

# Weekly Messenger

January 3, 2022

It is very easy to lose sight of perspective this season. We just went through Christmas and New Years and the weather didn't provide our typical reminders of the season. We missed the fresh, white, fluffy snow and even the colder temperatures. Also, as we watched the news, the stories of Christmas cheer and new year's hope were embedded deep behind the stories of COVID fear. And when/if we connected with friends and family, our conversations were probably dominated by COVID case counts and restrictions rather than the gift of Christ. It is easier, more now than ever, to lose Christmas and the hope for the future that Christmas offers. It is my prayer that as we enter 2022, we are able to keep perspective. There will always be time for details, for updated regulations, for new screening tools, and for case count totals. They are important, but they are part of a bigger story. Let's keep our perspective on the bigger story of God's faithfulness, of God's gift to us, and of the hope we have through him. This perspective will help carry us through the challenges of the details and keep us united as brothers and sisters in Christ. It is my prayer that we remain anchored together in Him, that Jesus will never let go of us, and that we will feel and experience his embrace. I may sound repetitive, but the Forward in Faith mantra continuously rings through my head. Whether it is forward in faith for a building campaign or for another school year or calendar year, it is forward in faith with a God that is faithful. I pray that we continue moving forward in faith into 2022 and that God blesses us with the richest of blessings such as unity and community, empathy and compassion, love and respect. With this perspective, I look forward to what 2022 has to offer.

And now for a detail:

**Daily Screening Reporting:** I want to remind you of a new requirement that schools must track the daily screening results of all children for at least two weeks following the Christmas break. There was a jot form sent home for you to fill out the morning of every school day. If we do not have a record of your screening when your child arrives, we will have to do the screening ourselves at school. Please, if you take a few minutes, it will save us hours. The screening tool, if you don't have it printed already, can be found at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. Please check this site regularly as it is supposed to be updated with new screening questions.

## January Events

3 - First day of school in the New Year  
21 - LCS PD Day - No school  
27 - Hockey Tournament (TBD)

## Birthday Corner



**January 6**  
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**January 9**  
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## February Events

18 - LCS PD Day - No school  
21 - Family Day - No school

## From the Classrooms

### Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

Happy New Year and welcome back! I am excited to be back in the classroom this week. Our theme for the month of January is "Winter". We will be reading some fun winter themed books and doing some cool experiments. This week we will make a snowstorm in a jar. Our artwork for January will be winter themed as well. This week we will be decorating paper mittens.

Our **focus letter** this week is letter L, and we will learn the Jolly Phonics song for L and do a letter find page as well to recognize upper and lowercase L.

In our **Handwriting Without Tears** workbook, we will be printing letters T and I.

In **math**, we will be reviewing patterns with a few different activities. We have a new focus number this month, number 5, our focus colour is blue, and our focus shape is the oval.

In **Bible**, we will be reading about Jonah and the big fish, and Nineveh. Our new memory verse is Hebrews 13:5b-6a "God has said 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' So we say 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid'."

We will also be learning a new song "My God is so Great". Just a reminder that **Tuesday is Library day!** Please return any books so students can choose new ones to take home.

### Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

Happy New Year! Wishing you all the best in 2022!

This week our **focus letters** will be letters Nn and Ll. We will review rhyming by listening to nursery rhymes and identifying the rhyming words. Our new sight word will be "to"

In **math**, we will be working on counting to 30, printing numbers to 20 and comparing numbers between 6 and 10.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Joseph the Dreamer and his coat of many colours. Our **memory work** is Romans 8:28-And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Our **creation studies** will be learning about where penguins live and the different species of penguins.

**Tuesday is library day, please return your books from before Christmas break.**

Any questions please feel free to contact me at

[m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca)

Have a great week!

### Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

I hope and pray you had a restful Christmas break. It is time to get back to it!

**Bible:** Our guiding question this week is "What gifts can I give to Jesus?"

Then we move onto a unit entitled "Jesus Begins His Ministry."

**Language Arts:** "Learning about God's World through Non-fiction." Our reading and writing mini-lessons focus on this genre and how we can get super smart about non-fiction topics. We will load our book boxes with non-fiction books to look at, enjoy, and for some, read!

**Phonics:** We meet some characters to encourage techniques to begin reading or improve on what we already read. We read sounds, not letters! Lefty Larry (start at the left hand side of the word) and Grapheme Grasshopper (hop to each grapheme, left to right, and say EACH sound).

**Spelling words for testing Friday January 14** (Spelling City updated):

*Orange (blends):* drip, drill, trap, blow, blue, blob, bled, tree, trip, trim

*Blue (blends):* shin, shop, chin, chop, shed, ship, chat, chip, she, sheep

*Green/red (cvc words):* top, cot, hot, dot, hop, mop, pop, log, jog, dog

**Creation Studies:** We flip to a social studies unit on Global Communities. The plan for the week is to talk about needs (and how God fulfills those daily), and discover more about the equator, hemispheres, continents, and oceans. Our goal for this unit is to see that God cares for all children of the world, "just like me!"

**Grade One Math:** Measurement covers two topics: length and mass. We begin with direct comparisons (this pencil is longer than that pencil, this book is heavier than that piece of paper, and so on) and then move to indirect comparisons.

