

November 21, 2022

I always enjoy report card weekend. No, not the busyness, the pressure to find the right words, wonder if my assessment is accurate, and then to get them handed in on time. That is the stressful part. I always enjoy the opportunity to have a little time to reflect on each student. I picture them sitting in the classroom and then I thank God for allowing me to teach them. I think about how they interact with their peers, how they learn, how they are unique, and how they bless me. I am also reminded about how they sometimes misbehave and hand in assignments late – they are not all angels. Yet, I thank God for each of them.

And then the reality of the pressure of report cards hits and I have to calculate marks and write comments. I wonder if the numbers and words do justice to how God created the student and the intricacies of learning. Next week, as you receive the report cards and read the numbers and words, think about the effort of the teachers that went into reporting on your child's progress as a student and as a child of God. Although it may not be perfect, it is thoughtful.

Today you will receive a copy of the Parent-Teacher conference schedule. If the report card didn't fully capture your child, we have the opportunity to discuss them as well. Please review the schedule for your times. If you need to make changes, please do so by calling the school office. The conferences will take place on Thursday December 1 after school and in the evening and on Friday December 2 during the day.

November Events

21- Fall Membership Meeting
23- Volleyball Tournament
26- LCS Annual Christmas Bazaar
28- First Term Report Cards go home



Nov 22	Nov 24
Charity H	Ria M
Nov 25	
Harrison S	
Nov 27	Nov 27
Caleb M	Hailey G

December Events

1- Grade 8 Day at Woodland
1- Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)
2- Parent-Teacher Conferences continued, No School
20- LCS Christmas Concert 1pm & 7pm
22- Last Day before Christmas



Christmas Bazaar News: Saturday November 26th, 10am-1pm



The fundraising committee is looking for the following donations:

- surprise jars
- craft items: knitting, crocheting, wooden signs etc
- baking (dropped off the day before the bazaar)
- new or gently used toys
- birch wood, ribbons, etc. for Christmas Planters

All donations can be dropped off at the school office, thank-you!

Thank-you to all those who have signed up already, there are a few spots left!!

Volunteer Sign up link: <https://signup.com/go/LvpzOfy>
Donation Sign up link: <http://signup.com/go/ggmRDRw>



Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

This week we will be using watercolour paint to make a silhouette picture of a sailboat in continuing with our transportation theme. We will also do a sink and float activity. Our focus letter is **Hh**. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter h and do some hands-on activities to help us recognize upper and lowercase Hh.

In our **workbook** we will be following instructions to colour pictures the correct colours. We are still practicing correct pencil grip.

In **math**, we will continue to look at shapes, specifically circles and triangles.

In **Bible**, we will read about Samuel, and we will hear the story of David and Goliath.

Tuesday is library day, please send in any library books from last week so students may bring home their new books.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will be learning the sound of the letter Hh, rhyming words and playing listening games. Students may bring in any show and tell on Thursday. We will be reading Pete and the Perfect Pizza, making a paper pizza and enjoying pizza for lunch on Thursday! Please let me know if your child would like more than one slice of pizza. It will be Domino's pepperoni pizza. Please email me at

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In **math**, we are counting to 20, practice printing numbers to 7 and reviewing shape names. In **Bible**, Joseph is reunited with his family. Next week we will begin the Christmas story and practice for the Christmas concert. In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will begin with magic C letters C and O. In **January**, we will be going skating on Fridays for three weeks at Steve Kerr arena. Students will need a pair of skates, a helmet and gloves to wear while skating. Just giving some notice in case you need some of these items. Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

Stone Soup week was so much fun. Everyone tried some soup and many enjoyed it. This week our writing will focus on this folktale.

Bible: New memory words for in-class practice is Genesis 28:15 "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land." Students are very engaged in our Bible stories on Jacob.

In **math**, we got a bit behind last week so we will now use tens and ones blocks on a hundreds chart to show a number, compare and order numbers to 20, count on from any number within 20, and look at ordinal numbers. That should have us ready to show what we know either Friday or Monday next week.

Language Arts - Phonics focus: we wrap up our study of blends this week. Students are encouraged to practice the "tr" and "dr" blends. These were the most difficult for many students to say and write.

