



SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Assembly: Friday morning, we will have a Christmas assembly at 9:00 a.m. Feel free to join us.

Thank You: Thank you to those who built shelves in the storage rooms in the gym. Wow, they are great. These shelves will help us free up a lot of space around the school.

Crazy Sweater Day: Thursday will be a crazy sweater day. Find your “ugly sweater”, your “wild Christmas sweater”, or decorate your own sweater. Points will be awarded to your team so don’t let your team down! Dress up and show your team spirit and your Christmas spirit.

Our Christmas Musical “We 3 Spies” will be presented tomorrow at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Please pray for good health for all involved, good weather on December 18th and that the true message of Christmas will come across clearly. We are excited to share the musical with you!

Musical refreshments: If you forgot your goodies, you can still bring them in tomorrow morning. All families please provide 1 dozen cookies or squares (peanut/tree nut free). Goodies may be homemade or store bought.

LCS Supporters: Last opportunity - the new clothing line is only available **until the end of this week!** Show our LCS love by sporting some new clothing. Check out the performance hoodies, coats, winter hats, Under Armour hoodies, polos and many other options! Items may be purchased online or through an order form. Please contact Adrienne Drost for more information (kadrost@gmail.com). Online store: <https://www.creativecasuals.com/custom-programs> Cheques are made payable to Creative Casuals.

For adult and children clothing items use these login credentials: User Name: listowelschool Password: christian
For more adult clothing items use these login credentials: Username: listowelstaff Password: christianschool

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Child Development Learning Lab (for children under the age of 7): The University of Waterloo has requested our participation in their child development learning lab. They would like to spend a few minutes with each child under the age of 7, to better understand how children understand the world around them. Letters of explanation and permission forms went home to families with children in the requested age range. Please read them over carefully and return your signed permission form as soon as possible. Once we have all the returned permission forms, a visit date will be established.

School Skating: The first day of the winter skating program takes place on Friday, December 21 This is considered part of the physical education program at LCS, so all children are expected to participate. The ice is rented at the Steve Kerr Memorial Complex (965 Binning St. W) and the children are bussed over for one hour of skating. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to come and join us for this fun activity. Students in grades 4-8 will skate from 11:00am – 12:00pm. Students in grades SK – 3 will skate from 1:30pm – 2:30pm. Reminder: Helmets are required for all skaters! This includes all adults as we ensure our own safety and model safety to the students. For the month of January, skating will be held on:

- Friday, January 11 and 18
 - 11:30am – 12:30pm (hockey practice)
 - 12:30pm - 1:30pm (Grades 4-8 skate)
 - 1:30pm – 2:30pm (SK – Grade 3 skate)
- Thursday, January 24
 - 12:00pm – 1:00pm (hockey practice)
 - 1:00pm – 2:00pm (Grades 4-8 skate)
 - 2:00pm – 3:00pm (SK – Grade 3 skate)
- Thursday, January 31
 - *Hockey tournament in Fergus
 - 12:30pm – 1:30pm (Grades 4-8 skate)
 - 1:30pm – 2:30pm (SK – Grade 3 skate)

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
December	January
18 – Christmas Concert (1pm and 7pm)	7 – first day back for 2019
19 – Pizza Day	7 – Board Exec
21 – Christmas assembly at 9:00am	9 – Pizza Day
21 – School Skating	11 – School Skating
Dec 24 – Jan 4 – Christmas break	14 – Board mtg
	18 – School Skating
	23 – Pizza Day
	24 – School Skating
	25 – PD Day (no school)
	31 – Hockey Tournament in Fergus



BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating during the holidays: Bella W – Dec 23 Erica B – Dec 28 Logan W – Dec 30
 Natalie G – Jan 2 Hope D – Jan 6 Elizabeth S – Jan 5



Sports – Hockey Tryouts

A sign-up sheet for hockey tryouts for all interested students in grades 5-8 has been posted. Full hockey equipment is required (including neck guards) for participation on the team. Students should be able to fully dress themselves. The first practice is scheduled for Thursday, December 20 from 3:30-4:30 at the Steve Kerr arena. Parents will need to pick up their children at the arena following the practice. The coaches are trying to schedule a game during the Christmas break.

