

December 19, 2022

Christmas Program: This Tuesday we will host our Christmas program at two times. Our afternoon performance will be at 1:00. Our evening performance will be at 7:00. For the evening performance, students should go to their classrooms by 6:45 so they can organize and be ready for the performance.

Skating: Wednesday December 21, we will be going skating at the Steve Kerr Arena. The hockey team will practice from 12:00 – 1:00. Students from grades 4-8 will skate from 1:00 –2:00 and students from SK – grade 3 will skate from 2:00 – 3:00. All parents are invited to join us, and it would be very helpful to have some extra hands for skate tying!

A reminder that all students must have a helmet and mittens/gloves in order to be on the ice surface. We require **all adults also wear helmets when on the ice surface**, regardless of your own confidence in your own skating ability. This is for everyone's protection as well as to be good role models for the students.

Assembly: Thursday, we will have an assembly at 9:40 am. We will take some time to celebrate God's gift of His son to us at Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Holidays: Friday is the first day of our Christmas holidays. I want to wish everyone a merry Christmas filled with Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love. We will see you all back in school on Monday January 9, 2023.

December Events

- 20-Christmas Concert 1pm & 7pm
- 21- Ice Skating in the afternoon
- 22-Christmas Colours Dress-Up Day
- 22- Christmas Assembly at 9:40am
- 23- First Day of Christmas Break



Dec 23	Dec 25
Ruby S	Adalie G
Dec 30	Jan 9
Logan W	Josiah M

January Events

- 1-Happy New Year!
- 5- "The Star" at the Norgan Theatre 2:00pm
- 9- First day of school in 2023
- 13-Skating
- 20-Skating
- 27- Skating



Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

This week, we will be wrapping up our Christmas theme by finishing off some art projects and reading some special Christmas stories. There are also a few extra, special things happening this week.

Tuesday is the Christmas program. Please have students dress in their "Sunday best". We have been busy practicing and can't wait for you to see us sing our song, say our verse and perform the Drumfit routine the students have been learning in music class. There are performances at 1pm and at 7pm. For the evening performance please bring students to the classroom by 6:45 so we have time to get lined up. It would be helpful if you can make sure they have used the washroom before they come. When the JK students have finished their part of the program, they will go and sit with their parents.

Thursday is a Christmas dress up day. Student Leadership has planned a fun dress up day. Students can dress up in Christmas colours and/or decorations (red, green, tinsel, or bows etc.). This is a school team event and students can earn a point for their team.

I will be sending home stuffies and blankets that have been staying at school so they can be washed during the holidays. I will also be giving the school blankets a good wash too! Students are welcome to bring a stuffy or small blanket back to school in January and they may be stored here.

Tuesday is library day! Please remember to send in any library books that you still have at home.

I want to wish you all a blessed and very merry Christmas!

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week we will learn the sound of the short vowel **Oo**, sort pictures by the number of syllables and sort by beginning sounds. In math, we will review ordinal numbers and focus on an AB pattern and an ABC pattern.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Simeon and Anna and on Monday have a practice for Tuesday's Christmas program.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we are reviewing upper case letters that begin in the middle instead of the left hand side of a page for example letters C, O, G, S, A, I and T.

On Tuesday, we will perform at our first Christmas program at 1pm and then again at 7pm. After we perform at 1pm, we will return directly to the classroom and will continue on with our day. If your child is being picked up early by a family member, please let the office know. After we are done performing at the 7pm performance, your child will come to sit with you and your family and then they can see the rest of the program. It will be their first time to see all of it. Please dress nicely for the afternoon and in their Sunday best for the evening program.

On **Thursday morning**, we will attend the last day of **school assembly at 9:40 am**. Then we will continue on with a regular school day which will include some fun games and treats.

If you have any questions about anything please feel free to contact me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas! May it be a time of celebrating our Saviour's birth! Looking forward to seeing the students on January 9th, 2023! May 2023 be a year filled with many blessings for you and your family! God Bless!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

Hello families! Please take a careful read through the weekly messenger for all the school events of the week. Please ask if you have any questions. Please remember skating on Wednesday and note that your child must have snow pants, gloves, skates, and a helmet to be allowed on the ice. You are quite welcome to join us and help to tie skates for our Grade Ones. I'm so thankful for the hard work students have put into our contribution to the school's Christmas concert. We are praying that people who come may learn more about Jesus and His love through our words and songs. Finally, from my family to yours, may you have a restful Christmas holiday. May His peace be yours.

Christmas Break Challenge! Today in kidmail is a small stapled package that I have challenged students to complete during the break. Students who complete all the activities (indicated by colouring the mugs on the front page of the package), they will receive a small gift in January when we return to school on the 9th. They must have parent approval before colouring in a mug. Please email me with questions!

Writing: Nativity writing is the focus this week. We are reading and writing words from the Christmas story to help us in our writing.

