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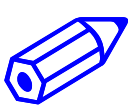
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WALLACEBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



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Newsline 14

Principal's Message

Greetings WCS,

Christmas is a joyous time, for it brings something much richer than all the bright lights, music, gift giving, heart warming tales from books and movies; it is a time to celebrate the love of our Creator through His son, Jesus. I never grow tired of hearing people become excited at telling this story of truth, for there is no greater truth to be told.

As we move into the second last week before the Christmas break, my prayer for all of you is that you are filled with His Love, which will spill over to every encounter you have with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. This love will allow us all to become more gentle in our words and actions toward each other, because to mirror His love is to extend that same love to everyone.

When we speak of love and how it applies to our school, I would like to share with you two thoughts based upon conversations I have had with members of our society. In the past two weeks, I was approached by two people that shared with me a wonderful testimony and a question regarding our school, that I think we all need to hear.

The first member shared with me, "This school has something special; there is a spirit of love and commitment here that I have not seen in other schools." I want you to think about that. When you hear the name WCS, what thoughts and

images fill your mind and are you willing to share them?

The second member asked me, "You often talk about this school as meeting and exceeding the Ministry of Education standards. My question is why do we speak of meeting at all. This school should only speak about how it exceeds in all areas, and let that be it's testimony to the community at large." How true that statement is! We need to be spending less time ensuring we are like everyone else, but rather, how different we are. We are a light on a hill that needs to shine for all to see. I want you to think about the question that was presented. When you think about how we exceed as a school, what thoughts and images fill your mind and are you willing to share them?

During the remaining weeks left in this year, I pray you are filled with God's grace and are able to be drawn closer to Him in all that you do, but I also hope you are able to find time to ponder what WCS means to you. Our marketing committee is beginning to plan and come up with ideas, which includes an open house and registration for February 10-11. Hopefully your stories and testimonies of this school may make their way to interested parents, for we collectively are the best sales people.

Have a blessed week and see you all on Friday night at 6:30 pm for our

Christmas Program, where you will be delighted by the voices of children singing, and filled with laughter by the humour presented in a short skit.

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas



SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

Pizza Day!!

This Thursday, December 10 is pizza day! You can get 1 big slice of pizza for \$2. Kapow pops will also be available for \$1.

Christmas Program Practices

The Grades 5-8 will be practising for the Christmas program at Bethel on Wednesday and Thursday from 1-3 p.m. They will be walking there and back to the school.

The entire school will be practising on Friday from 1:00 to 3:20 p.m. The buses will be leaving from the church for their afternoon run.

If you pick up your child, please do so from Bethel at 3:20 p.m. Thank you.

Christmas Program

Our Christmas program takes place this Friday, December 11 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Bethel Pentecostal. Grades 5-8 are asked to be at the church at 6:00 p.m. to prepare for the play. Grades JK-4 are to remain with their parents until called up during the program.

Please note: we do not have access to the kitchen and hall, so please do not enter that area.

A-Team:

During these last two weeks before the holidays, the A-team will be selling Candy Cane-O-Grams. Students can purchase grams for one another and attach an encouraging note to a candy cane. Grams will cost 25¢ for the first one, and 10¢ for each additional one after that. **Each**

student is required to purchase one Candy Cane-O-Gram for his or her reading buddy.

Candy Cane-O-Grams will be sold during lunches in the Resource Room until Wednesday, December 16.

This is the last week to donate toys and pennies for our **Penny Drive** and our **Toy Drive**. Toy donations will be brought to the Salvation Army this Friday, December 11. Donations can be given to Mrs. Groendyk in the Resource room.

T.R.I.P.

We want to thank everyone who participated in the Holiday Order forms. They can look for their gift cards to be sent home early next week, Reminder: For everyone still looking for gift cards for shopping and/or gift giving, we still have all of our in-stock cards available.

November Sales:

Cara	\$50
Crabby Joes	\$95
Cineplex	\$100
Canadian Tire	\$2000
Country Style	\$173
Sobeys	\$3720
Gospel Text	\$175
Home Hardware	\$175
M&M's	\$150
No Frills	\$17000
Pharma Plus	\$200
Roots	\$75
Shoppers	\$650
Subway	\$75
Tims	\$875

School Skating

The dates for our school skating afternoons are Friday, December 18 and Friday, February 12. The cost for both dates is \$8 total/family. Please send it to the office as soon as possible. Thanks!

