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Newsline 9

Why WCS has a Reason to Celebrate

Greetings WCS,

This past week some 800 teachers gathered for the Ontario Christian School Teacher Association (OCSTA) conference, at Redeemer College. This is a yearly gathering which allows the teachers to be renewed and inspired by many workshops and speakers. This year's theme was "Our Lives. . . Living Letters".

One session I attended was called "Faith and Pedagogy (The study or science of teaching)", led by Dr. David J. Smith, a professor at Calvin College. Within this session it was pointed out that much time has been spent in Christian Education on curricular questions – what knowledge from what perspective should be presented to students. He pointed out that this is clearly important, but incomplete without

equal emphasis on how our pedagogical practices and processes educate and reflect our beliefs and values. In other words, what would all this curricular development look like if we see our students as spiritual and moral beings?



This is a great question! Our school is blessed with curriculum that is often written from a Christian perspective which provides the head knowledge from its content, and our teachers work hard to help the students

translated it to their hearts. The mission statement of our school states: "Wallaceburg Christian School is committed to helping our students to grow into independent persons who serve God according to His Word."

Our students are spiritual and moral beings; they are struggling with issues and are trying to make sense of things that are happening around them. They see the pain and hurt when sickness hits members of our community. They are looking for direction! Knowing that, I praise God that WCS is able to work along side with the home and church to help orienteer our children towards the will of our Lord and Redeemer.

Why should WCS celebrate? Because it is able to offer Christian Education, a place that:

† testifies the love of God through all of creation,
† challenges the students to make spiritual and moral commitments,
† and encourages them to serve God and their fellow brothers and sisters.

It is a blessing that this school has been around for 45 years, a place that assist the desire of Christian parents to instruct and bring up their children in the ways of our Lord!

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

Hotdog Day

Hotdog Day is tomorrow, October 31st. Grade 3 and 4 will be in charge of snacks.

Picture Day

Picture day is set for October 31st; please wear something nice for these photos will serve as memories. Remember to bring in your colour choice forms.

PE Classes

NO BUSING TO THE GYM ON OCT. 31ST!

Grade 8 Day

On Wednesday the Grade 8 students will be attending WDSS to experience what life is like in High School. There are programs set up, and it is different than past years. The students will not be shadowing other students this time.

Hat and Gum Day

This Thursday, November 2 we will be having **Hat and Gum Day** to raise money for our sponsor school in the Dominican Republic. Please send a dollar to school with your child so they are able to wear their hat and chew gum at school for the day. Thank you.

Board Reports

...need to be handed in by Thursday so that packages can be send out by this Friday. Our next Board Meeting is next week Thursday (November 9th at 7:30).

Cross Country Meet

Congratulations to all those that competed in last week's meet! I have heard that we did very well even as a small school; a special congratulation to Lydia Smith who placed 1st in her division.

CTBS

Canadian Test of Basic Skills will begin on Wednesday or Thursday of this week. These are tests that are given to students in Grades 3-8. We test the students every other year. They will be given a battery of tests in the fields of Math, Language Arts (Grammar, Spelling, Vocabulary, and Reading Comprehension), Science, Geography, and Mapping Skills. These tests will be given over a period of 5 days. Please let the teachers know if you child is going to be away as soon as possible, so that they can plan these test around them. Thanks!

Society Membership Meeting

This very important meeting for **all** parents and members is scheduled for November 23rd at 7:30 pm located at the school.

Poinsettia Sales:

Extra order forms are available from Patti Metayer. Reminder: the deadline for orders is November 20th. Thank you for your efforts with this fundraiser!



Happy Birthday to:

Keziah Poirier

October 30

Avery Whittal

October 31

Joshua Kraayenbrink

November 3

TRIP NEWS!

The gift cards for the Real Canadian Superstore are able to be used when purchasing gas from the gas bar in front of the Chatham store.

Holiday ordering: Ordering will be opened up for a six-week period leading up to Christmas to give you an opportunity to reduce your tuition and raise money for the school Fundraising Committee by shopping with a wide variety of gift cards, and/or giving them as Christmas presents. We will order on Mondays and the cards will be available by Thursday. Our first order date will be on November 6, and our last date to order will be December 11. Cheques must be attached to your orders. The Holiday order form will be available soon; watch for it!

Prayer Corner

Please pray for Bill Schenck and his team of specialists as they work together. Please also pray for patience for Bill and Meghan as this will most likely be a long process.

Anita Lubbers has been diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer which is also in her liver and in her abdomen. She will start chemotherapy soon. Please pray for Glen and Anita and their family with the certainty and faith that a miracle can happen, that God can touch her and heal her. Our God is a mighty God and he is bigger than any diagnosis the doctor can give.

