

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Our Christmas program will be a little different this year. Although we are not doing our typical musical, we are presenting a combination of two narrations of the Christmas story. Our program will include the gifts of all our students in singing, reading, and silent acting. The set will be simple, but the message will be as powerful and joyful as every other year. The focus will remain on the gift of Jesus.

Our program will integrate two programs. One, *The Sing With Us – The Christmas Story* from Plank Road Publishing, narrates the story of Christ's birth using Luke 2 and many very familiar Christmas carols. The second, *Come to the Manger* by The Skit Guys, is a narration that invites each of us, no matter who we are, to the manger and creates a place for us.

Once again, our program will have two performances on Tuesday, December 17, one at 1:00 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. The dress code for students will be their Sunday best.

We hope you will come and join us. Invite your relatives and maybe invite your neighbor. Along with the songs the students will sing, there will also be opportunities for you to sing along. Christmas is one of those times of the year where we recognize the gift of Christian education so we can openly celebrate the birth of Christ. We pray that our program will be the beginning of your focus on Christmas.

SCHOOL NEWS

Lego Club: Starting in January, I am planning to begin a Lego club for grades 1-4 at recess. If anyone has any Lego they are looking to get rid of or would like to make a donation, I will gladly take it! We need Lego pieces of various sizes, plates to build on, and minifigures. There is a small collection here already, but if I am able to get more, the club can be open to more students at a time. Thanks, *Ms. ten Brink* (l.tenbrink@listowelchristianschool.ca)

Forgot to place your Fundscrip order? A second order will be available this month. Please ensure your order is placed by **Sunday, December 15 at midnight**. Delivery is set for Thursday, December 19th. For more information please contact Janel Hiemstra at 519-749-5263 or email giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com.

Student Leadership: Our next team event and spirit day will be on Dec. 20th, 2019. This is the Friday before Christmas Break. Our team event will happen after our morning chapel of Christmas songs and devotions. It will be creating Christmas trees out of our student leaders. You are welcome to stay and see the Christmas spirit and decorating take place. The spirit day will be dressing in something red or green or red and green or decorating yourself with Christmas decorations from home. A Christmas sweater is a good idea as well. The idea behind spirit days are to have fun with what you have at home, not to purchase new items. If you do not have any of the above wear white with a garland. Remember we are skating in the afternoon, so all clothes need to be wearable during skating. Have fun!

School Skating: The first day of the winter skating program takes place on Friday, December 20. 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. Hockey practice will be held from 11:30- 12:30 (full equipment is required). Parents and younger siblings are welcome to come and join us for this fun activity. Reminder: Helmets are required for all skaters! This includes all adults as we ensure our own safety and model safety to the students. Friday, December 20:

11:30 – 12:30 (hockey practice)

12:30 – 1:30 (Grades 4-8 skate)

1:30 – 2:30 (SK – Grade 3 skate)

For the month of January, skating will be held on: Friday, January 10 and 17:

11:30am – 12:30pm (hockey practice)

12:30pm - 1:30pm (Grades 4-8 skate)

1:30pm – 2:30pm (SK – Grade 3 skate)

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Thursday, January 23:

- 12:00pm – 1:00pm (hockey practice)
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm (Grades 4-8 skate)
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm (SK – Grade 3 skate)

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Logan S – Dec 3 Charis V – Dec 6 Megan V – Dec 6



U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
December	January
2 – Board Exec	6 – first day back for 2020
2 – Gift Card orders due at midnight	6 – Board Exec
3 – Meat, Poinsettia and Pastries Delivery	8 – Pizza Day
4 – Pizza Day	10 – School Skating
5 – Grade 8 Day at Woodland	13 – Board mtg
5 – Child lab – University of Waterloo	17 – School Skating
6 – Child lab – University of Waterloo	22 – Pizza Day
9 – Board meeting	23 – School Skating
10 – Grade 8 Day at LDSS	24 – PD Day (no school)
17 – Christmas Concert (1pm & 7pm)	30 – Hockey Tournament in Fergus
18 – Pizza Day	
20 – Christmas chapel at 9am	
20 – Team Event	
20 – hockey practice	
20 – School Skating	
Dec 21 – Jan 5 – Christmas Break	

