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Newsline 18



In some ways a day like today was delightful, yet frustrating. It began with a lot of phone calls explaining to radio stations and bus drivers that our school is open but the buses would not be running all day. This was the first time this school year that the buses were canceled all day.

The teachers and I awaited the arrival of the students, wondering how many would show up. At 8:50 these were the totals:

Gr 1-2 (6 out of 17), **Gr. 3-4** (4/16), **Gr 5-6** (2/9), and **Gr. 7-8** (5/16) = 17. As the day moved along, the numbers were slightly adjusted. By 10:00 am the totals were:

Gr 1-2 (8/17), **Gr. 3-4** (6/16), **Gr 5-6** (4/9), and **Gr. 7-8** (6/16) = 24.

Out of possible 57 expected students, only 24 of them showed up. Yet it is hard to imagine how a teacher is expected to teach their lessons when each class was running with more than 50% of their

class missing. This would be the part which is considered "frustrating."

On the other hand, everything has two sides and for every negative thought there can be a positive side. When the class sizes are as small as they were, it gives the teachers an opportunity to build relationships with their students that differs slightly from the normal perspective. It also gave me a chance to go around and speak with the different classes.

Today I chose to ask each class the same question: "What do you like about WCS?" Here are some of their answers:

Grade 1 and 2

- "We get to learn how to be a Christian here and tell others about God"
- "We make great friends and learn how to be a great friend"
- "The Teachers are nice and you learn about

fun things like amphibians"

Grade 3 and 4

- "It is a Christian School"
- "There are a lot of books here for us to read, and we can have fun playing outside"

Grade 5 and 6

- "Teachers respect their students and students learn how to respect each other"
- "We learn more about who God is"

Grade 7 and 8

- "Having a smaller environment and class size allows for more one on one time with the teacher."
- "New students are freely welcomed and there tends to be less peer pressure here"

- "Being a Christian school allows us to freely learn about God and discover what He wants from us."

As you can see, it was delightful to gain some deeper understanding into the thinking and the minds of each of our students. Even when a day seems to begin with frustration, delight can always be seen. I celebrate

this week for the simple fact that we have a school that teaches about God and how we are to love one another. What is even more cool is that the student see that and are willing to express it out loud.

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

School was open!

This is just a reminder that when the buses are canceled, the school will remain open unless notified by the radio or a personal phone call. We kindly ask that any parent who deems the weather not suitable for driving, and thus keep their child at home, to please contact the school to let us know. There were a number of families that didn't give this notification – 13! Also, it is the school's expectation that when the school is open, the day will run as normal, and any school work that was missed is considered homework and will need to be made up. If your child was not at school, they were marked as absent.

PE Classes

Mrs. Smith will be driving the morning run and Mrs. Feddes will be driving the afternoon run to the CRC church on Tuesday. Kindergarten will begin their gym times this week. Their time slot is 1-2 pm

Education Committee

There will be a meeting tomorrow night at 7:15 p.m .

Basketball Season

Practices will be held at the Wallaceburg CRC Gym this week Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. We will have practices on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays for the next three weeks.

Special Open Society Meeting

Please keep you calendars clear for January 31st from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. We will be meeting in the Grade 1 and 2 room to discuss the future of WCS as we seek creative ways to gain new families, and how to raise money to help out with our needs.

First Aid Training

If you are interested in receiving First Aid Training, it will be offered at the school every Thursday evening in February. There are four sessions in total; exact times and prices need to be worked out. If this is something that interests you, please call the school for more information ,or call Wayne Vandendool at 519-677-4092.

Catering Fundraising Opportunity

We are looking for people to make 10 lasagnas for an evening that the First Baptist Church is hosting. Please let Marlene Smith (519-683-2160) know if you can prepare a lasagna; they are needed on January 25th. Thank you!

Speeches

By now information has been given to your children regarding the requirements of the speech contest. Please check with your child(ren)'s teacher if you need more details.

WCS Annual Skating

A reminder to pay \$6 for both the fall and winter skating events!

From the Cleaning Committee

The Cleaning Committee has noticed that the cleaning of our school is not being completed properly. There is a list in the Janitor's Room which outlines everything needed to be done for each family cleaning (1st family, 2nd family, etc.). Please be sure to check the list to make sure that everything is completed before leaving; it is more than just a classroom. We all need to do our part to keep the entire school clean for our children. Thank you!

Hot Lunch – Spaghetti!

Please return the form attached to this Newsline to order lunch **tomorrow!**

Scholastic:

Scholastic orders are due on January 30th. Please make out cheques to Scholastic Canada Ltd. Thank you.

Happy Birthday to:

Jillian Lubbers – January 20

Prayer Corner

Four out of six treatments are complete, and Anita Lubbers is doing very well. All we can say is, Praise God!

