

Weekly Messenger

December 5, 2022

Now that our report cards and parent teacher conferences are over, we are on to our next thing- the Christmas program. Several years ago, we began a switch from hosting our big musical drama at Christmas and trying a Spring musical. In 2019, we did the Christmas program but, while we were in lockdown, we were unable to perform the Spring musical. Finally, now we are able to host another Christmas celebration and invite the whole community. This year, you will be treated to different presentations from each class. There will be singing, scripture recitation, drama, and DrumFit. We will also include a few songs for everyone to sing.

Once again, our program will have two performances on Tuesday, December 20, one at 1:00p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. The dress code for students will be their Sunday best. The two performances are to spread out the crowd and also to provide a daytime program for those who are coming from a distance or who would rather not drive at night.

We hope you will come and join us. Invite your relatives and invite your neighbour. Along with the songs the students will sing, there will also be opportunities for you to sing along. Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas is one of the unique differences that LCS offers relative to our sister schools in Listowel. What a gift to opening, joyfully, and communally celebrate God's gift of his son to us. What a gift to center it around scripture and song that honours God and gives him the glory for Christmas. We pray that our program will be the beginning of your focus on Christmas.

December Events

- 12 - Grade 8 day at LDSS
- 14 - Grade 8s help at the Salvation Army
- 20- LCS Christmas Concert 1pm & 7pm
- 21- Ice Skating in the afternoon
- 22- Last Day before Christmas
- 23- First Day of Christmas Break

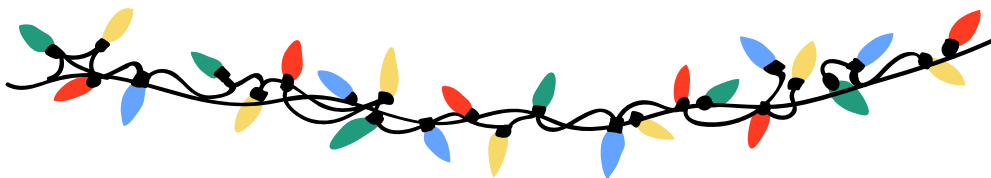


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January Events

- 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

I want to thank you for taking the time to come and meet with me on Thursday afternoon and evening. It was great to have a chance to connect with each of you about your student and how things are going so far this year.

Our **focus letter** this week is Jj. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for J and do some fun activities to help us recognize the sound J makes and what it looks like in its upper and lowercase forms.

In our workbooks, we will be tracing a square and printing the letters F and E.

This week, we will be creating some angel art to go with our **Bible story** about the Angel's visit. We will also learn about the birth of Baby Jesus.

In **math**, we will continue to learn about patterns. Tuesday will be pattern day! See if you can wear a pattern! We will also talk about action patterns.

In **health**, we will learn about responding to the feelings of other people.

Tuesday is library day, please remember to send in any outstanding books so students may take home new books.

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

Thank you for taking the time to attend parent/teacher conferences. It was a joy to speak to all of you and share the uniqueness and gift your child is in the SK class. This week, we will focus on the short vowel Ii sound, rhyming words, and punctuation at the end of a sentence. The students will be introduced to syllables by clapping how many parts to a word. We will have show and tell over the next two weeks, and students may bring anything that is related to Christmas such as an ornament, a Christmas symbol, or picture or a gift they received for a past Christmas.

Monday December 5: Faith and Kyla

Tuesday December 6: Charity and Ruby

Thursday December 8: Boston and Caleb

Friday December 9: Hailey and Emily

Monday December 12: Esmee/Danika/Melanie

Tuesday December 13: Bryer and Seth

Thursday December 15: Isaac and Blake

Friday December 16: Jazlyn and Delaney

In **math**, we will be reviewing shapes, exploring pattern blocks, and learn position words. In **Handwriting Without Tears**, students will review uppercase letters that begin in the middle and at the top such as C, O, Q and G.

In **Bible**, we will learn about the surprise for Mary and Joseph. We will be practicing for the Christmas program.

Throughout the days of December we will be making Christmas crafts. Hopefully your house will be beautifully decorated by the Christmas holiday. The Christmas program is Tuesday December 20th, 2022 at 1 pm and 7pm. Students should be dressed nicely. During the day this means shirts without sayings and no ripped jeans. In the evening, we wear our Sunday best, whatever that means for you. Please feel free to ask me any questions m,heida@listowelchristianschool.ca. Please invite grandparents, neighbors and friends. All are welcome to celebrate Christ's birth with us at LCS!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

It was wonderful to meet with parents last week. Thank you for taking the time.