SPORTS

Hockey: Sign-up sheets for hockey are going up this week. Players in grades 4-8 may try out, provided they have full equipment and can get themselves ready to play. Practices are during school, 11:00 - 12:30 starting on Friday, December 20, and continue for the Fridays (and one Thursday) in January. The tournament is scheduled for Thursday, January 30 in Fergus. To make this happen we still need a couple more parents to help coach. So far, we have two parents willing to help, two or three more will ensure we have all the practice times covered. Please contact Mr. Katerberg if you can commit to helping out during these times.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

I want to thank you all for coming in to meet with me on Thursday evening. I really enjoyed talking with each of you about your children.

It is December and that means that we are all about **Christmas** in Junior Kindergarten! We will be practicing our songs and verse for the Christmas program on December 17th. We will also be making ornaments, and other Christmas crafts and art projects. On Thursday we will do an experiment with candy canes!

For **show and tell** this week August, Fianna, and Cody are on for Tuesday and Colin, Zion, and Henry are scheduled for Thursday.

Our **focus letter** this week is **l**. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for **l**.

In our **workbooks** we continue to practice proper pencil grip and control with our colour pages.

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In **math**, we will begin to look at patterns and recognizing patterns around us. Our new focus colour is green, our number is 4, and our shape is the triangle.

In **Bible**, we will learn more about David. We will also learn our new memory verse Luke 2:11: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

Thank you to all the SK parents for attending Parent/Teacher Interviews. What a blessing to work together!

This week we will **focus on letters** li and Tt, please bring something that begins with Tt on Thursday. We will be introduced to syllables and will continue to rhyme and sort by beginning sound.

In **math** we will continue to work on position words and explore 3D shapes such as a cube, a sphere, a cone and a rectangular prism.

In **Bible**, we will be learning about the surprise Mary and Joseph heard from the angel. We continue to work on the Christmas program which will occur on **Tuesday, December 17th, 2019 at 1pm and 7pm**. SK will go sit with their parents in the evening after we are done our performance. We will begin learning how a candy cane teaches us about Jesus. This week we look at how Jesus is our Shepherd and our Rock!

We will begin learning about different emotions and what body language tells us about how a person feels.

December calendars have been sent home.

For **December 20th** we will have our first skating from 1:30pm to 2:30pm, parents are welcome to come and assist with tying skates and skating with their child. EVERYONE, adults and children need to wear a helmet and gloves.

The helmet can be a hockey helmet or a bike helmet, please label and send skates and helmet in a cloth bag.

Gloves are to protect their hands if they fall and someone skates over them. Any questions please contact Mr.

Boelens or myself. Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

November is now behind us as we move into this Christmas season. It was a pleasure to meet and chat with all of you last week -I am so thankful for your partnership! I am looking forward to these next 3 weeks :)

A few notes:

* Library books are due back Wednesday.

* There are new Scholastic book orders this month. I will order them on **Dec 13th**, to ensure that they all arrive before the holidays!

* I am in need of some volunteers to help make our Christmas concert costumes. If you are able to help, please send me an email. Thanks!

Curriculum:

Spelling: Our words this week are, **one, two, three, four, five**. Please continue to help your child neatly print their first and last name.

Bible: We are going to work through our unit on Moses and then pause to do a mini unit on Christmas!

French: We are practicing *La Poule Maboule!*

Math: We are working on place value and number grouping.

Homework: The weekly sheet is due on Thursday this week. Also, if you happen to have any pictures of your children reading, please send them in. We are creating a reading board.

As always, please email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

I would like to thank all of you for coming to the conferences last week. I found it a blessing to be able to talk with you about your children. Thank you so much for your support.