Bible: We will finish up our mobile as well as our discussions on Jesus' birth.

In **math**, we finish up our lessons on measurement, and should finish this week with a "show what you know" for our unit.

Word study: review of heart words: come, were, they, from, what, who

Spelling words for Thursday (last day before the Christmas break). Six words will be tested, plus a bonus sentence with the phonics skills we have focused on, along with the parts of sentence structure. Here are the words: that, then, than, them, thin, bath, math, with, thick, path, teeth

Chapter book read aloud: We finish up Secrets of the Hidden Scroll: The King is Born.

Creation Studies: With the ice day, we didn't yet have time to travel to Israel; we now we board the plane to learn about the Jewish tradition of Hanukkah and then head to our final destination: Bethlehem!

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Days

Wednesday Dec 21: Dominos Pizza

Goodies for Christmas Concert

We are back doing our Christmas Concert *in person* this year and we are kindly asking if each LCS family could bring a dozen goodies to enjoy together after the concert! Please bring them in on Dec 19th! Thank-you!

Christmas Colours Dress-Up Day

On Thursday December 22nd, the student leadership team invites you to dress-up in Christmas colours: red, green, bows, tinsel, etc! A team point will be awarded for each member dressed up!

Ice Skating This Week!

A reminder that we are going skating this week and all students will need skates and helmet. Also, please do not pick-up your kids from the arena; all students will be coming back to the school at the end of the day! Thank-you!

LCS Fundraising Movie

Thursday January 5th at 2:00pm
Playing "The Star" at the Norgan Theatre in Palmerston
Tickets are \$15.00 each and includes popcorn and pop
please contact Teresa Rastorfer at teresarastorfer@gmail.com

Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

We're in for a very full but hopefully very fun week! A couple reminders first: Library Day is Tuesday and Christmas Program Tuesday at 1pm and 7pm. For the evening performance please bring your children to our classroom for 6:45 pm sharp! Skating on Wednesday at 2pm at Steve Kerr arena. Helmets required - let me know if you want to come skate with us or help tie laces. Assembly Thursday at 9:40 AM and it is also dress Christmas themed on Thursday as well! We are working towards earning a movie and hot cocoa afternoon on Thursday! We will try our best to work hard this week.

Math - Continuing measuring distance around things.

Creation Studies/Language- Continuing looking at Christmas Traditions around the world and working on writing a letter.

Bible- We are learning what advent means and taking a trip to Bethlehem. Merry Christmas to all of you and blessings for 2023!

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

It's our last week before the holidays! Today is an activity-heavy week. We have our rehearsal this afternoon with our 2 performances tomorrow. We will also be working on a Christmas surprise!

I am very proud of the children and how hard they are working on their Christmas passage, Luke 2:1-20. We are excited to share it at the program.

On Wednesday, we will be skating at the Steve Kerr arena. Students are required to wear helmets for this activity. It can be a ski or bike helmet if you don't have a hockey helmet. We are counting on all students participating in this fun time.

Lastly, I'd like to wish you all a blessed Christmas. I pray you experience God's love and care over the holidays.

(the real) Mrs. Claus

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Monday - Christmas Practice - We will have our final practice for the Christmas concert on Monday. Grade 4/5 will be doing drum fit and a combined presentation of "The Legend of the Candy Cane" with the Grade 1 class.

Tuesday - Christmas Performances / Reading Buddies - We will be performing at the Christmas concert at 1pm and 7pm. After the afternoon performance, we will be getting together with our Grade 1 reading buddies to watch "The Legend of the Candy Cane" and drink hot chocolate.

Wednesday - Virtual Field Trip / Library / Hockey / Skating - On Wednesday, we will have a virtual field trip through the Upper Thames Conservation Area, where they will do some activities with us online and answer questions sent in to them about rocks and minerals, the topic of our new Creation Studies unit. Also, it is library, hockey, and skating! Students need to return their library books, Grade 5s trying out for hockey need to bring their hockey equipment, and all students need skates and a helmet to get on the ice during our skating time in the afternoon. We skate from 1-2pm that day.

Thursday - Assembly / Multiplication Movie Celebration - On the last day of school, we have a Christmas assembly in the morning, as well as our multiplication movie celebration in the afternoon! There will be a couple more days for students to earn tickets, popcorn, a drink and candy for "The Grinch"! Those who reach VIP status will also be able to bring in a stuffy/blanket for the movie.

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

**Parents: please sign your child(ren)'s test and assignment as applicable, having your child return the signed documents Tuesday. We will continue our mini-unit on Noël in our classes on Tuesday and Wednesday.

'Il est né le divin enfant. Jouez hautbois, résonnez musettes. Il est né le divin enfant, chantons tous son avènement!' Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année tout le monde!