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FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Music – Mrs. Wright

Tomorrow is the big day. The students have been working hard and we are looking forward to sharing the gift of music and the message of Christmas with you through the musical "We 3 Spies." Please be sure your child is wearing their choir attire (white shirt, black pants and necktie) for the performances.

- Grades 5 and 6: Following the musical performances please complete the musical self-evaluation; it is due back January 7.
- Grades 7 and 8: Following the musical performances please complete the musical self-evaluation; it is due back January 7.

Instrument Demonstrations: In January and February, the grade 1 students will be studying the instruments of the orchestra. I am looking for some parents or former students who play an instrument who would be willing to demonstrate and talk about their instrument to the grade 1 class. The class runs from 11:50 am-12:20 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays. Perhaps some former students could come in if they have a day off after semester 1 classes are complete. If interested and willing to help, contact Mrs. Wright (a.wright@listowelchristianschool.ca).

Choir: In the new year there will be a choir for students in grades 3-8. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Rehearsals will take place once a week during lunch recess.

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

Christmas is almost here! This week we will continue with our Christmas theme. We will be completing our Christmas art projects, sing some Christmas songs and read some Christmas stories too.

Our focus letter this week is Kk. Children can bring in a show and tell that begins with Kk.

In math, we will continue to recognize and make patterns.

In Bible, we will read more about the Christmas story with the shepherds, the angels and the wise men.

Just a reminder about the Christmas program on Tuesday, the children will be performing their songs and verse at the beginning of the program both in the afternoon and in the evening. Please bring your child to the classroom before the evening program. It would be helpful if they have all used the bathroom before they come. After their part in the evening performance they will return to sit with their parents.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas. I pray that you all will have an enjoyable time with family and friends celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

The last week of school for 2018! Amazing! God is good! So much has already happened just this school year. Thankful to know that God will be with us in the new year as well!

For this week:

Monday: Show and tell letter 'Mm', gym and music, practicing on the stage one more time in the new gym. Finishing up our Christmas surprise for Mom and Dad.

Tuesday: Library day, art room: making a Christmas card; 1pm-Christmas Performance, watching a movie afterwards, 7pm-Christmas Performance- All SK students should meet me in the classroom by 6:45pm, please be sure your child uses the washroom before dropping them off in the classroom. After we are done singing on stage, the students will sit with their parents.

Wednesday: Rest day!

Thursday: Pizza for lunch, Chromebooks, Christmas surprises coming home.

Friday: 9 am Christmas assembly-please come join us as we sing songs together and worship our King. 1:30-2:30pm we will be skating at Steve Kerr arena. We will arrive by 1:20pm to get our skates tied on and helmets secured. All students and adults must wear a helmet and gloves on the ice. All parents welcome to join us with younger siblings too.

Merry Christmas to all of you! May you enjoy time with friends and family celebrating Jesus' Birthday! Wishing you all many blessings in the New Year! See you Monday January 7th, 2019.

Grade 1 – Mrs. O' Boyle

Class News

If you are reading this, please have your child write a sentence that includes the word "me".

Skating – Just a reminder to send your child with a helmet, skates, and gloves/mitts on Friday for school skating. If you are joining us, please ensure you also have a helmet for yourself.

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Ornaments – Please feel free to take your child's ornament home off the tree in the front foyer after the evening musical performance on Dec. 18th. Thanks!

Musical Attire – Just a reminder to please send or dress your child in a plain white shirt, a pre-tied necktie, and black or dark dress pants on Dec. 18th. Thanks!

Crazy Sweater Day – Thursday we will be having a crazy/ ugly sweater spirit day. Please send your child in their craziest sweater.

Library Books – Just a reminder that library books are due back on Wed.

Thank you – Thank you for your kind words, encouragement, and generosity this holiday season. I appreciate you and all you do greatly! Praying that you all have a wonderful, restful Christmas break, and that you are truly able to cherish the extra time with your children. Also, praying for safety for all those that are traveling near and far over the break.