Scholastics

Please return any order forms and cheques payable to Scholastics Canada Ltd. no later than Tuesday, December 8.

Poinsettias

A **big thank you** to all those who participated in our poinsettia fundraiser. We were able to raise \$979 for our school! Thank you to Patti Metayer for helping sort the plants, and to Mrs. Bokma for letting us use her room.

Belated Thank You!

Thank you to Jennifer Kraayenbrink for helping us with our hotdog day on November 26! Your help was greatly appreciated!

Request....

I have an article to sell with the proceeds going to the school. If someone is familiar with E Bay or another similar site, would they please contact me, Dale Maris at 519-692-3544.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, December 10

Friday, December 11

6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 18

12:30-2:30 p.m.

December 21 - January 1

Hot Lunch Day

Board Meeting

Christmas Program at Bethel Pentecostal School Skate at Wallaceburg Arena – all are welcome!

Christmas Holidays!

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.

Please note: Families are asked not to clean on Sundays. Thank you.

Contact Sue at 519-627-7586 or Janet at 519-626-9616 for more information.

December 11

MCLACHLIN

METAYER

DEPOOTER, John

KRAAYENBRINK, Evert

KRAAYENBRINK, Gordon

December 18

KRAAYENBRINK, Herman

PASTOOR

PIETENS

RIEDL

RIESEBOS

January 8

SNELGROVE

TAYLOR

VANDENDOOL

VYVEY

ANDERSON

TRENDLINES – by Dale Maris, Board Chair

Charles Dickens wrote in *The Tale of Two Cities* " It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...". Penned against the backdrop of the French Revolution and published in 1859, Dickens sketched in bold words the state of a society in great change and turmoil. Now, 150 years later, we might say the same as Dickens "it was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

What has this to do with our little school? Article 2 of the Belgic Confession, *About the Knowledge of God*, states that "all creatures, from the least to the greatest, are as certain letters and marks through which the invisible things of God can be examined and understood..." This is one pillar of Reformation-based education; that is, the study of the creation is able to lead one into a better revelation of the personality and nature of God. Men like Isaac Newton delved into the study of mathematics because they believed in an orderly universe. By quantifying the laws by which the universe was governed, they believed they would better understand the mind of the Creator. As an aside, knowing that there was a Godly purpose to studying Grade 13 calculus would have certainly made it less painful for myself. It might have improved my grade had I known why I was studying what I considered such mundane matters like tangents and coefficients.

WCS has a foundational difference in how we approach education. Education here has a divine purpose, the search for the knowledge of God. This purpose is one of the core differences between faith-based education and other systems of teaching. We teach because we have been called out of the Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of the Son, and because we have the light, we can confidently search and reason what is entailed in Kingdom living.

As the Gospel of John records " the Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it". I pray during this Christmas season, we recall, through Advent candles or Christmas bulbs, the power that exists in light. The smallest light can dispel the greatest darkness. May our little school continue to shine brightly in a darkening land.

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS

Junior Kindergarten

We are enjoying this Advent season with lots of cooking, crafts and special times together. Today we "celebrated" Jesus Birthday by making a cake and sharing it with our reading buddies as a surprise! If you would like to come and help with a craft, please give me a call or email. All the crafts will come home on Wednesday, December 16.

On Wednesday, we will be going to Wallaceburg Museum in the morning. Cost is \$3.25. We are planning on walking back if the weather is good, so please dress warmly. The JK's are also welcome to attend the Christmas

program practice on Friday, December 11 from 1 -3:20 p.m. Please let Mrs. Bokma know if your child is coming. Please look for information about Candy Cane-O-Grams elsewhere in the Newsline.

Weather watch! Please send warm mitts, boots, hats, and splash pants, or pants that can be worn over their school clothes. JK's still like to crawl around in the sand pits and they are getting rather muddy! If you have extra mitts and hats that you want to leave at school, that's fine.

Please check your child's mailbag each day for info sent home.

