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Newsline 16

Principal's Message

Greetings WCS,

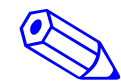
Welcome back to school everyone! Having a two week break was certainly enjoyable, a time to rest and spend time with family, and most importantly an opportunity to reflect on God's goodness in a less busy environment. I don't know about you, but I know how easy I can become distracted by the busyness of day to day life, where I find myself pushing God into a corner and only going to Him when there is great trouble or a trial. Yet I was reminded last night at church that we need to be seeking Him with passion, just as a bride and groom await each other on their wedding day. This passion needs to be ongoing, and to do that, it takes work and commitment. Just imagine living a life where He comes first above all, as we grow in an intimate relationship with Him. Allow me to encourage you to make 2010 a year where you and I decide to become more closely connected with our Creator, and choose to pick Him first above all else.

Sadly, distractions and trials never fully leave us, for we live in a fallen world where day to day life continues, even when we want to escape for a short break. For that reason, we need to fully turn to God in all circumstances. He will give us what we stand in need of.

As some of you have been aware, Mrs. Hoogstad spent most of the Christmas break in the hospital in a lot of

pain. She was able to return home on December 29, but the pain still is not fully gone. Without going into a lot of detail, she will be gone for a while yet, the amount of time is unclear. In the meanwhile, a teacher by the name of Mrs. Sarah DeTamble will be filling in until Mrs. Hoogstad is able to return. Mrs. DeTamble lives in Chatham and has been a supply teacher at our school for the past 2 years. Please continue to pray for Mrs. Hoogstad, so that, God willing, her health will return soon, and she can continue to serve God with the gifts He has blessed her with in the classroom.

The month of January begins another new sub topic to our year long theme, "Transforming our Lives", in which we will be focussing on sports. How does God call us in regard to this aspect of our lives? The sports industry is huge, and it too pulls at our time and can distract us from pursuing a passionate relationship with God. Does that mean it is wrong? No, not at all. Just as we looked at relationships and Art / Advertisements, we are aiming to see how these aspects of our lives can be conformed to the will of Christ. Like anything in life, such as the time we spend with friends and family to the items we buy and use, we need to ensure that these don't push God aside or take His place.



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With only a month away before the hype of the Olympics unfolds, we need to continue to find balance while actively seeking to keep God front and centre in our lives. This will be a topic that the teachers will be addressing with the students in their various classrooms. Many of our student do play sports: at school, home, and in different leagues. The question is, how will we help them understand that God delights when we fully turn to him, in all that we do, including the sports we play? How do we encourage them to keep that balance when playing all kinds of sports?

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

Hotmeal Day

Next Thursday, January 14, is Hot Lunch Day and we're going to be having subs from Sister Subs in town. They are really delicious and a great deal! It is an 8" sub for \$3; you will have your choice of 3 subs and you choose your toppings. The order form will be sent home with each child and we'll need all of the order forms in **by this Friday, January 8. Please use 1 order form per child.** Thank you and enjoy your subs!

** We will also come around to each room with **Kapow Pops** that you can buy for **\$1.**

Missing:

One hockey helmet, last seen at the school skating event on December 18. There is one helmet at school which belongs to someone else; the missing helmet may have been taken by mistake. Please check at home and contact the school if you have any information.

A-Team:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Penny Drive! We were able to raise over \$100, which will help support the Langevelds in their missions. There are a few pennies left to be rolled and counted, which will also be donated. Money from Candy-Cane-Grams will also go to the Langevelds and needs to be counted as well.

As always, continue to e-mail your teachers with your comments regarding this next field of discovery, for together we are transforming the lives of your children.

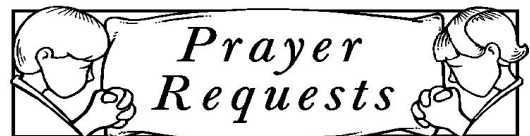
Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas

Basketball Practice:

Every Tuesday and Wednesday for the next 4 weeks, the boys and girls teams will be practising at the Wallaceburg Christian Reformed Church Gym, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. The head coach is Mr. Dale Maris and the Staff rep is Mrs. Groendyk.

T.R.I.P.

Thank you for participating in this program over the holidays by purchasing gift certificates. Please continue doing so into the new year, as this is a year round fundraiser that the school greatly relies upon.



Please keep Mrs. Hoogstad in your prayers; she is currently at home and awaiting a surgery date to remove her gall bladder.

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.

January 8

SNELGROVE
TAYLOR
VANDENDOOL
VYVEY
ANDERSON

January 15

ARNOLD
CARRON
DEPOOTER, Jeff
DEPOOTER, Kevin
DRUER, Jennifer

January 22

FOSTER
GELLNER
GOODREAU
HAVEMAN
HIGHFIELD

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, January 5	3:30-5:00 p.m.	Basketball Practice
Wednesday, January 6	3:30-5:00 p.m.	Basketball Practice
Tuesday, January 12	3:30-5:00 p.m.	Basketball Practice
Wednesday, January 13	3:30-5:00 p.m.	Basketball Practice
Thursday, January 14		Hot Lunch – Subs!
	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 19	3:30-5:00 p.m.	Basketball Practice
Wednesday, January 20	3:30-5:00 p.m.	Basketball Practice
Thursday, January 21		Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 26	3:30-5:00 p.m.	Basketball Practice
Wednesday, January 27		Classroom Assembly
	3:30-5:00 p.m.	JK Hotdog Day
Thursday, January 28		Basketball Practice
		Hotdog Day – treats brought by Grade 1-2
		Winter Fun Day
Friday, January 29		Professional Activity Day – no school
Monday, February 1		Basketball Tournament

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS

Junior Kindergarten

Our theme this month is Winter and Sports. We will definitely need winter clothing every day. Look for the class calendar coming home Wednesday.

Senior Kindergarten

Welcome back to school!!!

The letter this week is **Jj**. The alphabet pal is

Jerry Jaguar. The Bible character is Jonah. The Bible verse is "Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'" Matt 19:14 Please pray for the people in Japan. Snack is provided by Michel.

Each child needs to bring in: **a new glue stick, a box of 8 crayons and a white eraser.**

Please look in your child's message bag for the January Newsletter.

Grade 1 and 2:

Monday: See class newsletter for important class information
Math P.O.W. sheet sent home
Tuesday: Gym Class
Friday: Spelling Test

Grade 5 and 6:

Please see our classroom newsletter for more detailed information.

Spelling Activities - 9, 12, 24

Math - Grade Five unit test is this week.
Thursday-Part One
Friday -Part Two

Boys and Girls Basketball teams will begin practising this week. Their practices will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday after school at the WCRC Gym from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Bible - Joseph Project due Wednesday, January 13.

Writing - Children's Books are due Friday, January 15.

Grade 7 and 8: Term 2 Week 6

Happy New-Year everyone! Our prayers are that you have all received the rest and relaxation you needed over the past couple of weeks, and you were able to reflect on the amazing Grace of Christ, who through him all things are made possible.

Homework and Unit Overviews:

Memory Verse: "9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but

now you have received mercy." .1 Peter 2:9-10

Bible: We will begin a new Bible unit this week. It is called "Upon This Rock" and it is organized into three major sections. Each section build upon one another so the student will come to understand the role of his/her faith community in the development of his/her faith life. For the next 2 weeks, we will be working on the first section, What Does God Intend? It develops the idea of what God intends the church, or worship community, to be. It begins with looking at the meaning of 'church', and at the necessity of church in the lives of the students to help unfold their faith. Based upon this section, the student will have an out of class assignment. One package is coming home today. In the assignment, the student will observe and take notes about their own church and community, developing their observation into a report. This report will be shared with their peers in a partner situation.

Monday – Unit overview – How does my church worship God?
Tuesday – What is Church?
Wednesday – Ety-What?
Thursday – God's Intent?
Friday – What does the Bible say is God's Intention for the Church?

Math: Our focus for the next two weeks will be on Problem Solving. A small package will be given to each student. The assignment pages we will be working on are found below:

Grade 7 Math

Monday – 90-91
Tuesday – 92-93
Wednesday – 94-95
Thursday – 96-97
Friday – 98-99

Grade 8 Math

Monday – 98-99
Tuesday – 100-101
Wednesday – 102-103

Thursday – 104-105

Friday – 106-107

History: This week we will be learning:

- † Lesson 12 – The Plague (Chapter 21, WS 12-1)
- † Lesson 13 – Who’s In Charge Now? (Chapter 22, WS 13-1)
- † Lesson 14 – Medieval Town Life (Chapter 23, WS 14-1,2)
- † Lesson 15 – Merchant and Craft Guilds (Chapter 24, WS 15-1,3)

Our unit is coming to an end soon, Next week the students will be handing in the History Project on Thursday. They were given this in mid-November.

Geography: The December Package is due on January 12, next week Tuesday.

Language Arts: Spelling- Test on Friday

restaurant
cafeteria
mortgage
minimum
cupboard
quaint
agriculture
ornament
corrupt
budget
ski
liquid
liquor
landscape
summon
summit
asphalt
anchor
courtesy
develop

Reading/Writing This week we begin speech writing in Language Arts. Speeches will last throughout January and will be presented in class on Tuesday, February 2nd and Wednesday, February 3rd. Detailed information on rules and guidelines, as well as evaluation will be sent home with students today to be signed by parents.

French: We begin our new unit in French this week. This unit focuses on improving reading strategies and word recognition by using word families. Students will be required to begin reading more independently throughout the unit. We will also be studying irregular adjectives and their agreement with masculine, feminine and plural nouns.

Science: We begin our study of the “Cell: The Wonder of Life” this week. In this unit students will study the makeup of the cell as well as the microscope and lab safety. This unit will take us to the end February, at which time we will have a unit test.

Art: This week in art, we begin a project titled “Art Show with the Masters”. This is an art/research project that will cover January and February. It includes several components including writing a biography of an artist, and participating in an art show. Detailed information will come home on Friday to be signed by parents.



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%								
✓	PharmaPlus 5%								
✓	Shoppers Drug Mart 5%								
	Sobeys, Foodland, IGA (paper) 5%								
✓	Sobeys only cards 5%								
✓	Subway 4%								
✓	Tim Hortons 5%								

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

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