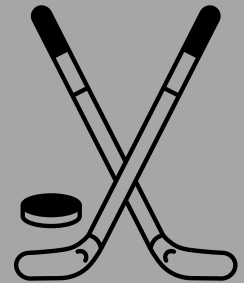
Upcoming Events

Battle of the Books

There will be a meeting at SNACK RECESS ON WEDNESDAY for those who would like to compete in Battle of the Books. Students will be given any missing books that they will need to finish reading over the Christmas holidays in order to be on the team. Starting in the new year, the teams will be meeting weekly. Stay tuned for details after Christmas!

Hockey Team

An email was sent to all parents of students in Grades 5-8 who are trying out for the hockey team with details about practices. Remember to bring your equipment to school on Wednesday.



Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

Enjoy the Spirit of the season in the moments that it finds you!

In and around Grade 5/6:

In **Bible studies**, we will continue to read the Christmas story as we prepare for our Christmas program. I have found significant reassurance in my faith as I read scripture and simply allow the Holy Spirit to guide my thoughts and reflections. I pray that this will occur as we as a class share in this story of Love, Hope, Peace and Joy.

For **math**, the students will be working in their math groups to accomplish some Christmas flavoured maths activities. These will be due as the price of admission to the Christmas Movie spectacular happening on Thursday, December 22. Check in with your student to ensure steady working habits to accomplish this in due time. I have sent home an extra Basic Fact sheet to help them solidify some of their basic facts. Use accordingly.

We will be **reading** up to chapter 8 within *From Anna* before the Christmas break. The students are responsible for chapter 7 & 8 over this time, with reading comprehension quizzes occurring this week.

The last sort of 2022 is in the **spelling** folder through G classroom. I look forward to witnessing more and more relative improvements within their day to day word use.

The **Classroom Cultural Christmas Market** (C.C.C.M) (This week, December 21st) should be a lot of fun! The students are creating and making their cultural crafts and delicacies in order to share their chosen cultures with others in our school.

We will use our **classroom economy** to assist in the finances of the market. Other LCS classes will visit the Market on Wednesday December 21. Each visiting student will be given **Chuck Bucks** depending on their grade level. The visitors will choose from the available treats and/or crafts, depending on their interest. It should be exciting to watch play out. I'd love to invite the community to come and join, but perhaps that would get a little too exciting! Thanks for your support from behind the scenes.

***On Monday we will use a Google Keep checklist to help them stay on top of these creations! ***

**** A special thank you to all who helped make the secret santa gift exchange a success on Friday. I hope that the joy of them opening their gifts helped share the Love of the season, and an opportunity to experience the gift of giving!****

The students will be sharing their cultural findings / reports with their **buddies** from Grade 1 & 2 on Wednesday morning. Grade 7/8 @ 11am, Grade 3 from 11:40-12ish, the Grade 4/5 after skating from 2:30-3ish.

Memory Work: *None this week*

Happy Holy Days!

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

This week we will be looking further at **Conduction, Convection, and Radiation**. Our Tuesday class time is pending the length of the afternoon Christmas program, so we will continue our study of these heat transfer processes following the Christmas break. On Thursday we will take some time to look at the **Science of Christmas**.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and the Lord's many blessings in 2023!

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

I am thankful for the effort and patience displayed by the grade 7/8 class as we have prepared for our Christmas concert and moved our schedule around to accommodate practices. I pray that you all have a holiday filled with wonder at the gift Jesus gave us so many years ago and that you and your family/friends will be able to gather together and enjoy some rest.

Thursday, our class is hoping to enjoy some time building relationships and enjoying each others company. In the afternoon we will share our Secret Santa gifts (Max. \$10 and should be something that shows thought and effort, not just a bag or two of candy, though candy can be used to top it off.) We will also enjoy some time of snacks and games. So if your child would like to bring a snack or game to share they may but do not have to.

Bible: We will be nearing the end of our unit on Paul. Because of the snow day and the ever changing schedule this past week we will not be having our test this week but sometime in January.

Writing: We will continue to work on printing and cursive skills this week. I have seen an improvement in work throughout the past week and hope to continue to see that improvement in work in all subject areas.

Guided Reading: We will work through the next section of "Refugee". **W.W.W.:** We do not have a unit this week.

Healthy Living: Students should be (and will be reminded to) bring their gym clothes home to be washed. We will be skating for our gym time this week and therefore the students do not need gym clothes at school this week.

Geography: We will continue to study the settlement patterns in the world and how they have changed.

French: Students will continue to work on their conversations this week. I hope to have them presented to the class on Thursday

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

We are done our fractions unit. Students should be getting their work signed and returned (some still have to have their unit 2 work signed). We are starting a very short unit on Geometry. Grade 7 will look at rectangular prisms, and Grade 8 will look at triangular prisms. Daily assignments will be provided. There will be no homework over the Christmas break!!