Senior Kindergarten

The letter this week is **Ii** . Alphabet pal is Isabel Iguana. The Bible character is Isaiah. The Bible verse is "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." John 14:15 Please pray for the people in Indonesia. Snack is provided by Sam.

Please help your child memorize the following words for the Christmas Program:

Song of Glory star of grace
Lead us to this holy place
Filling our hearts
With Joy and praise
To glorify the Saviour.

Happy Birthday to Kaden on Sunday, December 6. Wishing you God's blessing on this day.

Please read announcement about Candy-Cane-O- Gram!!

Hot lunch day is on Thursday, December 10!!

Please read the announcement about the Christmas Program!!

Grade 3 and 4:

Tuesday: - Gym day - Please be sure that your child has proper **indoor running shoes** to be worn in gym class. Crocs are not allowed.

Thursday: - Spelling Pre-test

Friday: - Spelling test (if needed)
- 12:55 -3:00 Christmas Program Rehearsal @ Bethel. Buses will leave from the church. If you are picking your child up, please do so at Bethel @ 3:20 p.m. The Christmas program begins at 6:30. Children are to sit with and be supervised by their parents as teachers will be busy helping the students in Grades 5-8 get ready for the play. Thank you.

Grade 5 and 6:

Please see our classroom newsletter for upcoming classroom events.

There is no spelling or math homework this week because of the play.

Remember to practice your lines every night.

Grade 7 and 8: Term 2 Week 4

If you have not already brought back your Volleyball Shirt, please do so **ASAP**, thanks.

Homework and Unit Overviews:

Memory Verse:

7He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. 8He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. John 1:7-9

Bible: Mon – Where does Evil Come From?

Tues – Faith in Unlikely Places

Wed – You are the Christ

Thurs – Christ 's Transfiguration

Fri – Who is the Greatest?

Math: Grade 7 Math

Mon – 138, 148, 150-153

Tues – 160, 171-172, 174-175

Wed – 180, 188-189, 192-193

Thurs – 198, 202, 204-207

Fri – 214, 221, 222, 224

Grade 8 Math

Mon – 127, 133, 135-136

Tues – 141, 147, 149-151

Wed – 157, 162, 164-165

Thurs – 170, 176, 178-179

Fri – 182, 186, 198

History: This week we will be learning:

† Saved by the Sword (Chapter 15 and 16, WS 8-4)

- † One Stop Closer (Chapter 17, WS 9-1)
- † Fortress of Stone (Chapter 18, WS 10-1)
- † The Medieval Mind (Chapter 19, WS 11-1)

Language Arts:

Spelling- no spelling words this week due to play practices Wed-Fri

Drama/Writing – This week we will begin adapting the children’s books students chose into play format. Students need to make sure that they have their books with them at school all week.

French: This Tuesday we will have our **unit test**, in French. Students have been given review sheets for studying. There will also be a reading comprehension component and a listening component, for which students do not need to study.

Science/Debate: Since we are missing three afternoons this week and have finished our unit on the Universe, in place of Science this week we will be running a debate in our classroom. The topic of the debate will have to do with whether or not Christians should participate in Christmas traditions that are not centred around Christ. Students will be challenged to come up with persuasive arguments and to examine their own beliefs on this topic.

Art: This week we continue working on our Line Kaleidoscope projects. Again, students need to have their own black markers in good working condition for this project.



PIZZA DAY

Thursday, December 10

1 BIG pizza slice = \$2

Student:

Classroom:

pizza slices:

Please attach exact change to this form and return to the school office before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 10.

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

Name: _____

Cheque #: _____

Declining Balance Gift card	RETAILER	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$250	\$ Total
✓	Canadian Tire 4%								
✓	Cara Restaurants (Harveys, Swiss Chalet, Kelseys, Montana) 3%								
✓	Country Style 10%								
	Crabby Joe's (W'burg only) 25%								
✓	Gospel Text Bookstore 10%								
✓	Home Hardware 4%								
✓	Mark's Work Wearhouse 7%								
✓	M&M Meat Shops 5%								
✓	No Frills, Zehrs, Superstore 5%								
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Please indicate if this is a recurring order (attach postdated cheques) Weekly ___ Monthly ___

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