There will be a prayer service for them at the Wallaceburg CRC tonight beginning at 9 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, October 30 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31

Wednesday, November 1 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 2

1:15 p.m.

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 9

7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 23

7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 24

Volleyball Practice – GIRLS please pick up the girls **by 5:00 p.m.**

School Picture Day

Hotdog Day – Grade 3-4 to bring snacks

Volleyball Practice – GIRLS & BOYS

please pick them up **by 5:00 p.m.**

Hot and Gum Day – proceeds go to our sponsor school in Dominican Republic

Prayer Meeting – all welcome

Volleyball Practice – BOYS

Board Meeting

Fall Membership Meeting

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.

November 3

KRAAYENBRINK, G & A
KRAAYENBRINK, H & J
VANDERLAAN, J & M
MALOTT, J & A
MCCAUGHRIN

November 10

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

November 17

METAYER
MEYER
PARTRIDGE
PIETENS
POIRIER

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS:

Joy School AND Kindergarten:

The letter this week is **Dd**. The alphabet pal is Danny Dog. Bible verse is "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." Bible character is Daniel. Please pray for the people in Djibouti. Snack is provided by Jillian.

Picture day is this Tuesday, October 31st. The Joy School and Kindergarten students will have their pictures taken.

Hot Dog day is also on Tuesday. Joy School students may join us. Parents, please pick up your child at 12:30; if you would like to join us for lunch you're more than welcome.

Grade 1 and 2:

Memory Work: Psalm 100:1-3 (due Friday, November, 3, 2006)

Grade 2: Spelling dictation on Friday
Words: family, know, swing, saw, paw, purple

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 Lesson 7 Test on Friday. Words are in FROG book today.

Memory Work Psalm 27:1-3. Due **Friday, November 3.**

Field Trip: On Friday, December 1 we have set up a Field Trip to the Mooretown Museum. While we are there, we will be discovering what it was like to have an old fashioned Christmas. We will be making pull taffy and an old fashioned Christmas decoration. The cost for this trip is \$3.75/student. Please send in the money by November 27. Thanks.

Hotdog Day We are responsible for the snacks for the hotdog day **tomorrow**.

Math - POWs are due on Friday. Assessment for this strand (Number Concepts) will begin at the end of this week and next week. These will be small mini projects that your child will work on in class to demonstrate the concepts that they have learned.

CTBS These tests will begin on Thursday for Grade 3/4. Please ensure that your child has eaten well at home and has plenty of sleep.

This way they will be well rested and focused to do their best on these tests.

Keep watching the web site for homework updates as well as any upcoming events in Grade 3 & 4

Grade 5 and 6:

We will be starting CTBS tests on Thursday, and continuing through to next Wednesday. Although these tests are not recorded on report cards, they do show where a student is at in their grade level. Please get lots of sleep and eat a healthy breakfast to be ready for these tests.

Our Egypt project is due on Friday. If you're bringing in a model or project, you may bring it in either Thursday or Friday.

Memory work is due on Friday. It is found in Psalm 8:5-9.

Words for spelling dictation next Friday are:

1. took
2. skunk
3. explode
4. heavenly
5. flocks
6. beasts
7. process
8. scribe
9. alphabet
10. ratio
11. drawers
12. cauldron
13. jujubes
14. lament
15. penitence
16. sorry
17. kept
18. slept
19. basic
20. poisonous
21. dangerous
22. saddle
23. horse
24. cattle
25. brought
26. equivalent *

27. hieroglyphics *
28. mummiform *
29. archaeologist **
30. sarcophagus **

Grade 7 and 8: --Term One Week Five

- Volleyball Girls practice on Monday and Wednesday, and the boys on Wednesday and Thursday.
- The Grade 8 students will be going to WDSS for a "Grade 8 Day" to experience what life is like in high school this coming Wednesday. Go to school as normal and then we will go straight to the high school until 1:45; we will then return to WCS.

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: **Open topic – write about what ever you would like**
- Choices Test

Tuesday

- Choices Project

Wednesday

- Spelling Sentences

Friday

- Memory Verse
- Spelling Test
- Choices Folder
- Grade 7 and 8 Math Test

9 Who is wise? He will realize these things.
Who is discerning? He will understand them.
The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them. Hosea 14:9

Spelling List

1. imagination
2. sphere
3. rabies
4. bramble
5. terrorizing
6. Olympics
7. legitimate
8. rearrangement
9. survival
10. conclusions
11. drudgery
12. frantically
13. dispassionately
14. unmercifully
15. tonsils
16. painstakingly
17. luxuriated
18. stolidly
19. intricate
20. swollen