Russell Kraayenbrink is doing much better and his blood counts are rising. Praise God!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, January 16

7:15 p.m.

Spaghetti Lunch

Wednesday, January 17

3:30-4:45 p.m.

Education Committee Meeting

4:00 p.m.

Basketball Practice

Thursday, January 18

3:30-4:45 p.m.

Promotion Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 25

Basketball Practice

Friday, January 26

Hotdog Day – K, Gr. 5 & 6 bring snacks

Thursday, February 15

12:30-2:30 p.m.

P.D. Day – no school

School Skating

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.**

January 19

POIRIER
POWERS
RIEDL
SOUTHGATE
VANDENDOOLO

January 26

VANDERSPEK
VANDER VAART
VYVEY
ANDERSON
BAISDEN

February 2

BULSINK
CAMPBELL
CARRON
DEPOOTER
KRAAYENBRINK, E & I

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS:

Joy School AND Kindergarten:

The letter this week is **Ll**. The alphabet pal is Lester Lion. The Bible verse is "Love one another" | John 3:23 The Bible character is Lot. Please pray for the people in Lesotho. Snack will be provided by Mrs. Lammers.

Grade 1 and 2:

Miss Loxton will be working with the Grade 1 students in the Language Arts area for an undetermined length of time. A booklet is being sent home in their FROG book; please work with your child in completing the assignments given.

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.

Spelling: Week 16 Test on Friday. Words went home in FROG books today.

Memory Work: Proverbs 2:6-8 due Wednesday

Bible Test: Wednesday, January 15. A blue review sheet went home last week. Students should be taking home their black Bible duotangs to use to study. They need to bring them back every day though so that we can use them in class.

Grade 5 and 6:

On Tuesday there is a French vocabulary quiz.

Also on Tuesday we have a test on our Light unit. Please take home your "What to Study" sheet when you're studying. We will be starting a new social studies unit about Canada this week.

AR goals need to be met by Wednesday.

Research for your speech needs to be done this week so that we can work on our rough copies next week.

POW's are due on Thursday.

Memory work (John 1:1-8) is due next Thursday.

Spelling dictation is on Friday. Words are:

1. limerick
2. briny
3. vulgar
4. offense
5. tolerate
6. fatal
7. exhausted
8. temple
9. spectrum
10. strategy
11. Pharisee
12. composer
13. discovery
14. richest
15. their
16. believe

17. knew
18. won't
19. usually
20. captain
21. battle
22. enemy
23. creator
24. inspector
25. rocket
26. incapable *
27. discourteous *
28. exquisite *
29. endeavours *
30. trepidation *

Grade 7-8 – Term Two Week Seven

** The students have been working on individual **drama projects** that are to be around 5 minutes long. The assignment was given last week in which they were to select a short story, poem, bible text or any other form of writing that has a message and present it to the class, having memorized it, in a dramatic way. They may use one of many different styles to do so. Some of these styles are: story telling, puppetry, shadow box, mime, etc. They may feel free to use sound effects, lights, customs, and props. This is due on Thursday of this week. I really look forward to see what comes of this possible creative explosion!

** **Basketball Practices** will now be on held on Wednesday and Thursdays, for the following three weeks.

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: **What makes you laugh?**

Wednesday

- Spelling Sentences

Thursday

- Drama Project

- Science Test on The Atmosphere (A review sheet went home last week)

Friday

- Memory Verse
- Spelling Test
- Health Lesson Presented by Elayna and Keziah

Memory Section

5 "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David [a] a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Spelling List

1. loyalists
2. rebels
3. destinations
4. discriminate
5. hospitality
6. appreciation
7. acceptance
8. ultimately
9. ethnic
10. dissatisfied
11. starvation
12. anticipate
13. consumption
14. situation
15. institution
16. tactic
17. resolution
18. migration
19. treason
20. lantern

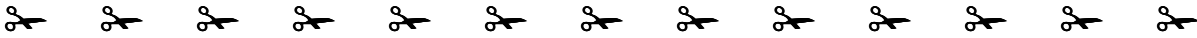
WALLACEBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – Certificate / Gift Card Order Form

Name: _____

Cheque #: _____

Declining Balance Gift card	RETAILER	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$250	\$ Total
✓	Canadian Tire (5%)								
✓	Giant Tiger (3.5%)								
✓	No Frills, Zehrs, Superstore (5%)								
✓	Shoppers Drug Mart (5%)								
	Sobeys, Foodland, IGA (5%)								
	Tim Hortons (5%)								
	Other (if available)								

Please indicate if this is a recurring order (attach postdated cheques) Weekly ___ Monthly ___



GARLIC BREAD!

Spaghetti Day !!
\$2.50

MILK!!
A surprise too!!

Name	Class	Sauce	No Sauce

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Note: Older grades will be given larger portions! Bon Appetit.