December is upon us. We are excited with anticipation for the birth of our Saviour.

Wednesday our class will be having a **Bible test** on the time from the fall of Adam and Eve until the tower of Babel.

Those students hoping for a part in the Christmas program will be presenting on Friday. It must be memorized and presented with expression.

Friday is also our **spelling test**:

Gr 2: candy, went, sent, take, like, puppy, time, didn't, by, my

Gr 3: awful, called, falling, mall, small, straw, drawing, strongest, longer, song, along, bought, brought, rough, tough

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Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Math - As shown during parent teacher interviews, our class will be using the website iknowit.com to practice math concepts. Students should be aware of how to log on and complete assignments (class code: lcs12345). Each week, I will assign 1-2 assignments for students to do online. They simply need to log on and click the icon that appears under “My Assignments”. Assignments will be assigned and due on Thursdays. Student progress is recorded and sent to me, and they will be asked to redo it if they get below a certain score. Using this online resource will help students solidify concepts taught in class. Students may also go on at any time to complete any math assignments they wish. We will also be using this during class times and on the Smartboard.

Spelling - We are doing Unit 13 words this week. Dictation will be on FRIDAY.

Memory Work - Ruth 1:16 - “But Ruth replied, “Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.” - due FRIDAY

Cursive - Last week we did not do cursive, so no cursive is due this week.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French: ‘re’ verb worksheet has been completed, marked and handed back. Overall most students improved quite a bit and were able to show understanding of the concept and topic. Well done.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: Our current unit is an *Advent* and *Christmas* unit.

Word Work: Lesson 12 test on Friday, December 6.

Social Studies: Our current unit is “Canada: Reaching Beyond Its Borders.”

Math: Our unit is data management. We will be creating graphs this week, first by hand, then using a spreadsheet.

Writing: Our writing assignment is a myth, it is due on Wednesday.

Health: Almost all students have presented their project. Congratulations on excellent presentations.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

Bible: Today Bible word art and questions for Job were due. Next week we have a long memory work, Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 due on Friday. Remember to keep practicing before Friday.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

French: Classmate profile second version for those that took the chance was due today.

Guided Reading: We are going to be moving fairly quickly through "The Hobbit" through the next couple of weeks. Encourage your student to read a chapter a day (some will be read in class) and keep up with the work for each chapter. All assignments will be kept up to date on Google Classroom - Guided Reading.

History: Presentations today and tomorrow, well done so far! Because of Grade 8 day at Woodland, the test has been moved to Friday. The study sheet has also been posted to Google Classroom and students can start reviewing for the test.

Art: Paper quilt squares will be completed this week, due next Thursday.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Fundraising: All the orders will be in this Tuesday, sorted and ready for pickup by 3:00. Be sure to arrange for your orders to be picked up and delivered.

Math: We've lost some Friday classes lately. Mid unit reviews will now be completed on Monday to be handed in by Tuesday. Throughout the week daily homework will be assigned – they have their homework sheets. We are heading for a test on this unit on Friday, December 13.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: Our current unit is “Systems in Action,” a physics unit. This week’s topic is simple machines.

Requested announcements:

Woodland Christian High School is hosting their Grade 8 Day this Thursday. All Grade 8s are invited and will attend. We will be leaving LCS at 8:50am on a Woodland bus and returning to LCS by 3:10, so students can ride their regular bus. No extra transportation is required. Lunch is provided by Woodland. **Parent information night** is also on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Call the school at 519-648-2114 for more info or visit www.woodland.on.ca

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LDSS: They are hosting a Grade 8 Day on Tuesday, December 10. Only students intending to attend LDSS are invited. **Parent Information Night** - On Thursday, December 12 (Inclement Weather date Monday, December 16) LDSS will host a Grade 9 Parent's night. Parents are welcome to attend with their students to see the school and the programs we offer. We will begin in the gym at 6:00 pm with an open house until 7:30.

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