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Newsline 25



Greetings WCS,

This week's article has been a more difficult one for me to write. Our student body has undergone a number of major events in the last few weeks that I find saddening and symptomatic of greater concerns.

In the past few weeks we have had a student break an arm, another break a hand, and yet another who has been choked. Each of these incidents were caused by anger and violent acts. There has also been numerous recordings where students have been pushing, shoving, kicking, punching, and hitting one another. This has been taking place mainly out on the playground, but also on the bus ride going back and forth to school.

How has it come to be that our students are becoming so quick-tempered and aggressive towards each other? Why are they taking matters into their own hands

without asking for assistance from our teachers? When I hear of these many actions that take place I'm saddened but look to God for answers.

I am reminded that our theme for this year is **New Heart, New Spirit**, which is based upon **Ezekiel 36:26** "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." It seems that a stone-like attitude is emerging in too many of our students. This needs to change and cannot continue. We have a hands-off policy at our school; see our website for details under playground rules. It is always hard to draw the line between playing physical and that which can quickly lead to angry outbursts.

According to our Discipline Policy a student could be immediately suspended due to fighting, angry profane language, and disrespect of authority, theft,

dishonesty, and disobedience. It is very important that you explain these different areas to your children in the hopes that they understand that at school, we require all students to be:

- (C) Christ like
- (A) Attentive
- (R²) Respectful and Responsible
- (E) Encouraging

Any form of fighting along with the others that were mentioned breaks the CARE statement our school holds so dear.

For the time being, some of the things that are being enforced are doubling our forces out side during morning and lunch recess break. If you are able to lend a hand, please give the office a call. We will also be holding a whole school assembly first thing tomorrow to talk about what it means to be a loving community and how we will

fight back the stone-like heart.

As hard as this was to write about, I do know one thing for sure: we believe in a God that restores, heals, and grants wisdom in times of need. If there seemed to be nothing to celebrate with is this article, then let us celebrate

the fact that we do believe in a God that restores relationships, heals hearts and minds, and grants us all wisdom to deal with difficult situations.

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

Pajama Day!

On Thursday, March 8, we will be having Pajama Day and Brunch. Wear your pajamas, enjoy some good food and help support our sponsor school in the Dominican!

Chocolate Almonds

Chocolate almonds will be sent home this Wednesday. Sell, sell, sell, and the money is due March 28th (\$50 per case).

From the Transportation Committee

If your child is having a birthday party which requires extra children to ride the bus, please let the drivers know before the day in question. Otherwise, the children will not be allowed on the bus. Thank you.

Fine Arts Day

Some students in grades 5-8 will be attending Fine Arts Day on Wednesday, March 21st. The day is held at the Free Reformed Church in Chatham. Students who will be attending will have a note sent home this week.

Community Hockey Event

At the moment we have sold 25 tickets to the March 6th Sarnia Sting Hockey game. If we sell 30 or more the price drops. For those families that have ordered you will be contacted sometime on Tuesday to let you know the price. We expect the price to be around \$15-16. If you are still interested in buying tickets please contact Megan Vandendool by 9 pm tonight or Mr. Alblas. Thanks to all who have supported this event so far.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 7 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 8

1:15 p.m.

Friday, March 9

March 12 - March 19

Friday, March 23

Thursday, March 29

Promotion Committee Meeting

P.J. Day & Hot Brunch

Prayer Meeting – everyone welcome!

P. D. Day – no school

MARCH BREAK

Report Cards

Hotdog Day (Grade 3-4 bring treats)

Happy Birthday to:

*Kaitlyn Kraayenbrink – March 4
Michelle VanderSpek – March 7
Nicholas Kraayenbrink – March 9*

Prayer Corner

Anita Lubbers – It is great that all the chemo is completed, but the journey is still long from being over. Please continue to keep her in mind as well as her family. There will still be ups and down as the days goes by.

Russell Kraayenbrink – Currently he has a low white blood count, we pray for strength and recovery soon.

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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.

March 9

PIETENS
POIRIER
POWERS
RIEDL
SOUTHGATE

March 23

VANDENDOOL
VANDERSPEK
VANDER VAART
VYVEY
ANDERSON

March 30

BAISDEN
BULSINK
CARRON
DEPOOTER
CAMPBELL

NEWS ITEMS:

Joy School AND Kindergarten:

The letter this week is **Ss**. The alphabet pal is Sammy Seal. The Bible character is Samson. The bible verse is "Seek the Lord while he may be found." Isaiah 55:6 Please pray for the people in Sri Lanka. Snack is provided by Kyle.

Have a great March Break!

Grade 1 and 2:

Students **Canadian presentations** are this week as follows:

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
NL	AHM	PG
EP	CV	JK
DH	TL	JMc
ND	DC	PG
DA	ALM	MR
JM	AK	

Grade Two Spelling Words

(dictation is on Thursday March 8):

law
sting
fling
fawn
stair
roar

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 23 Test on Thursday. Words went home in FROG books today.

Science Test: Thursday, March 8, 2007 on Heat and Temperature. Students need to know bolded words throughout the unit and all Think Back Questions. (Hint: It might be helpful to reread the sections in this unit as you study!)

Grade 5 and 6:

This is our last week for the P4B squad. Members are: David, Josh and Emma. Because Power 4 Bones is almost over, our PSAs (Public Service Announcements) are due Thursday, March 22nd.

Grade 6s: Your math project is due on Thursday and your math test on number operations is also on Thursday.

Our "Digging Deeper" social studies project will be due the first day back to school after the March Break (Tuesday, March 20).

Memory work for Thursday is Matthew 5:7-10.

Spelling dictation is on Friday, March 23rd. Words are:

1. adoration
2. confess
3. prayer
4. truth
5. pemmican
6. ferment
7. esker
8. valley
9. there
10. bleak
11. wily
12. boulder
13. shanty
14. celebrate
15. disease
16. embroider
17. allowed
18. almond
19. trouble
20. enough
21. exaggerate *
22. Nicodemus *
23. myriad *
24. supplication **
25. resurrection **

Grade 7-8

- Term Three Week One

** Students, keep writing your poems and looking for poems that interest you and

you are willing to try and figure out what they mean.

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 is the best advice you ever received?**

Tuesday

- Grade 8 Math Test

Wednesday

- Spelling Sentences

Thursday

- Memory Verse
- Spelling Test

Memory Section

25 The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;

26 it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Lamentations 3:25-26

Spelling List

1. aloud
2. allowed
3. assistance
4. assistants
5. suite
6. sweet
7. symbol
8. cymbal
9. overdue
10. overdo
11. aisle
12. isle
13. bizarre
14. bazaar
15. ascent
16. assent
17. canvas
18. canvass
19. colonel
20. kernel



March 8
P.J. Day
and
Brunch !!
😊

\$2.50 each!

Eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast
and juice !! (Please feel free to join
your children for lunch -
if possible - let us know!)
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Student:

Classroom:

Please attach \$2.50 per order to this order form Newline and return as soon as possible; thank you!