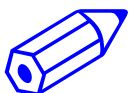




NEWSLINE



WALLACEBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



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Newsline 21

Principal's Message

Greetings WCS,

Schools have become incredibly good at reaching the mind (intellect) of the child through the curriculum that is taught. Formalized tests such as CTBS are used to back up that claim. However, here at WCS we believe that our teaching is directed to the development of the whole child: body, mind, and spirit. I believe those three key areas can be enhanced with a great aim on Morals and Values.

One of the goals of Christian education is to equip and energize our students for a certain way of being in the world, not just for a way of thinking; though certainly also that, but for a certain way of doing. Some would say that form of doing would be to pray and struggle for shalom, celebrating its presence and mourning its absence.

So how do we do that? What is the curriculum we should use and what are the goals? I also believe we need to be teaching our students about justice – justice being the ground floor for shalom – we will have to understand, and enable our students to understand, the society in which we educate. This is one of the main reasons we selected the theme for this year, suited for service, becoming involved in the community.

Yet our students are learning the truth in the classroom, but sometimes forgetting how to treat each other kindly when the adults are not around. Too often this year we have seen students interact with each other in ways that are far more destructive than edifying. Yes, sin is a factor, but could it be we need to create a program that helps

them link the truth in the classroom and real life out side the four walls?

The article I had asked you to read last week spoke of bullying in Christian Schools. It spoke of a need to inform teachers, parents, and students about what to do when confronted with this negative behaviour. Could it be that part of the building of Shalom, Values, and Morals is to equip our students with a program that allows them to see the truth when they have left the classroom and apply it.

This is something I would like everyone to ponder this coming week. May you all have a blessed week.

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas



SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS:

His Season Dinner/Concert

ATTENTION: We now have until Wednesday, February 11 to sell tickets to this event. Please contact your friends, family, fellow church members, etc. and do your best to help make this fundraiser a success! Orders should be sent to Laurie in the office as soon as possible. Thanks!

Lasagna Day

The Fundraising Ladies will be preparing for Lasagna Day this Thursday, February 12. Cost for the meal is \$3, and it includes lasagna, chocolate milk and a cupcake. Please return the form at the end of this Newline.

Prayer Corner

- † *Anita Lubbers (mother of Jillian - Gr. 2, Connor - SK) underwent major surgery last week. She is at home and recovering, but is still in need of our prayers for God's healing, and strength for the entire family.*
- † *A number of **students** have been struggling with a severe flu bug for the past week or more; please pray for health for all our students.*

Teacher's Week!

Parents & students of WCS: this week is teacher's week! On Thursday, the teachers will receive a free lasagna meal and special gift as well, which is a thank you from all the parents & students at WCS. So, when you see our teachers, don't forget to thank them for all the hard work they do and how they care for our school!

TRIP – New Retailer!

We will now be offering **M&M Meat** gift cards as an in-stock item. They have a return of 5% and will be available after Wednesday.

The **Crabby Joe's Wallaceburg** certificates should be available soon.

School Skating

We will have our second skating afternoon **this Friday, February 13 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.** **Remember: everyone is welcome to join in!**

A bus will leave from the school with students from Grade 7-8, Kindergarten and Grade 1-2 at 12:00; the bus will return and depart at 12:15 p.m. with Grades 3-4 and 5-6.

Buses will leave for their normal run from the arena at 2:30 p.m. If you are driving your children home, please let the bus driver know. If you normally pick up your child(ren), please do so at the arena at this time. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, February 12

Friday, February 13

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Monday, February 16

Thursday, February 19

Wednesday, February 25

Thursday, February 26

Friday, February 27

9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Hot Lunch Day – Lasagna

Speeches

School Skating

Family Day – no school

K-4 Class Trip to Chatham Cultural Centre

JK Hotdog Day

Hotdog Day – Gr. 7-8 and K to bring treats

P. D. Day – no school

Storytelling & Speeches – February 13

Please come and join us for a day of student storytelling and speeches. Students from grades 1 - 8 have been selected to share their story or speech with the entire school. It will be an enlightening, entertaining and enjoyable time. They begin at **9:00 a.m. until lunch time in the Grade 1-2 classroom**. Those selected to share their speeches or stories on Friday are listed below, though this may not be the order in which they will present:

- **Grades 1 & 2:** Lydia Kraayenbrink, Melody Riedl, Rachael Luth and Jonah Malott
 - **Short break**
- **Grades 3 & 4:** Destini Hearn, Samantha Kraayenbrink, Nathan Luth and Nicole DePooter
 - **RECESS**
- **Grades 5 and 6:** Dylan DePooter, Tina Foster, Ty Munday and Krista Nap
 - **Short break**
- **Grades 7 & 8:** Katie Kraayenbrink, Joshua Luth, Hannah Haveman and Matthew Kraayenbrink

The Judges are: Rev. Brian Horrobin, Rev. Richard Vander Vaart and Mrs. Lauren Medenblik.

Thanks to all the parents and students who worked so hard on their speeches. The students have done a terrific job preparing and delivering their speeches. Wonderful job, everyone!

Reminder from the Cleaning Committee:

If you are having someone clean for you, please send your money in on the Wednesday (cost is \$35).
If you are writing a cheque, please leave the name blank, as there are 4 different people who clean.
Contact Patti at 519-627-5228 for more information.

February 13

KRAAYENBRINK, L
LUTH, G & A
LUTH, G & W
MALOTT
MARTIN

February 20

MCLACHLIN
MCLAUGHLIN
METAYER
KRAAYENBRINK, Herman
KRAAYENBRINK, E & I

February 27

MEYER
PASTOOR
PIETENS
RIEDL
RIESEBOS

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS:

Junior Kindergarten

This week we are doing the letter **Rr**.

This Wednesday we will be having a Valentines Party in the afternoon. Come dressed up or dress in Red.

In Bible we are spending time talking about Moses and the Israelites right now. The song we are learning is "How did Moses Cross the Red Sea." Look in your child's mailbag today for the words.

In Math we are working on how many are in the jar?

On Friday, February 13, the entire school is having a Skating Day at the Wallaceburg

Arena from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.; JK students and families are welcome to attend.

Kindergarten:

The letter this week is **Oo**. The Bible character is Othniel. The Bible verse is "O, give Thanks to the Lord." Ps.105:1 The alphabet pal is Oliver Ostrich. Please pray for the people of Oman. Evie will provide the snack.

A new booklet will be sent home "The Trunk". Please practice reading the booklets and sight words. The sight words to practice are: he, she.

Kindergarten students will be celebrating

Valentines Day on Thursday, February 12.

On Friday, February 13, the students (K-8) will be going skating at the arena from 12:30-2:30. Students will need to be picked up at the arena. Please make sure your child wears a helmet when skating.

On Thursday, February 19, the Kindergarten and Grade 1-4 students will be attending two workshops at the Chatham Cultural Centre. The workshops are: pottery and water colour. The cost is \$5.75 per student. Please send in the money as soon as possible.

Grade 1 and 2:

♡ We will be exchanging Valentine's Day cards on Thursday, since Friday is our school's speeches and skating day.

☆ Please bring your **100th Day of School collection bag** to school this Tuesday. To celebrate the 100th Day of School, the students may bring in a snack to share for a class celebration.

1. Spelling Tests on Thursday, February 12

Word Wall Words (for both Grades 1 & 2):

put what ride does

Grade One Spelling (*words with -op and -up*)

hop cop top

drop stop up

cup pup

Bonus Word: supper

Grade Two Spelling (*homophones*)

to too two

buy bye here

hear tail tale

no

Bonus Word: know

2. Memory Verse (due Friday, February 20)

Psalm 24: 1 - 2

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters."

3. Math P.O.W. sheet due next Monday

Congratulations to last week's P.O.W. winners:

Grade 1 – Madison Kraayenbrink

Grade 2 – Celia Baisden

4. Please continue to read A.R. books and to review math facts flash cards daily! A.R. Goals are due soon!
5. On Thursday, February 19th, SK and Grades 1 - 4 will be attending a field trip to the Chatham Cultural Center where we will be participating in art workshops that correspond with our curriculum. We will be leaving the school at 9:30 a.m. and will return to school at the end of the school day. The cost for these workshops is \$5.75 per student. Please send in the money to school by February 17th. If you would like to be a chaperone for this field trip please let me know.

Grade 3 and 4:

Math: Please practice math facts daily with your child. Beginning this past Friday and continuing through the next two weeks, we will be focussing on the multiplication tables, a new one each day. It is very important that your child is practising these at home as well.

Spelling: List 11. Test on Thursday, February 12

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

Saturday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

couldn't

wasn't

doesn't
calendar (Bonus Word)

Field Trip: On Thursday, February 19 we will be travelling, along with Kindergarten and Grade 1 and 2, to the Chatham Cultural Centre to participate in two art workshops. The cost for the field trip is \$5.75/student. Please have the money sent to the school by Wednesday, February 18. Please let me know if you would like to come along!

Grade 5 and 6:

Gym test- Tuesday February 10 (A basketball review sheet was sent home last week)

Science test- Thursday February 12 (Students should be studying the definitions in their journals along with diagrams in text book).

School Speeches/School Skating - Friday February 13.
Congratulations to Dylan, Tina, Ty and Krista who will be sharing their speech with the school.

There will be no spelling test this week.

Happy Valentine's Day!!



LASAGNA DAY

Thursday, February 12

Meal includes lasagna, chocolate milk and cupcake = \$3

Student:

Classroom:

Please attach exact change to this form and return to the school office **by Thursday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m.**

Grade 7 and 8: Term Two, Week Eleven

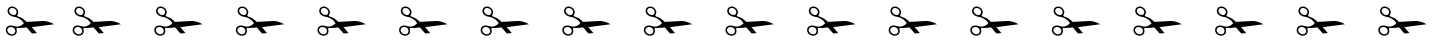
Science Fair: All experiments need to be completed by **Friday, February 20th**.

French Test: Thursday February 12 (Pouvoir, Devoir, Vouloir)

History Test / Project: A review sheet has been given out today, as well as the expectations for the project. The students may complete these items any time from Feb 11 to Feb 17, but by 1 p.m. on Tuesday Feb. 17th **all items** need to be finished.

Bible project: Is due tomorrow. The students are articulating what love is in a creative mode, then creating an action plan for how to live out their understanding of love.

Spelling: There will be no spelling test this week.



WCS Community Challenge

Please send in this form to the school office when you have completed service hours.

Date: _____ **Hours of service:** _____

Description: _____

_____ *(Parent Signature)*