Word study: who, want

Spelling words for this Friday, November 25 are based on s-blends. snap, snip, snug, slug, stub, stir, step, stop, stem, star, skip, scar. Spelling rules: we continue to practice when to use a c or k in our spelling. There are two opportunities to practice this in our spelling dictation this week (skip and scar).

Chapter book read aloud: Our new read aloud is the classic series The Littles by John Pederson. It will be fun to do a bit of writing on this series over the next few weeks.

Handwriting: When we write ANYTHING, we form our letters the correct way. We will do some focused work on reversals and how we can spot them in our writing.

Creation Studies: I will introduce our next Social Studies unit this week which is Christmas Around the World! It is a wonderful opportunity to look at the world through a Christian perspective, using a cultural study of how other cultures celebrate the season of Christ's birth.

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

Math skills: This week we start working on length. **Handwriting:** We practice writing the letters "a" and "d".

Writing: We are working on informative writing this week. **Spelling & phonics:** This week we work some more on closed syllables. Starting next week, we will start writing spelling tests on Mondays to give them some extra time to practice reading and writing their spelling words for the week. Our spelling words for this week (and the test on Monday 28th) is:

bottom, carrot, fabric, insect, magnet, ribbon, lesson and puppet.

Reading: In reading this week we are reading and discussing the book "The Juice Box Bully" by Bob Sornson and Maria Dismody. This book is about a new kid in school that is quite the bully. When he sees how this school stands up for each other, and even refuses to be mean to him in return, he realizes his mistakes and wants to join their kind community.

We are using different reading strategies to work on explicit and systematic decodable passages in our class. We are also reading on Epic to help us with our informative writing this week.

Library: Tuesdays is our library day! Please remind your children to pack their library books in their backpacks tonight.

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Days

Wednesday Dec. 7: New Orleans
Wednesday Dec 21: Dominos Pizza

Grad Sweaters

All the grade 8 students received a flyer in their kidmail envelope today about ordering custom 2023 Grad apparel. Instructions are on the flyer, deadline for ordering is Thursday December 1st!

Battle of the Books

Keep on reading!!! Students should have only a few more books to read. Final reminder that all 8 books need to be read by Christmas! April 13th is our tournament! Any questions, please email

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Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

Can you believe all that white stuff?! It sure made for a cozy weekend with my laptop and report cards! It was so good to spend time thinking about each of your children. What a blessing they truly are.

Bible: We will have review and a Bible test at the end of the week.

Math: We will have a quiz on regrouping on Wednesday

Language: Our spelling test is on Thursday

sail, cheek, beast, booth, three, toast, loop neat, throat, wait, sheet, pea

Creation Studies: Our unit on symbols of Canada continues

I will be away on Wednesday, helping coach the girls volleyball team. Mrs. Vogel will be in to teach the class.

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Memory Work - Judges 21:25 - due NEXT Thursday - "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit."

Spelling - We will be taking a short break from spelling lists over the next two weeks and will instead be reviewing letter and vowel sounds as a whole class.

Math - We have finished a unit on measurement, time, and mass/temperature and will have our quiz on **FRIDAY**. Students will take home duotangs and Smartboard notes will be sent home to study for the quiz.

I Know It - Since we have a Math quiz this week, students do not have an I Know It assignment due. However, in preparation for our next unit, students are encouraged to start practicing and memorizing their multiplication facts!

Grade 4/5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

We have been focusing on the definite and indefinite articles -- quite challenging for some while others seem to be grasping this topic with ease. While this material is foundational to French and will continue to be part and parcel to what we continue to do, an assessment will be given this week. The bulk of Grade 6 will be given an independent task using the French-English dictionary.

Grade 4 and 5 will be also learning about weather descriptors.

A reminder: Parents, please sign and have your child(ren) return last week's French test which is included in today's Kid Mail. Thank you.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

Hello, and just like that, we are in the middle of winter! Enjoy the beauty of the season!

Our next unit in **Bible** has begun with us looking at Ester. This is a nice change from looking at Daniel, as now we get a woman protagonist. From the Feasts of King Xerxes, to Haman and the lots casts, to the Plea's of Ester to save her people, Ester has a lot of terrific detail. The students will be promoted to search for ways in which we can be directed by God, to not be dismayed, but to celebrate after times of trouble and anguish.

In **math**, new groups will be used to get us back on track within our units. JUMP maths is new for me, and after some PD with some fellow teachers, and some new plans as to another way in orchestrating this new curriculum, we should be all set. Or at least until we have to rejig things again. :) Some unit ending tests will be happening later in the week. These will be set on number sense, and showing what they know regarding strategies to use for multi digit addition and subtraction, and the manipulation of integers, through rounding, equating value, and real world applications.

The students did a great job on their powtoon digital proposal from their group's perspective for what to do with "The Hannah Property." These rubrics and QR codes will come home this week. Make sure to check out what your student has been creating.

Our next **social studies** unit will be on Culture. Some essential questions that will steer the unit will be: What is culture? How can we create positive culture in our homes, classrooms, and communities? And, Are we culture makers?

A major component to expressing one's culture is exemplified with our holidays and traditions. An upcoming holiday plays a significant role in our Judeo-Christian cultural traditions - Christmas. Students will be selecting a country of the world, and exploring how this country celebrates this holiday. Similarities, and differences; uniqueness and peculiarities; students will be able to explore a number of aspects to this tradition that they may know, or others that they can explore. A secret santa is coming too, as well as a Classroom Cultural Christmas Market to end off the unit. Let the holidays begin! In this spirit, make sure to come out for this weekend's **LCS Bazaar!**

Upcoming Events

Volleyball

On Wednesday November 23 we will have our tournament. The boys will be going to Trinity Burlington and the girls to Providence Dundas. The boy's team needs one more driver. Please let Mr. Boelens know if you can drive.



LCS Fall Membership Meeting

Tonight, we will host our Fall membership meeting. The package, the financial statements, and the Strategic Planning were all sent home previously. We look forward to seeing you there tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Hockey

We are looking for a parent or two to coach our school hockey team. Practices will take place during the day on Fridays in January (also on December 21). If you are interested, please let Mr. Boelens know.

Mr. Siebenga Continued..

In **writing**, we will be looking at sources and research. What are primary sources, secondary sources, and how we can use these to learn about other people's cultures? The students will be conducting interviews from hopefully primary sources, or at least finding secondary sources written about the Christmas holidays of their chosen country!

We will begin our new Novel "From Anne". The students will be responsible for **reading** the first two chapters of this book this week and working on comprehension questions in their Silent Time. More emphasis will be put on Carpe Diem! Seize the day! In Grade 5/6 at LCS in 2022, that means working with each day and present moment as a gift, and organizing one's tasks with support from our Mossy Cow. Psalm 118 comes to mind.

The Internet Archive.org has an audiobook of this book. If you desire some assistance to set up your child to read along with this, please ask.

Memory Work: Romans 8:28

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

Last week we began our second unit: Heat in the Environment. Using TVO Learn resources as an introduction, we examined the difference between heat and temperature and were introduced to the concepts of conduction, convection, and radiation; a short video has yet to be viewed on the UN Sustainable Development Goals which provides a look into global connections. We will then proceed to **Thermal Energy, Particle Theory, and Heat Transfer**.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Bible - Students wrote their Bible test last week and will have it returned this week. We will start on our second unit today which will focus more on the expansion of the early Church.

History - Students finished their work on Ancient Rome with an essay written in class on why Ancient Rome fell. They will also receive this back this week and we will be starting our first geography unit of the year this week.

Geography - As our first history unit has been completed, we will now be starting geography. We will start with a review of mapping and a look at where Canada is in the world.

Art - The students overall did a great job on their Remembrance Day posters. They showed thought and effort went into their projects and should be proud of their work. They also completed the first stage of their sketchbooks this past week which were also done extremely well. We have some very talented artists in grade 7/8! We will move on to other art projects this week.

Guided Reading - We have looked at a lot of the background to the stories and learned a lot of the vocabulary we are going to need to fully understand the stories. We will start the first few chapters this week.

W.W.W. - We will have our unit 4 test on Tuesday, November 22. We will also be introduced to and work with our unit 5 work this week. Test and assignments on November 29.

French - Students are continuing to work with the different ways to describe themselves, how to properly conjugate the verbs for "I" and what to do when there are two verbs in a row.

Healthy Living - Students we will be hopefully finishing the round robin part of our volleyball tournament this week and playing our final games next week.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

Last week we finished off our ratio's unit. Look for the work coming home for your signature. The scale diagram of a room in your house is due today. This week we will begin our next unit on fractions. Daily homework will be assigned.