**Physical Education:** Animal tag games (no, we aren't inviting animals into the gym!)

**Health:** God's desire is for us to honour our bodies; thus, we look at what substance use, addiction, and related behaviours are (in a faith-based, age-appropriate manner).

**Library day is tomorrow.**

### Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

Welcome back! It is good to be back at school after our break. We finished our unit on probability and data management just before the break and are starting on addition and subtraction with numbers to 100. This will hopefully be a review of using a hundreds chart, base ten blocks, ten-frames, and number lines for solving addition and subtraction questions.

## School News

### **Pizza Days**

January 5

January 19

### **Battle of the Books**

Please return all books read over the holidays to Mrs. Delleman!

### **Fundraising Drive**

Next week we will have a fundraising drive to support our budget. Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to the drive. An LCS Board member will call you next week to follow up with you. Look for an email with more details coming this week.

### **Job Opportunities at LCS:**

**Educational Assistant:** We have an opening for a part time (75%) Educational Assistant. The ideal candidate will have some training in educating children, such as an ECE degree, or experience working in structured environments with children.

**Administrative Assistant:** We are looking for a part time (3 days a week) Administrative Assistant. The ideal candidate will exhibit independence, reliability, efficiency, interpersonal communication, and good computer skills. A job description is available upon request.

If you would like to join our staff team and are committed to serving God and our community, please send your resume to Ed Boelens, [principal@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:principal@listowelchristianschool.ca). Resumes should be received by **January 5, 2022**.

### Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

An email will be sent out with more information.

### Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

**IKnowIt** - Basic Division (1-10) - due FRIDAY

**Spelling** - Below are the spelling teams and their words. Each team will need to study all these words in preparation for NEXT FRIDAY where 10 words from their list will be chosen for their dictation.

*Word Wizards* - soil, spoil, joy, joint, voice, cloak, stole, bowl, join, foil, boil, coin, choke, choice, soy, coil, moist, toy, broil, oil, loan

*Spelling Squad* - swimming, sit, stand, sitting, jump, shutting, swim, skip, yelling, running, pick, shut, passing, yell, run, skipping, pass, standing, picking, jumping

*Super Spellers* - not, bat, got, hit, pot, rat, pit, fit, cot, fat, mat, kit, lit, sat, hat, dot, bit, lot, pat, rot, that

\*All spelling lists can be found on Spelling City, with games available to review words. Go to [spellingcity.com/tdelleman](https://www.spellingcity.com/tdelleman) to find links to all the spelling list words and activities.\*

**Memory Work** - Isaiah 55:6 - "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near." - due FRIDAY.

### Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

Happy 2022! I hope the time with family, friends, and community was well received, and could be enjoyed with whomever was present.

It's a blessing to be able to meet in person today, and I pray we all can find the peace, understanding and safety to continue to do so. As we shift back into our academic roles and day to day routines and responsibilities, I ask for His continued guidance and protection.

The students will be starting a new unit in **Social Studies**. We will be looking at our province of Ontario, and trust that God will speak to us as we experience this unit, so that we might more clearly comprehend and accept that when we live in Ontario, honouring God and each other, his gifts will flourish in Ontario's creation, in his people and its future.

In **math**, we are looking at starting a new unit building off the Geometry from the previous one. The students will be tasked with some practical experiences to solve Perimeter, Area, and Volume problems to relate measurement to their everyday lives.

Our **Novel Study** will pick back up, and we will continue to explore the world the C.S Lewis created for us to explore.

In **Bible**, we will be looking at Jesus' journey into Jerusalem through to Passover. The students will be keeping regular journals from different perspectives of individuals that witnessed these events.

Regular **Spelling and Basic Facts activities** will resume, and can be found on the Google classroom.

**Memory Work** will be found in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### Grade 5 and 6 French– Mrs. Vogel

I'm happy to be back in the classroom with 5/6 for French! I look forward to working with the students as they continue their French learning journey this year. We will be doing some evaluation and review this week. If you have any concerns please contact me either by phone at the school or by email at [j.vogel@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:j.vogel@listowelchristianschool.ca).

### Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I'm excited to be back in the classroom again and looking forward to what this new year will bring for grade 7/8.

Please, if you have any questions or concerns, contact me by phone at the school or by email at [j.vogel@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:j.vogel@listowelchristianschool.ca).

**W.W.W.** - We will be looking at word analogies this week and how to identify which kind of analogy is being used.

**Writing** - Writing to accompany the art project this week on goals and/or resolutions for the rest of this school year.

**Guided Reading** - We will be reading a short story and analyzing it through answering questions based on the story.

**History** - We are continuing to learn about Canada's history as started before the Christmas holiday.

**French** - We will be spending some time this week on evaluation and review.

**Bible** - We will be starting a new unit entitled Job and Ecclesiastes. **Memory work** is Job 2:3 - to be written or recited Friday, January 21.

**Art** - Goal/Resolution Projects

### Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

**Math:** This week we will start a new unit on Data Management. Videos will be uploaded to Google Classroom and daily assignments will be provided.

**Science:** We will continue our investigations of forces. How about the force of gravity?