The Plan

Math – We will conclude our unit on *Data Management and Probability*.

Creation Studies – We will continue our unit titled *Our Home and School Communities*.

Physical Education – We will continue our unit on invasion and territory games.

Bible – We will conclude our unit on the Christmas story.

Writing – We will continue to work on asking questions, responding to questions and using proper punctuation and capitalization.

Reading Comprehension – We will continue to work on answering literal and inferential questions about the texts we read.

Words of the Day – We will continue to focus on/review sight words: not, one, play, and red.

Phonics – We will continue to work on short e word families -ed.

Health – We will continue a unit called *Finding Out About Myself and Others*.

Art – We will conclude our unit on *Shape*.

Printing – We will work on letters Vv, and Ww.

Chromebooks – We will continue to *Teach Our Monsters to Read*.

Memory Work – We will be saying Exodus 15:2 on Tuesday, Dec. 18th.

“The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.” Exodus 15:2

Spelling - There will be no spelling this week.

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

I would like to wish you all a very blessed Christmas. This time of togetherness with family and friends is so important. Because of the birth of our Lord and Saviour we may have eternal life. What better occasion is there to celebrate?

Our week is full of Christmas festivities. Today we had Dress Rehearsal. Tomorrow we have the privilege of sharing the musical with the community. Thursday we will be reading Christmas books. Friday we have school skating!

PLEASE NOTE: I have a few students who have told me they don't have a PLAIN white shirt or BLACK pants for our performance tomorrow. It is important that they have these.

Spelling: We have some special Christmas themed spelling words for Thursday's test:

Christmas, Saviour, Messiah, stable, glory, angel, manger, shepherd, Lord, gift, King, star, nativity, baby

The REAL Mrs. Claus

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Memory Work - NO memory work this week!

Spelling - NO dictation this week! (Although we will be working on review weeks - Unit 6 and 12.)

Cursive - We did capital P and R this past week. Grade 4s still need to hand it in on WEDNESDAY - pages 40, 41, 44.

Novel Study - We have started a novel called "*Elephant in the Garden*". Students will be having a quiz on the book so far on THURSDAY. They will take duotangs home the night before to help them study for the quiz.

Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. VanKampen

French: We are continuing the unit, “Quelle heure est-il?” this week and in January. This week will also include some Christmas-based activities.

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Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: We are studying a brief Christmas unit.

Spelling: Lesson 14 work due on Tuesday, quiz on Friday.

Science: We will be exploring different kinds of fungi.

Math: We are multiplying and dividing with decimals this week.

Writing: This week we will take a break from our speeches. We will be writing the Christmas story for children.

Gift Exchange: We are planning a small gift exchange for our class for Friday December 21. Students are asked to bring a gift of approximately \$5.00. We will play some games to exchange the gifts.

Wishing you all a great Christmas break and a good start in the 2019.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. VanKampen

French: We will be placing some focus on. “Noël” and the associated vocabulary. Translation and dictionary usage activities will continue.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

WWW- Blue books are due today and our test is on Wednesday. No new words will be given this week.

GR- Have chapter 7 of the *Bronze Bow* read by this week Thursday. Most students have started this.

Writing - All outstanding handouts have been handed in. We will be working on in-class assignments this week.

History - Gladiator games have been completed and helmets and shields, or what is left of them, have been sent home. This week we will be working through the *Punic Wars*. Watch the calendar for upcoming due dates, but most of what we are working through will be completed in class.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

The Grade 7-8 students are participating in a Secret Santa. Gifts should be between \$5-\$10 and will be shared on Friday, December 21.

Math: We are trying to finish up our Geometry unit this week. Quiz on Thursday if all goes well.

Bible: We continue to investigate spiritual disciplines.

Gym: Wednesday we will play Mat Ball in the new gym!!!!

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: Our unit is on structures. This week is the paper chair challenge. Your chairs are to be ready for testing on Tuesday.

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