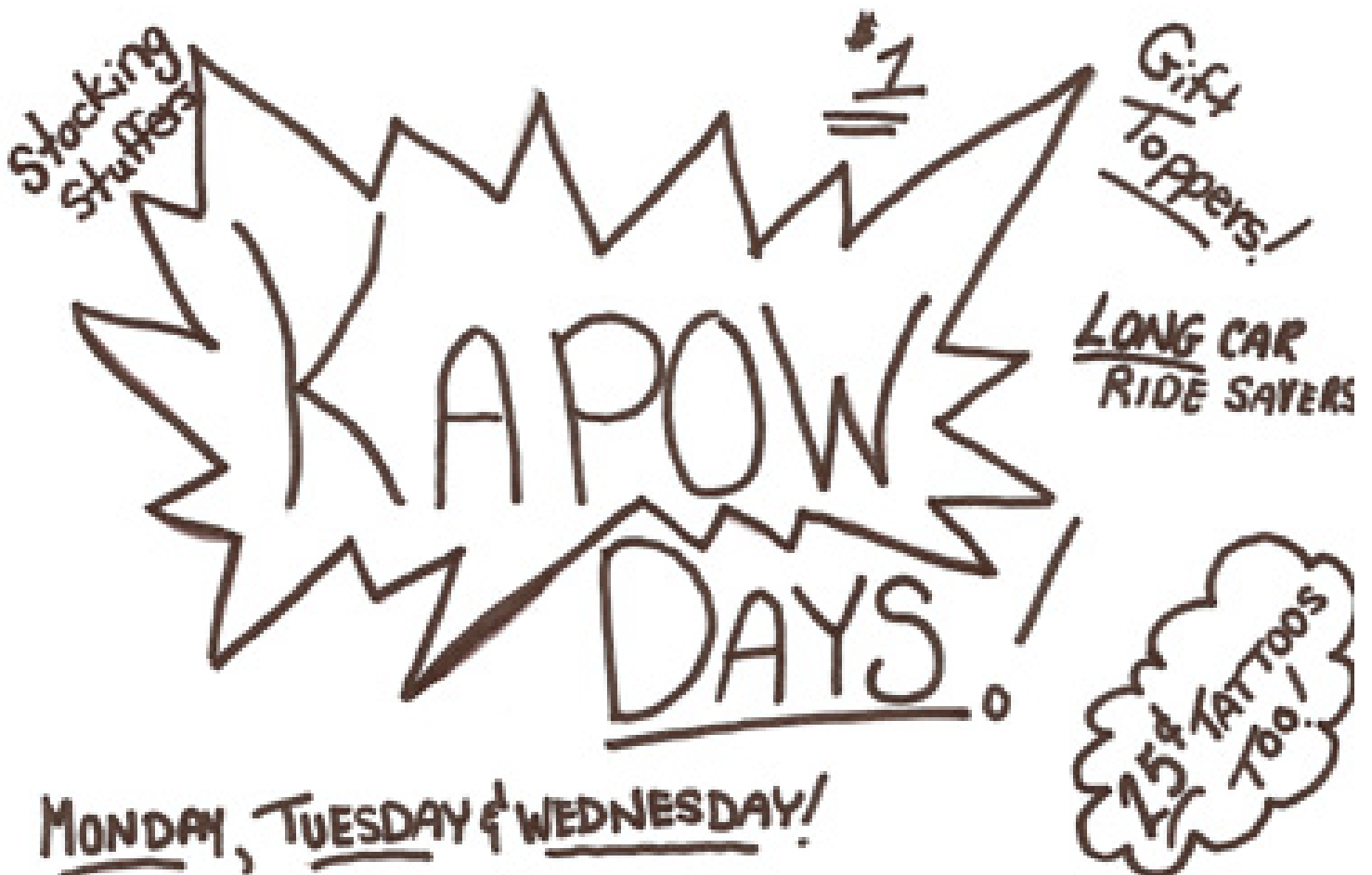
KRAAYENBRINK, J & L
LUBBERS, J & E
LUTH, G & W
LUTH, G & A
MALOTT, J & A

January 12

MCCAUGHRIN
METAYER
MEYER
PARTRIDGE
PIETENS

January 19

POIRIER
POWERS
RIEDL
SOUTHGATE
VANDENDOO



CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS:

Joy School AND Kindergarten:

On Thursday December 21st, the children will be participating in the school Christmas program. We will be singing one song. Parents are invited to come and enjoy the school program. The program is from 10:50 – 2:00. We will be going skating at 12:30-2:30 at the Wallaceburg arena. We will be taking the bus. The Joy School children and their parents and family are invited too.. Please pick up your child at the arena by 2:30. The bus will leave the arena at 2:30 for home too! Please let me know if you are picking up your child or they are taking the bus. Thanks you! Also, please make sure your child is wearing a helmet!

