



September 8, 2009



Newsline 1

Principal's Message

Greetings, WCS:

Welcome back to school everyone! I am in awe each year, seeing how faithful God is to allow our school to continue, now beginning our 49th year. Our theme for this year is, "**Transforming our Lives**". To transform and renew are the words used in Romans 12:2, and they will be our guide as we embark on another year at WCS. Romans 12 speaks about human relationships, and this is where the transformation begins, as every individual takes his or her place in the new "family" of Christ. Our own stock goes down. Our opinion of others goes up and individual gifts are pooled for the good of the whole Christian community. We put ourselves at God's disposal, and we don't pull out when the going gets hard. Old attitudes change – not only toward fellow Christians but toward the outside world. Instead of giving tit-for-tat when we are wronged, we treat the enemy as if they were our best friend, and leave God to do the judging.

During these first couple of months of school, the teachers will work toward

changing the student's old attitudes and embracing each other's gifts as they are pooled for the good of our school and community. We are going to need your help as we partner with each of your homes. To do this we will need open communication. If matters arise in the classroom, please don't hesitate to contact the teachers of your children, for they are more than willing to answer any questions or concerns. I am also open to any concerns or comments you may

have. To build healthy relationships is to commit to open communication as our foundation. I look forward to seeing how God is going to work in the lives of us all, because only good can come when He is our centre.

DO NOT CONFORM ANY LONGER
TO THE PATTERN
OF THIS WORLD,
BUT BE
TRANSFORMED
BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND.



— ROMANS 12:2

This year we are blessed to have a full staff that is caring and eager to begin a new year; as I look at each of their classrooms, it is hard not to see that God is already using them to bless your children. A special welcome to Mrs. Groendyk, who is replacing Mrs. Vyn as she is on Maternity leave. We are also thankful for the new families that have

joined us this year. We welcome Dennis and Lynn Kraayenbrink and their four children: Sarah Grade 8, Alie Grade 6, Timothy Grade 4, and Danielle Kindergarten. We also welcome Jennifer Druer and her son Mikey in Kindergarten. Please make these new families feel welcome and take time to build relationships with them.

I am asking that you take time every day to pray for our school community, the students, the teachers,

and fellow parents. To help with this, I would like to resurrect an old tradition we had a few years back. I am extending an open invitation to anyone who is able to join us at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Grade 7 and 8 room. We will be praying for our school and any other needs in the community. Together, through the grace of God, our lives will be transformed!

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS:

Reminder about parking at school:

The parking lot is only to be used by teachers and the buses. If you are picking your child up, please park your car on the west side of Albert Street where parking is permitted (the one without the school fence). Please keep the following in mind when picking up your child:

1. If your child is in Grades 5-8, the student may cross the street without parents assisting them.
2. If your child is younger than Grade 5, we ask that you exit your car and escort your child to your car.
3. In the case that you may have children that fall into both areas, please do not give permission to the older child to become the guide for the younger as they are crossing the street.
4. If you have younger children already in the car and you need to pick up another child at our school, it would be best that you take the younger child in the car with you as you cross the street to pick up your other child from school.

I know there are many reasons why some would rather have a different plan, but this is a Board-endorsed plan, and we ask that you respect this. Albert Street is a very busy road, and I have seen many drivers speed up as they come to our school rather than slow down. As for the role that staff will play, we will be asking children to remain at school if they are in Grade 4 and under as they wait for their parents, but we will

allow the older students to cross on their own. Thanks for your understanding.

Mr. Alblas

New School Year Packages

These envelopes are being sent home today. **Please take a few minutes tonight** to sit down and fill in the requested information, and return the forms in the envelope (no later than Monday, September 14 please).

The packages include:

- ▶ **Student Profile** – one per child. Please update and return these forms to the school office as soon as possible; **please check front and back, and remember to sign them in both indicated areas.** If changes apply to the entire family (e.g. address) you may enter it once and it will be recorded for all your children. It is important to us to have the most up-to-date information for our students in the office, **especially any health concerns.** Any changes will be incorporated into the school directory, which should be in your hands by the third week of September.
- ▶ **Online Information form** – It is very important that both sides of this form be filled out and signed, whether it is a positive or a negative answer. Thank you.
- ▶ **Volunteer Form** – Volunteers are extremely important to the smooth running of WCS. Please prayerfully

consider how you may give of your time and talents.

- ▶ **Initial Family and Classroom Lists –** For you to keep until the 2009-10 student directory is issued. The information in the directory will be replace these initial lists.

Soccer

Soccer practices will begin this week Thursday, September 10 for any student in Grades 5-8. Practices will be held at Glen Mickle Park every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. until the date of the soccer tournament (September 30). Mrs. Lammers is the staff supervisor.

Cross Country

Practice for cross country will begin on Monday, September 14. These practices are from 12:00 - 12:15. Students that are on the WCS soccer team are also asked to participate in the cross country practices. Proper running attire is required.

Teacher Contact

Our teachers have been set up with their own email addresses. Please feel free to contact them in this way, or by phoning during school hours.

aalblas@wallaceburgchristianschool.com
dbokma@wallaceburgchristianschool.com
shoogstad@wallaceburgchristianschool.com
jmatheson@wallaceburgchristianschool.com
jvanderende@wallaceburgchristianschool.com
tgroendyk@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

Mrs. Lammers and Mrs. Hooyer can be reached at: admin@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

School Schedule:

School begins	8:45 a.m.
Classes	8:50 – 10:30 a.m.
Recess	10:30 – 10:50 a.m.
Classes	10:50 – 12:15 p.m.
Lunch	12:15 – 12:55 p.m.
Classes	12:55 – 3:25 p.m.

School dismissed	3:25 p.m.
Buses leave	3:30 p.m.

Prayer Corner

If you have any requests that you would like to have included in the Newline, please notify the office by 10 a.m. Monday.

Newline:

The Newline is prepared on Mondays. Notices are to be submitted to Laurie Hooyer by 10:00 a.m. on Mondays, and can be placed in the inbox on the office door, or emailed to her at admin@wallaceburgchristianschool.com.

The Newline will be sent home with the oldest child in each family, as well as posted on the website Monday afternoons. If you do not wish to receive a hard copy, please contact the office.

School Directory:

A new school directory is being prepared. It will contain current information for the 2009-2010 school year. Information from the updated Student Profiles you return will be incorporated. We hope to have it in your hands by the third week of September.

Available to Purchase:

Our students in Grades 3-8 require a Bible (New International Version) at school for their studies. You may use one from home, or purchase one from Laurie in the school office for \$15.

Office Hours

Our Administrative Assistant, Laurie Hooyer, will be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our bookkeeper, Susanne Vince, will be in the office on Wednesdays.

A-Team:

Voting will take place this week for A-Team members.

We will be holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive starting today. There is a box in the middle

windows of the main hallway where canned and non-perishable goods can be donated.

Card Making – September 19

There will be a card making session at Patti Metayer's from 9 - 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 19. If any child has not had the opportunity to make cards to sell at the bazaar, PLEASE call Patti to RSVP that you will come that Saturday morning. I need to know how many will be coming. Thank you.

BAZAAR – November 7

Any auction donations? Please call Patti Metayer. Thank you.

Willing to help with the bazaar? Please call Patti Metayer.

Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP)

A revised order form is attached to this Newsline. We encourage **EVERYONE** to get involved with this wonderful fundraiser, whether you use it for tuition reduction or not.

Gift cards and certificates are available from the school, Stekelbos on Dufferin Avenue, Lucia Kraayenbrink and Patti Metayer.

If you have any questions, please call Lucia. **Thank you for your support!**

WCS Hockey

I am organizing a fun hockey program for any student of WCS (JK - Grade 8). It will be Friday nights 5 to 6 p.m. Depending on how many are interested, it will be approximately 10-15 skates at ~\$125\child. For more information, contact Chad McLachlin **ASAP** at 519-627-0314 or cbm@kent.net Sign up deadline is September 18.

From the Cleaning Committee

Now that the lazy, hazy days of summer are over, we have to return to our regular routines. One of the commitments of our school is the weekly cleaning. Thank you in advance to those who help keep our school looking good. Below you will find a temporary schedule for the month of September until a complete schedule is prepared. Please note that if you are unable to do your scheduled cleaning, you have two options:

- 1) switch with another family on the list; or
- 2) pay \$35.00 to have someone do your cleaning for you. Please note: if you choose this option, your cheque/cash must be into the office the Wednesday prior to your cleaning. If payment is not there, you will be responsible for your own cleaning. If writing a cheque, please leave the "name" spot blank since there are several who do the cleaning.

Instructions for the cleaning are in the janitor's room.

We are also in need of a few others to join the team. If you're interested in earning some extra cash, please let Sue Anderson (519-627-7586) or Janet Riesebo (519-626-9616) know and we will be happy to add you to our list! Thanks & happy cleaning.

Prayer Corner:

† *Our prayers go out to Lucia and Jim Kraayenbrink and Charley and Arlene Feddes and their families, as their mother, Dorothy Feddes, passed away September 4. May God's love surround them as they grieve.*



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, September 10	3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Soccer Practice at Glen Mickle Park Board Meeting
Saturday, September 12		WCS Golf Tournament at Baldoon
Tuesday, September 15	3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Soccer Practice at Glen Mickle Park
Wednesday, September 16	7:00 p.m.	Open House / Parent Information Night
Thursday, September 17	3:30 - 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Soccer Practice at Glen Mickle Park Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 22	3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Soccer Practice at Glen Mickle Park
Thursday, September 24		Hotdog Day – Gr. 7 & 8 bring snacks
	3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Soccer Practice at Glen Mickle Park
Tuesday, September 29	3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Soccer Practice at Glen Mickle Park
Wednesday, September 30		CDCS Soccer Tournament

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.

September 11

PASTOOR
PIETENS
RIEDL
RIESEBOS
SNELGROVE

September 18

TAYLOR
VANDENDOOL
VYVEY
WORKMAN
ANDERSON

September 25

ARNOLD
CARRON
DEPOOTER, J & L
FOSTER
GELLNER

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS:

Junior Kindergarten:

Welcome to Junior Kindergarten, Aaron, Andrew, Scott, Wade, Anneka, and Anna. We start school with the theme... The Beginning of School!. Our colour of the month is RED and the numbers of the month are 0 and 1. The letter of the week starting Monday will be the letter Aa. Each student will be allowed to bring in an object that starts with the letter of the week for Show and Share on Mondays. A monthly calendar will go home this week. Please note we will have school this Friday only for assessment purposes and of course to have fun! If you have any

questions don't hesitate to email me at dbokma@wallaceburgchristianschool.com or call me at home – 519-358-7035. Looking forward to a great year. Mrs Bokma

Senior Kindergarten:

Welcome back to school! I am excited to be back at school.

Please send a towel with your child to use during quiet time.

On Thursday, September 10, the students will be taking home message bags (black- boys and red- girls). In their message

bags there will be a calendar for September, newsletter, and Chirp and Highlight order forms. Please make sure this bag is returned every day to school. If you have a note for me put it in the message bag. Thank you! Mrs. Lammers

Grade 1 and 2:

Welcome back everyone! I hope that everyone had a blessed summer vacation and is excited to start this new school year!

This year we will be using binders to relay important information back and forth from home and school. Newslines, class notes and accelerated reading slips will go home in these binders. Please make sure to check your child's binder daily! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Gym Note: Please ensure that your child has proper clothing and footwear for gym classes. We will be having gym every Tuesday.

Memory Verse – due September 18

Our first Bible memory work is our school's theme for this year: Romans 12:2a
"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Grade 3 and 4:

Please see the purple letter being sent home today with your child.

Grade 5 and 6:

Welcome back! I am so excited to begin a new school year with each and every one of you! Watch for our class newsletter going home this week.

Planners: Student planners will be used to remind students of their assignments and special events, as well as a method of communication between home and school. Please remember to check and initial your child's planner every night! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me!

Memory Work: Our school theme is "Transforming our Lives". This is taken from Romans 12:2, our first memory verse (**Due Friday, Sept 11**):

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will."

P.E. - Our gym days will be held outside at the school until Thanksgiving. Please ensure that your child is prepared for the weather, with gym clothes and outdoor sneakers. Our gym classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday.

Grade 7 and 8: Term 1 Week 1

Welcome back everyone! During the next two months we will be purposefully looking at relationships and seeing how they are woven at school, home, and church. This will be the first part of Transforming our Lives, the new school theme for this year.

To be as helpful as possible, students should follow this guideline when it comes to homework. The students should expect around 1.5 hours of homework per night. If you find they are doing much less than that, you may want to talk to your child about using the time to review notes taken for upcoming tests, researching for projects, organizing their binder, or giving more time to AR.

If the load grows beyond that, encourage students to stop, unless they desire to keep going, but please inform the teachers as soon as possible. Every day students should be doing:

- Spelling 10 min
- Memory verse 10 min
- AR reading 20 min (If they choose to read more, that is fine, but we are only expecting 20)
- Other subjects should be no more than 50 additional minutes.

At any time, please contact us by e-mail or by calling the school
 Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Groendyk
tgroendyk@wallaceburgchristianschool.com
 Mr. Alblas
aalblas@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

Memory Verse: Due on Friday
 1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Spelling Words- Test on Friday
 static
 carbon
 temperature
 musical
 sought
 spirit
 pasture
 ignorant
 lightning
 wilderness
 arch
 athletic
 deposit
 apartment
 barometer
 speedometer
 thermometer
 splendid
 plastic
 menu

WALLACEBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – IN STOCK Certificate / Gift Card Order Form

Name: _____ Cheque #: _____

Declining Balance Gift card	RETAILER	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$25				
✓	Canadian Tire 4%								
✓	Cara Restaurants (Harveys, Swiss Chalet, Kelseys, Montana) 3%								
	Country Style 10%	available in \$2 increments							
	Crabby Joe's (W'burg only) 25%								
✓	Gospel Text Bookstore 20%								
✓	Mark's Work Wearhouse 7%								
✓	M&M Meat Shops 5%								
✓	No Frills, Zehrs, Superstore 5%								
✓	PharmaPlus 5%								
✓	Shoppers Drug Mart 5%								
	Sobeys, Foodland, IGA (paper) 5%								
✓	Sobeys only cards 5%								
✓	Tim Hortons 5%								

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

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