

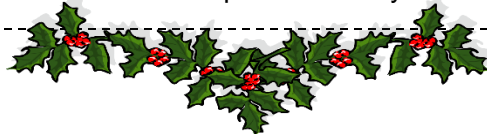
PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Tuesday is the day we will share our celebrations of Christmas with all our supporting community and friends. What a blessing to be open about our faith and the gift of Jesus. We hope you will join us at one of our performances.

There are two parts of the program that have resonated with me this year. First, there is a call for everyone to come to the manger. We are all invited. Whether we identify with the fellow travelers that came with Mary and Joseph, or the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, or even the bright shining stars, there is a place for all of us to meet Jesus. There are no favourites and no discrimination – the invitation is open to everyone. We hope that you feel invited this year.

The second aspect is the line in Luke 2:19, "But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart". This reminds me that Christmas is not solely about running around buying presents, preparing family gatherings, nor all the decorations – although they are good. Christmas is personal. Christmas is a good time for quiet reflection to fully understand the magnitude of the gift God sent to us. Christmas is a good time for us to ponder all this within our own hearts. I pray that you will have that opportunity this season.

This isn't the first time that most of us have heard the Christmas story yet every year there is something new, something special, something personal that makes the old, old story new again. We hope you have that same experience this year.



SCHOOL NEWS

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

Student Leadership: On FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 2019 we will have two events:



Team Event - Decorating a Student Leader into a Christmas Tree



Spirit Day- Wear a Christmas sweater or clothes. Or wear red, green or white and add Christmas decorations. Have fun celebrating Christmas together!

Our Christmas Concert will be presented this Tuesday, December 17th at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Please pray for good health for all involved, good weather on December 17th and that the true message of Christmas will come across clearly. **Choir Attire:** All students are asked to wear their Sunday best for our concert. **Musical refreshments:** All LCS families please provide 1 dozen homemade or store-bought cookies or squares (peanut/tree nut free). Please have these goodies to the school by tomorrow morning.

Chicken Croquettes will be available for pick up after 2pm on Tuesday, December 17th!

Battle of the Books (JUNIOR - Grades 4-6)- There is a meeting on THURSDAY at SNACK for those that are reading the Battle of the Books and want to be on the team. Students will be given books to read over the Christmas holidays. They will need to be all read by the time we start school in January.

School Skating: Friday, December 20 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. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to come and join us for this fun activity. Students in grades 4-8 will skate from 12:30am – 1:30pm. 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 10 and 17 and Thursday, January 23.

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Job Opportunities:

Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Listowel's Human Resources Committee is welcoming any expressions of interest for the Office Administrator position (part time, hourly). Please direct any enquiries to Dianne Nonkes, HR Committee Chair at DianneN@w-u.on.ca or by phone 519-418-8562 (mobile). A job description for this position is available upon request. They will be looking to fill this position in the new year.

Newry Coach Lines is looking for school bus drivers. They have several routes available and they will train and prepare you for a route. If interested, please call John Chapman at Newry Coach Lines at (519) 356-2611.

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Bella W – Dec 23 Erica B – Dec 28 Logan W – Dec 30
Natalie G – Jan 2 Hope D – Jan 6



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

December	January
17 – Christmas Concert (1pm & 7pm)	6 – first day back for 2020
18 – Pizza Day	6 – Board Exec
20 – Christmas assembly at 9am	8 – Pizza Day
20 – Team Event	10 – Hockey Practice & School Skating
20 – Hockey Practice & School Skating	13 – Board mtg
Dec 21 – Jan 5 – Christmas Break	17 – Hockey Practice & School Skating
	22 – Pizza Day
	23 – Hockey Practice & School Skating
	24 – PD Day (no school)
	30 – Hockey Tournament in Fergus

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Christmas

SPORTS

Hockey: Our first hockey practice is on Friday, December 20, during school from 11:30 - 12:30. Students will leave school at 11:00. The tournament is scheduled for Thursday, January 30. 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

This is our last week of school for 2019! How the time has flown. I want to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and a blessed start to the new year. Mrs. Baarda

Tuesday is our **Christmas program** day. Please have your child wear their "Sunday best". For the afternoon program the JKs will return to class after their songs and verse. For the evening performance, I ask that you bring your child to the classroom by 6:50, and please make sure they have been to the bathroom. After our part of the program you will be asked to come and collect your child and they can enjoy the rest of the program with you.

Our **focus letter** this week is K, and we will learn the letter K song from Jolly Phonics.

We will not have show and tell on Tuesday, and Harrison and Noah are on for **show and tell** on Thursday.

We will learn about where to start our letters this week with a fun song, and we will learn how to print the letter L.

In **math**, we will continue with patterns, this time making sound patterns.

In **Bible**, we will learn about the Shepherds and the Angels and the Wise Men and how they are part of the story of Jesus birth.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on reviewing letter sounds and names. For **show and tell** on Thursday bring something red. Our new **sight word** is "we", please send in book bags on Friday.

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In **math**, we are working on number recognition and printing.

In **Bible**, we will wrap up our Christmas unit as well as how God's love can be seen through a candy cane.

On Tuesday, students will be singing for the **Christmas program**, please dress nicely for the 1 pm performance and Sunday best for the evening performance. I would like SKs to meet in our classroom NO LATER than 6:45 pm, ready to go on stage. Please have them use the washroom before dropping them off.

