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*"Shaping Children,
Shaping the World"*

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Newsline 2

Principal's Message

Greetings, WCS:

The first week of school is past us and the students are settling in well with new routines and expectations from their teachers. Each classroom is daily unwrapping our new school theme, "Transforming our Lives" along with the next two months sub-theme of Relationships. To transform or change is no easy task and takes commitment and dedication to stay the course. If you are not in the habit of asking your children what happened at school, make it a point to have a dialogue around the dinner table. Challenge your children to talk about the relationships they are developing at school. It is far too easy for a child to simply give the answer, "Fine", when asked "How was school today?"

At our last staff meeting that took place on September 3, the teachers decided to give nominations of children that are going out of their way to embrace our theme. We decided to select two students per month, one from Grades 1-4 and one from Grades 5-8, who are showing they are taking our theme to heart and applying it in their daily life at school. At every staff meeting, we will select the two students who will become principals for the day on the following Monday. I will work with these students and give them

special tasks as they discover what a principal does and why building relationships with many groups of people is so important to the running of a school and in life. Our next staff meeting is on October 1st.

Since our topic for the next couple of months is all about relationships, I thought it might be interesting to share a piece of data I recently ran across. Currently I am taking my 4th class on my journey to earning a Masters of Educational Leadership through Calvin College in Grand Rapids. This class is about Business Management, and in the first week another student bought our attention to a publication entitled, "Ontario's Private Schools: Who Chooses Them and Why?" This was published by The Fraser Institute, Vancouver, B.C., Canada in May 2007.

www.fraserinstitute.org/commerce.web/product_files/OntariosPrivateSchools.pdf

This study actually found that there is a growing percentage of Ontario's population choosing private schools over public. They did a fairly extensive survey which concluded that parents send their children to both the academically defined and religiously defined schools for two similar reasons (these reasons were the only ones that reached into the 70% range for both). **First, the schools are**

safe, and second the schools have dedicated teachers. I believe our school is safe and a nurturing place for children to learn and grow. I also believe we are blessed with amazing teachers who are more than just dedicated, but go beyond what is expected. They forge relationships with their students, but also with the home, which is what our purpose statement is all about.

Our board is committing to more communication with the home by including a monthly report following each board meeting in the Newline. Their first report

can be found in this Newline. As you will read, they are calling us all to pray faithfully, so we are going to start weekly prayer meetings at school on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m., and this begins this week. It is only through the turning of our hearts to the will of God, that our school will continue to grow and mature.

Shalom, Mr. Andy J. Alblas

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

Parent Meeting – REMINDER!

We will have our Parent Meeting **this Wednesday at 7 p.m.** We will give you the opportunity to discuss our new Discipline Policy, and answer any questions you may have. Please let the office know if you are able to attend. We hope to see a good turn out!

Golf Tournament Update . .

Thank you to everyone who golfed in the first annual WCS golf tournament. **We were able to raise over \$1,500.** To all the hole sponsors: Feddes Construction (2), Lubbers Masonry (2), Bethel Pentecostal, Kraayenbrink Painting, and J RINK Farms Inc, we thank you for your generous support.

Congratulations to the women's longest drive: Karlene Kraayenbrink; women's closest to the pin: Becky McLachlin; men's longest drive: Greg Zantingh; and men's closest to the pin: Dave Foster. I look forward to planning next year's tournament. We will aim to book it the first Saturday after Labour Day, and make this our annual tournament.

With thanks,
Don Martin

New School Year Packages

These envelopes were sent home last week. We are still missing some. **Please return them as soon as possible** so the new school directory can be finished and sent home.

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.

WCS Soccer Tournament

We will once again be having a concession stand at our soccer tournament. We will be offering hotdogs, chips, fruit, kapows, pop, juice and much more! We are in need of some volunteers to help us run smoothly. If you are able to help for an hour that day, it would help us greatly! Please contact the office if you can help. Thanks! The Fundraising Committee

9:00 - 10:00 Setting Up
11:00 - 12:00 Cooking & Serving
12:00 - 1:00 Serving

Bazaar – November 7, 2009

Please see the attached flyer for more information, and where you can help!

Cross Country

Practice for cross country will begin on Monday, September 14th. These practices are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:00 - 12:15. Proper running attire is required. Students that are on the WCS soccer team are also asked to participate in the cross country practices. Please see the attached Cross-Country Training Schedule.

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.

A-Team:

Voting is finished and A-team members will meet for the first time this week to discuss plans for the year. A-team members will be announced in next week's Newline.

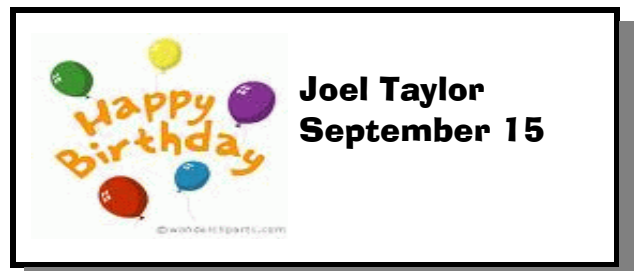
Reminder: We are holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive. There is a box in the middle windows of the main hallway where canned and non-perishable goods can be donated.

Scholastic

Flyers will be handed out on Tuesday; if anyone would like to order, please write a **cheque** to Scholastic Canada Ltd. by Friday, September 25.

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.



Board Blurb

Welcome back to school staff, students and parents. We trust that you have had an enjoyable summer holiday.

The Board has been busy already, having three meetings since the start of August, preparing for the school year. As many of you now know, we have lost a few families this year and the ever present challenges of Christian Education will no doubt present themselves. The Board is making a very intentional effort to seek God's will for our school and we would ask that join with us to that end.

In our last meeting we had an election for the Executive Board positions. We would like to take a moment to say our sincere thanks to Bernard Kraayenbrink, Patti Metayer and Jeff DePooter for their faithful service to our school over the past three years. The election results are as follows:

- Chair: Dale Maris (519-692-3544 or sparkyto@netrover.com)*
- Vice Chair: Don Martin*
- Treasurer: Justin Luth*
- Secretary: Chad McLachlin*

The Fall Society meeting is set for November 25. Please mark this date as we would like to have as many Society members as possible attend.

***Pray:** Again please continue to pray for our staff and students. Pray that the Lord would give the Board wisdom and knowledge for the upcoming school year, and most of all, thank God for the privilege of providing Christian Education to our children.*

Sincerely,

WCS Board

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.	Soccer Practice at Glen Mickle Park
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
Friday, October 2	1:00 p.m.	Anti-bullying Presentation at CCS – Gr. 3-8
Thursday, October 8		School Assembly – SK
	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting

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 for more information.

September 18

TAYLOR
VANDENDOOL
VYVEY
WORKMAN
ANDERSON

September 25

ARNOLD
CARRON
DEPOOTER, J & L
FOSTER
GELLNER

October 2

DEPOOTER, K & R
GOODREAU
KRAAYENBRINK, H & J
HIGHFIELD
HILL

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS

Junior Kindergarten

Week two and we are settling into a routine of sorts. We have started a mural in the hall about Creation. We are learning the letter Aa – don't forget that Monday is show and share for the letter of the week. Please don't forget to send in the \$20 for each student to cover hotdog days and treats. If your child hasn't brought a blanket or towel for rest time, or a bucket please do so this week. Headphones for the computer are also needed before we can go and discover the computer lab (no earbuds please).

Senior Kindergarten

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

Grade 1 and 2:

Tuesday: Please return "My Special Address" sheet to school

★Gym Class

Friday : ✎Spelling Test (This includes weekly Word Wall Words)

† Memory Work Due - **Romans**

12:2

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:

Homework packages went home this past Friday with your child and are due on Friday, September 18. Inside you will find:

- Penmanship: Your child is to practice writing their a, b, and c's. Have them trace the letters first and then write 4 of their own below.
- Word Shapes: Included in the homework package are our Word Wall words for the week. This list will be needed to complete the assignment. The rest of the instructions can be found at the top of the page.
- Math: Both grades are working on patterns and sorting. An example will usually be given on the top of each assignment and the instructions will follow.
- Spelling: Each child will have a pink notebook. Attached to this will be a spelling activity with instructions for them to complete. Also, a spelling list of the week's words will included in the package. These are the words they are to use to complete the activity.

S.T.A.R. test papers and any marked papers may stay home. The penmanship, Word Wall Word activity, math and spelling, as well as the AR log should be completed and returned. Thank you. **Please note: Inside of the AR log I asked that they be returned each Monday. Please change this to Fridays, the same as the homework packages to keep it consistent.

French Quiz: There will be a French quiz on Friday, September 18 on numbers. The review sheet can be found inside of the homework packages.

Spelling: Pretest on Thursday. If your child receives 90% or higher they do not need to take the test on Friday.