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I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year 2007. School will begin Tuesday January 9th 2007.

Grade 1 and 2:

Christmas Program: The Grade 1 and 2 students will be reciting two poems: Baby Jesus and We are Shepherds for our Christmas program on Thursday, December 21. We have been learning these poems at school but please also practice them at home with your child.

Baby Jesus

This is Baby Jesus (*hold up forefinger*)
Sleeping in the hay. (*lay finger in palm of other hand.*)

Wrap Him up with swaddling clothes (*cover with thumb and other fingers*)

He's warm and snug that way (*hug hand*)

Here's His mother, Mary, (*raise forefinger of clasped hand*)

And this is Joseph too. (*raise tall finger of same hand*)

Watching while He's sleeping,
They're glad He came – aren't you? (*clap*)

We are Shepherds

We pretend we are shepherds,
With crook in our hands; (*pretend to lean on crook*)

We walk and we walk (*move feet back and forth while standing in place*)

On crunchy hard sand.

We go to find Jesus; (*look in all directions*)

God sent Him, you know. (*point upward*)

God's very own Son, (*nod head*)

Who loves us so! (*point to self*)

Congratulations to our **POW** winners!

Gr. 1: Pierce Gellner

Gr. 2: Curtis Vandendool

Grade 3 and 4:

Please be sure to **sign your child's FROG book every night**. This is a great communication tool between home and school, and if it is signed, I can ensure that you are aware of what is happening in the classroom. Thank you.

Grade 4 Math Quiz: Wednesday, December 20 on multiplication facts 0 times tables to 6 times tables

No Spelling Test this week!!

Thursday: This Thursday morning (8:50-10:30) we will be having our classroom Christmas party. Your child may bring in a game to share with the class.

Grade 5 and 6:

Today we went with the Grade 3-4's to the Sydenham Nursing Home to sing Christmas carols to the residents. Tomorrow we are very blessed to have our MP, Mr. Bev Shipley, come to our school at 9 a.m. Parents are welcome to come.

We have a short health test on Unit 3 (Connecting) on Tuesday. Also on Tuesday, we have a quiz on the story "The Singing Ringing Tree."

Both grades have a new POW due the Wednesday after Christmas break.

Please come in on Thursday at 10:50 a.m. to our Christmas assembly. Grade 5-6's will be playing their recorders!

Parents: CTBS test results are in. If you wish to discuss and/or see your child's results, please pop in or call for an interview time.

Spelling dictation is on Wednesday of this week. Words are:

1. cute
2. Christmas
3. holiday
4. manger
5. angel
6. messiah
7. convex
8. concave
9. image
10. mirror
11. prism
12. asphalt
13. visible
14. plight
15. intruder
16. mistletoe
17. mislead
18. rubric
19. kayak
20. early
21. distraught *
22. infrared *
23. fledgling *
24. fiendishly **
25. ornamental **

Have a blessed Christmas!

Grade 7-8 – Term Two Week Five

- M.P. Bev Shipley will visit our class on Tuesday. Following that, the students will be helping out with the Salvation Army. Grade 8 will be working in town packing hampers; Mr. Alblas will be leading them. Grade 7 will be going to Ridgetown to pick up the fruit; Ms. Richmond will be leading them. All students should be back to the school by 1:30 p.m.
- I am looking for a few students that could stay after school for about an hour on **Wednesday** to help with setting up our set for **Thursday's Christmas Program**.
- You are all invited to come and be part of our Christmas Program on Thursday from 10:50 – 12:00. Following the program, the students will have lunch in their classroom and then go skating from 12:30-2:30. You may pick your children up from there at 2:30; the buses will be leaving at that time for their regular run.
- Have a blessed and relaxing Christmas break. May this season surround you with love and joy as you spend time with your families and friends as you reflect on God's Glory!

Monday (Next Week)

- Signed Student booklet and full page journal. Please write neatly and fill every line. Feel free to type work and glue in on to the page.
- This week's topic is: **Explain what you did over the Christmas Break.**

Wednesday

- Math Test for Grade 7 and 8

Hot Chocolate Order Form:

Only sign the names of those having hot chocolate

Students & Parents Names:

Grade:
