

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

This week Thursday and Friday our teachers will be travelling to Ancaster, to Redeemer University College for our annual convention. Along with hundreds of colleagues from across the province, we will spend the two days listening to inspirational speakers and participating in practical workshops. These are always great days.

The theme this year is "The Imperative of Love" which is based on the invitation of Jesus to his great banquet where he says: "compel them to come, so that my house will be full." This is the "imperative of love" - a desire of belonging for all. The conference invites admin staff, support staff and classroom teachers and creates a place for everyone to belong. The model could be adopted so that our schools and classrooms also reflect Christ's banquet – a place for everyone to belong.

Dr. Robert Loe from Relational Schools Foundation will be our keynote speaker and will share with us the results of a landmark study in relationships in Canadian Christian schools, revealing the landscape of relational health in schools both locally and globally and offering us insight that can deepen our commitment to the imperative of love.

Aside from two keynote sessions, there are also breakout sessions where teachers sign up individually for workshops that have a specific focus on their grade level or a subject area. These are smaller group sessions that may present a new area of curriculum or pedagogy and often allow for more participation and input from everyone.

A third and very important aspect of the conference is the socializing over coffee times and lunches. Here we connect with friends and colleagues from different schools and share stories and excitement for the task of teaching. Here we ask each other questions and make connections about teaching resources and sharing ideas. Here we connect our lives with others and realize that Christian education is bigger than our individual classrooms and schools. I find these socializing times very inspiring.

Please pray for our staff on Thursday and Friday as we seek to grow in our craft of teaching.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

LCS will be hosting an **Open House/Information Evening tonight** from 7-9pm. If you know of anyone who would like more information about Christian Education and what LCS has to offer be sure to invite them to attend this event. Some staff members will be available to give them a tour and answer questions they may have about Christian Education.

**Student Leadership:** On Tuesday, we will be having our October Team Event, "Harvest Hoedown". It will include Pumpkin Bowling, Pumpkin Ring Toss, Pumpkin Obstacle Course, Pumpkin Chuckin, Feed the Turkey and Apple Obstacle Course. We are hoping to be outside and continue to build school spirit and community.

**THANK YOU** to all the parents who helped their children with Multiples Day! Lots of fun was had by the students and staff.

Look for November's Spirit Day in next week's Weekly Messenger as well as the Team Event!

**Employment Opportunities:** We are looking for a part time music teacher and a full time Educational Assistant. If you are interested in either of these positions, or know someone who might be, please call me (Ed Boelens) or send an email ([principal@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:principal@listowelchristianschool.ca)) to indicate your interest. If you have questions about either position, call me or email me and I will try to answer them.

**Kindergarten Registration at LCS on Monday, November 4** from 1:00 – 3:30pm. Representatives from the Early Years Program *Calling All Three Year Olds (CATYO)* will be present to administer an innovative developmental screening that was developed for children from infants to age 6. Please schedule an appointment by

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contacting the school office (there are a number of spots open yet). If you have any questions, please contact the school.

**LCS Fundraising:** Available for purchase:

~~7 apple crisps (\$9.50 ea) ~~5 pkgs of pie shells (4 shells/pkg - \$12 per pkg) ~~13 bags of dough (\$5 per bag)  
Please contact Michelle Hibbs (519-291-7292/coolmom343@gmail.com) if you are interested in purchasing these.

**Croquette order forms were** sent home last week. Please return your order with payment to the office by Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> if you wish to participate with this fundraiser. Croquettes will be available for pick up on Friday, November 22 at 3pm, the day of the bazaar (November 23) or call Gerda Bakker or Martine Rastorfer to make other arrangements.

**Communicator Submissions:** All submissions for the Fall/Christmas Communicator are due by Friday, Nov. 1. Please send submissions to the school office (office@listowelchristianschool.ca).

**Christmas Décor Needed:** The Bazaar Committee is looking for Christmas Décor! Have any new/gently used Christmas decorations you are no longer using? We would love to take them off your hands! Please drop off at school as soon as possible so we can start using them! Thank you for your help.

**BAZAAR NEWS – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019, 8AM-1PM AT LCS**

**TOY STORE ITEMS NEEDED:** In the GAMES area at the Bazaar, the children (and adults) collect coupons when they play the games. These coupons are then traded in for toys from the “Toy Store”. The “Toy Store” needs new and used toy donations. Please remember that used toys **MUST BE CLEAN** and in **EXCELLENT** condition. Contact Rhonda Weber (519-588-0634 / [gweber@wightman.ca](mailto:gweber@wightman.ca)), or Carolyn Wagler (519-897-1002 / [carolyn\\_kuepfer@hotmail.com](mailto:carolyn_kuepfer@hotmail.com)) for more information. The toys can be brought into the school office.

**CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED:** The craft area of our bazaar is extremely popular as we try to offer a wide array of crafts. We are always looking for new ideas. Do you or someone you know enjoy sewing, knitting, making jewelry, painting, woodworking, etc., please consider making a donation. Feel free to contact Alana Siebring (519-291-7709 / [alanalaurendekkema@gmail.com](mailto:alanalaurendekkema@gmail.com)) or contact Henrike Reitzema (519-261-2244 / [henrikedeetman@hotmail.com](mailto:henrikedeetman@hotmail.com)) for more information.

**TOONIE JARS NEEDED:** The Toonie Jars were a big hit at previous bazaars, and they will be back again this year. Just to refresh your memory, you can fill an empty jar with items such as packs of gum, candy, jewelry, small toys, marbles, pencils, lego, hair accessories, hot wheel cars, etc. Anything you would like to win yourself would be a great Toonie Jar filler.

**BAKING FOR THE BAKE TABLE:** Donations of baked or homemade goodies are needed for the day of the Bazaar to sell. Specialty items such as homemade fudge, jams, apple sauce and baking: such as cookies, bread, loafs etc. are well received. Baking items needs to be brought into school by the end of the school day on Friday, November 22.

**BOARD REPORT**

The Board was presented with the 2018-2019 operating statement. The financial records are being audited by Ward & Uptigrove and will be presented to the membership at the Fall Membership meeting on Monday November 18, 2019. An update on the Strategic Plan initiatives was received. The entire Strategic Plan will be presented to the membership at the Fall Membership meeting. Board members have taken responsibility for providing an editorial piece for each *Communicator* issue for the coming school year.

**BIRTHDAY CORNER**

Celebrating this week: Tyler B – Oct 22      Marcus K – Oct 22  
Shaun J – Oct 25      Mrs. V – Oct 26      Noah R – Oct 27



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## U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

October	November
21 – LCS information evening 22 – Assembly at 9:00am led by Grade 7/8 22 – Team Event: Pumpkin Bowling 24 & 25 – Edvance Convention (no school)	1 – Communicator Submissions due 4 – CATYO (1-3:30pm) 5 – Volleyball clinic at Woodland 11 – Remembrance Day Assembly 14 – Return meat orders, poinsettia and pastry orders 15 – PD Day (no school) 18 – LCS Fall Membership meeting 20 – Volleyball tournament (Cambridge) 23 – Annual Bazaar at LCS 25 – First Term report cards go home 28 – Parent Teacher Conferences (evening) 29 – Parent Teacher Conferences (no school)

### SPORTS

**Boys Volleyball** will practice on Tuesdays after school (3:30-4:30pm) and Fridays at lunch. Our first volleyball event will be the Woodland clinic on November 5.

**Girls Volleyball** will practice after school on Wednesdays (3:30-4:30pm) as well as lunch hour on Tuesdays.

**Cross Country** – We had a great cross country meet on Friday! All students ran well and were able to enjoy God's beautiful creation and fall colours at Dundas Valley Conservation Area. We had sunshine and good competition, and overall a great day! Awesome end to the cross country season! Thank you to all cross country runners for your participation this year!

### FROM THE CLASSROOMS

#### Music – Mrs. Wright

Students in Mrs. Delleman's and Mr. Katerberg's class are starting recorders this month. Please ensure your child has a recorder at home to practice on. Please purchase a soprano recorder with German fingering for your child. These recorders can stay at home as we have a class set at the school for the students to use here. It is important for the students to have an instrument at home to get more familiar with the notes and fingerings and to hear themselves on their own. There will be some playing tests and assignments to be practiced on the recorder.

JK and SK: We have been learning about the concepts fast and slow and learning about steady beat. Students are getting more comfortable using their singing voices.

Grade 1: We have begun a unit on the instruments of the orchestra. The students also are enjoying singing together.

Grades 2 and 3: We have been enjoying singing some rounds together and have started to review instruments of the orchestra. We are discussing similarities between instruments in their families and learning to identify instruments by sound.

Grades 3 and 4: We are beginning to learn the recorder together this week! We have talked about putting our left hand on top and using warm, slow air to make a beautiful sound on the recorder.

Grades 5 and 6: We have been learning about good singing technique. We have enjoyed singing some rounds together and been challenged to sing out our own parts.

Grades 7 and 8: In music, we have begun our study of the ukulele! Thank you to all of those who donated towards these beautiful instruments! Students are learning C and G7 chords.

#### Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We have a short week this week. **There is no school on Thursday** because of the Teachers Convention.

Our apple tasting was lots of fun. The class was almost evenly split between yellow, green and red apples as their favourite, with red winning out by 1 vote! We will continue with our fall theme for the next two weeks looking at leaves and why they change colour.

For show and tell this week we have Marcus and Monique on Tuesday.

Our focus letter will be Dd and we will learn the Jolly Phonics song for D.

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In math, we will practice counting to 5 and 10.  
In health, we will look more closely at the feelings happy and angry.

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### Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week is a very short week due to the Edvance Teacher's Convention on Thursday and Friday. We will **focus** on the **letter V** on Monday. Please bring in a show and tell that begins with that letter. We are working on following directions by playing games such as Simon Says. We will NOT be learning a new sight word. Please review the words you have at home (a, the, and) and continue to read the pre decodable readers. In **math**, we are working on number recognition and printing as we rotate through various math centers. In **Bible**, we will learn about God's promise to Abraham and Sarah. Last week we had fun learning the different parts of an apple, tasting green, yellow and red apples and making applesauce. Today we had an apple experiment. On Tuesday we are talking about leaves and creating our own *Leaf Man*. Have a great week!

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### Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

#### Class News

Here comes our first (and probably last) 3-day week!

A few notes:

- Library books are due back Wednesday.
- New Scholastics orders for October are being sent home. As always, these are optional. If you would like to order, please send in your form or order online before Oct 23rd. Thanks!

\*Please try to make sure that you/your child packs the utensils they need in their lunch. We are running out of our emergency stash.

#### Curriculum:

**Spelling:** This week will be a review/recap week. We will have a quiz on Wednesday to review all of our words so far - it, at, to, a, I, in, like, the, is, go, can, and, you, my, on, me, went, we, day, play, fun, going, am, with, have.

**Bible:** We are continuing to explore the story of Abraham.

**Memory Work:** No work this week.

**Math:** Math tests will be going home today.

**Homework:** No homework this week. If you have time, please have your child practice the number printing sheet that is in the mailbag.

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### Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

Welcome to a short little week! It might be short, but it will be packed full of excitement!

Tomorrow Grade 2 has a **math** test on *Number Relationships*. A practice test was done today in class and came home so you know exactly what to expect.

Tomorrow we also have an assembly to attend and a team event!

Wednesday we will have a **Bible** test on being Bible explorers. Students learned how to use their Bibles. This included the division of the Bible between the Old and New Testaments, the address of a verse, the footnotes, concordance, and maps. Students should be able to locate a given verse in the Bible (for example Deuteronomy 5:4).

No Spelling Test this week!

Enjoy some extra family time!

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### Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

**Wednesday is the new Friday this week! :)**

**Memory Work** - Students will need to know the Books of Minor Prophets (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi) for WEDNESDAY.

**Spelling** - We are continuing Unit 7 words this week. Dictation is on WEDNESDAY.

**Cursive** - Last week we did letters "i" and "t". The cursive pages for these letters are due on WEDNESDAY. Grade 3 pages are 9, 14, 25 (JUST letters "i" and "t") and Grade 4 pages are 22 and 50 (just the bottom two lines with lowercase "i" and "t").

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**Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Bible:** We have started a unit called “Later Judean Ministry” about Jesus’ life and ministry. Our memory work for today is Luke 19: 7 - 10.

**Word work:** Lesson 7 test on Friday, Nov. 1.

**Science:** In science, we will be learning about the history of space exploration.

**Math:** We are continuing with our geometry unit.

**Writing:** Students are completing a book and working on a book report for this book. Due date is Tuesday, Oct. 22.

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**Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink**

**Bible:** Last week Friday Mid-term Reports went home. They are to be looked at, signed and returned by Wednesday. New **Memory Work:** Exodus 34:10-11a, has been assigned and is due for October 30. Remember that it can be said or written.

**Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel**

We have the privilege of hosting tomorrow's assembly. Our class has worked hard to get it ready and would like to invite parents and friends to come and join us at 9:15 on Tuesday morning.

**Scholastic** orders are due Wednesday.

**Geography** - Test tomorrow (Tuesday, October 22).

**Art** - Marionettes in Motion assignment due Wednesday, October 23.

**Guided Reading** - Blind-sided Questions due Tuesday (extension from last week).

**Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens**

**Math:** We are working through a unit on ratios and rates. Grade 7 worksheet will be due on Monday, October 28.

The grade 8 mid unit and worksheet will be due on Tuesday, October 22. We are working toward our test for Friday, November 1.

**Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Science:** We are continuing with cell specialization and body systems.

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