Socials: Paper due back on Friday. Sorry, I forgot to send it home on Friday! Thank you to those who passed along my email!

Grade 5 and 6:

Our class newsletter goes home today.

- Bible:** – **Memory Work** due **Friday, Sept 17**. The books of the Bible and their categories. A study sheet will go home today.
- **Bible Character Project** due **Thursday, Sept 16**

Math: POW due **Friday**.

Spelling: Activities 1, 2, 14, 21 due **Friday**
Spelling Test on **Friday**

Grade Five - Week 1

1. rush
2. huge
3. stopping
4. return
5. starting
6. roof
7. substance
8. twin
9. prettiest
10. plain
11. degrees
12. sunny
13. sale
14. swell
15. shade
16. fancy
17. hungry
18. village
19. paste
20. fanciful
21. substantial
22. Celsius
23. Fahrenheit
24. temperature

Grade Six - Week 1

1. attic

2. harvest
3. sandy
4. gasoline
5. community
6. fever
7. gate
8. stem
9. harbour
10. fond
11. model
12. patrols
13. engineer
14. adventure
15. envelope
16. swam
17. oven
18. guard
19. elected
20. guardian
21. feverish
22. adventurous
23. unofficially
24. guardianship

Grade 7 and 8: Term 1 Week 2

Below is a summary of what the student s will be learning in each of their subjects this term:

The subjects Mr. Alblas Teaches:

Devotions: Everyone morning we spend about 20 minutes reading from the Bible and reflecting on what was read. This is done by journal where we write down our thoughts, comments, and questions. We are starting in Genesis and will read at least 2 chapters every day. We hope to end the year in Romans. When our time of reflection is done, we commit it to God in prayer.

Bible: This year we are will be focussing on the New Testament and we are beginning by comparing the 4 gospels. Each day we are reading from our text book, "A Light Unto the Gentiles" and working through projects or worksheets to better understand the concepts learned.

Memory Verse: Two to three verse will be

assigned weekly, related to what we are studying in Bible class.

Math: Both Grade 7 and 8 begin with exploring topics related to numbers. The Grade 7 topics include: adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing of integers, fractions, decimals, and percents. The Grade 8 topics include: Rational Numbers, Square Roots, Negative Exponents, Scientific Notation, Ratios & Proportions, Rates, Percents, Discounts and Sale Price, GST and PST, Commission, and Simple Interest. All of these topics will last for all of the first term of school

History: Our year begins with exploring ancient civilization such as: Sumerians, Egyptians, Hittites, Hebrews, Babylonians, Assyrians, Phoenicians, Persians, Greeks, and Romans. It is during this journey that we will discover God’s amazing plan of redemption for mankind.

Geography: We will begin looking at current events around the world. The students are asked to read the newspaper, or watch the local and national news channels to keep up with what is happening, such as the H1 N1 virus. Later on we will add a unit study on a biome in the world.

PE: For the next month and a half we will be developing our soccer skills.

Computer Studies: Currently the students are learning short cuts on the computer. They are amazed at how much you can do without touching a mouse.

Music: For the first few weeks the students will be writing a song based upon our theme. The other main item we will be doing is learning to play the guitar. Speaking of guitars, I am wondering how feasible it is for students to get ahold of one for school. We will not begin this unit until mid to late October, but I would like to know how possible it would be.

The subjects Mrs. Groendyk Teaches:

Language Arts:

Students will be selecting topics for an individual short stories project this week. This project will include both a written and creative component. Once topics have been chosen, more detailed project information will be sent home.

Science: Our first unit of study is the Animal Kingdom. We are looking at the different ways in which animals are classified, and exploring the characteristics of different classifications.

French: In French, we are spending our first two weeks reviewing what has been covered in previous grades. Most importantly, we are covering verb conjugation of regular and irregular verbs in the present tense. We will have a mini quiz on verbs by the end of next week.

Health: Our first health unit focuses on communication and relationships, which ties in nicely with our current theme of "relationships". We will be discussing the importance of communication, as well as exploring the different ways in which communication can build up or hinder our relationships with others.

Art: Our first art project deals with gesture drawing and drawing the human body proportionally in different positions. We will be sculpting our gestures with wire this week.

Homework:

Memory Verse: Due on Friday **Luke 1:68-70**

68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David

70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

Spelling Words- Test on Friday

scuba

navy

vary

plastic

discipline

allowance

challenge

compliment

premium

innocent

sabotage

distress

activities

applying

anxiety

hearty

appearance

acceptance

altar

applying