On Friday, we will go **skating** at the Steve Kerr Arena, please send skates and helmet in a separate bag from their backpacks. A cloth bag works great! Please label skates and helmet with the family name. All parents are welcome to join us at the arena by 1:15pm. Parents on the ice with boots or skates need to have a helmet and gloves to be an example to the students.

Any questions, please contact me through email at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and many blessings throughout the New Year! Have a great Christmas break! Mrs. Heida

Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

5 more days before we take a break for the holidays. I am looking forward to the many "bonus" activities that we get to participate in this week. We will be singing our hearts out on Tuesday, baking cookies on Thursday and skating on Friday!

A few notes:

- Library books are due on Wednesday. We will sign out new books this week and they will be due back on Jan. 8th.
- Please don't forget to collect your child's special ornament off the school tree on Tuesday night. Also, your child has made you a special gift that they will need to grab after the program. This will be on the shelf above their hooks.

Curriculum:

Spelling: This week is our number review week (it's busy so we won't have a lot of time to practice) please review--**one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.**

Bible: We have finished our unit on Moses, their notes and crafts will go home this week. We will be studying the Christmas story this week.

Math: We will have a quiz on time, money and temperature on Wednesday.

Creation Studies: We are continuing to learn about our 5 senses!

Memory Work: We will recite this on Friday, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests." Luke 2:14

Homework: I am sending number practice sheets home, these are not due back, but they are great practice. Also, over the Christmas break, please continue to read with your child and encourage them to sound out new words.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

Can you believe we are on our last week of school before Christmas holidays? It has gone by too fast! We have a lot on our schedule for the week.

We do not have a spelling test this week.

We do have our **Christmas program** on Tuesday. All students are expected to be there. Female angels should have a white shirt and tights or leggings under their costumes.

Friday there will be an assembly, team event, and skating. Students may dress up Christmassy on Friday as well.

I wish you many blessings this Christmas. From (the real) Mrs. Claus

This is also our last week with Mrs. V. She has been such a great help and a big part of our class this year. She has been with our Grade 2s since JK as she has been Weston's EA! I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her years of service. May she be blessed in the next part of her journey as she and her husband, Jan, follow God's calling to Forest.

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Creation Studies - We are finishing our unit on Canada. Students will have their quiz on THURSDAY. For the quiz, they will need to know the answers to the citizenship test questions, provinces/territory locations and capital cities, Canadian water location and names, the three levels of government and what their responsibilities are, as well as how to match up the province/territory to its flag.

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Cursive - Last week we did letters j and p. Grade 3s pages are 9, 12, 32, and Grade 4s pages are 26 and 40 - due THURSDAY. There won't be any cursive over the Christmas holidays.

Math - We have finished our unit on multiplication and division and will be reviewing all week in preparation for their quiz on FRIDAY. Students will need to know their multiplication tables, how to do basic division (using multiplication tables or arrays) and how to do short division.

IKnowIt - There is a new assignment on iknowit.com that is due on Thursday. In order to do the assignment, students need to log on and click the icon that appears under "My Assignments". I will be putting on a couple for over the Christmas holidays for multiplication and division.

Spelling - We are doing Unit 15 words this week. Dictation will be on FRIDAY.

Memory Work - NO Memory Work this week!

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French - Joyeux Noël! The class has been working hard to be able to understand how to have a conversation about themselves in French. Remember, I'm looking for effort, not perfection, so just trying to participate and use the vocabulary we are working with in class goes a long way.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

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

Word Work: Lesson 14 test on Friday, December 20.

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

Math: Our new unit is measurement.

Writing: Our writing assignment is a fable, it is due on Wednesday, December 18. A new assignment will be posted tomorrow.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

Bible: Memory Work - Well done! Only a few students will have to redo their memory work on Thursday. Students were told on Monday whether they would need to redo it or not. The poster that we started on Monday to summarize Ecclesiastes is due on Wednesday.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noël, and Happy New Year! We have had a great few months this year and I'm looking forward to what the rest of the year will bring. I pray that you all enjoy a bit of time off from the routine of school after this week and are able to spend time with friends and family celebrating the birth of Jesus and the impact of that very special event.

Just a reminder that our class **gift exchange** is on Friday.

Guided Reading - All students should have finished reading "The Hobbit". We have a test on Thursday covering the whole book. Students are also working on a project in class this week (look for pictures when they are done), and we will be watching part of the 1st movie throughout the week.

Writing - We will be working with our short stories in more detail in January.

French - We are going to be start writing short skits about two people meeting using the vocabulary we have been working with so far this unit. Remember, I'm looking for effort, not perfection, so just trying to participate and use the vocabulary we are working with in class goes a long way.

Phys. Ed. - We are currently working on a skipping unit and will be creating short routines this week.

History - We are looking at the Fall of New France and the 7 Years War this week. You can ask your students about the Battle on the Plains of Abraham and the mistakes that were made at that point.

WWW - Review Unit - work assigned Wednesday, due Friday.

Art - Quilt squares are due this Thursday.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We are finishing up our last assignment for fractions. Worksheets are due on Tuesday. We will begin our unit on Geometry which we will pick up in full force in January.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: Our current unit is "Systems in Action", a physics unit. This week's topic we will continue with work and energy problems and simple machines.

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