Bible: This week, we begin learning about the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The angel Gabriel appeared to three different people at different times. Does your child remember how Zachariah, Mary, and Joseph responded to the angel's message? We are also working with Grade 4/5 on our Christmas program presentation.

In **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.

Language arts - Phonics focus: consonant digraphs (2 letters = one sound)

Spelling words for this Friday, December 9: ship, shop, shot, shed, shut, chat, chap, chin, chip, chop, whip, when. Practice by blending the sounds from left to right, one sound at a time and then say the whole word.

Chapter book read aloud: We finish up the 2nd Littles books and start a third.

Handwriting: Editing skills continue. We can edit our writing!

Creation studies: We are off to Sweden this week. In Sweden, Christmas lasts almost 2 months! We will enjoy baking Swedish cookies, craft a tomten, and learn about St. Lucia.

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

I enjoyed connecting with you, alongside Mrs. Koersen, at the parent teacher conferences last week. As I have told most of you, this will be my last week for this term as we are going to South Africa to visit family for Christmas and introduce our 2 year old daughter to her family for the first time. We are so thankful for the privilege and blessing to be with family back in South Africa for the first time in 4 years. I am also very grateful to Mrs. Koersen who is going to be supply teaching for me while we are away. May your homes be filled with peace, your lives with hope, and your hearts with faith as you celebrate Jesus's birth this Christmas! Merry Christmas to you or as we would say in Afrikaans "Geseënde Kersfees"!

This week, we start our journey around the world, looking at how Christmas is being celebrated by Christians in a few different countries. This week our focus is on Brazil, Mexico and Spain.

In **math**, we start working on measurement this week.

Handwriting: We practice using punctuation in our writing. We also learn correct habits for writing capital U and lowercase u and build fluency by practicing previously learned letters.

Writing: This week, we are writing letters and prayers to the children in the countries we are visiting.

Spelling & phonics: This week we work on closed syllables, consonants +le. Remember our spelling test next week Monday. Our spelling words for this week (and the test on December 12th) is:

Bottle, cattle, fiddle, giggle, little, puddle, rattle, saddle, wiggle.

Reading: This week we are reading all about Christmas traditions around the world.

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

LCS Fundraising Movie

Thursday January 5th at 2:00pm
Join us for a fun afternoon to watch "The Star" at the Norgan Theatre in Palmerston
Tickets are \$15.00 each and includes popcorn and pop
To claim your ticket, please contact Teresa Rastorfer at teresarastorfer@gmail.com or 519-272-4837

Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

Hello Grade Two Families!

This week in grade two we will start a new **read aloud** called The Best Worst Christmas Pageant ever. We will continue our memory work and practicing for the Christmas Program (watch for an email about more details). We will wrap up our **creation studies** unit on Our Communities at Home and at School. We will also continue our Bible unit on an overview of the Old Testament. In **French**, we will continue to work on *les chiffres* - numbers. I'm looking forward to seeing the students every day starting December 12 while Mrs. Grundlingh is away.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

It was a pleasure chatting with each of you last week. I am so thankful to have an amazing parent community that is willing to support us, as teachers, and work with us. Your children are beautiful creations from our Lord God. Thank you for sharing them with me.

Bible- We are learning about the Israelites and their journey in conquering the Promised Land. We are also continuing to memorize our Christmas program contribution of reciting Luke 2:1-20. Last week Thursday, most students received a copy of this passage. Over the weekend, my hope was that students would work on verses 3-7. Many did, so I will forge ahead by assigning verses 8-12 this week.

Math- Our class is really catching onto regrouping. It's exciting to see the light bulbs switch on. We will have a quiz at the end of this week.

Language- Our focus this week is on the short 'o' sound made with 'au', 'aw', and 'o'. Our spelling words for Thursday are: cross, cloth, toss, frost, fault, cause, pause, sauce, lawn, saw, hawk, claw

Creation studies- Our unit on Canadian symbols has come to an end and we are taking off into space today! I'm so excited to teach this unit.

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Memory Work - We are learning our poem for the Christmas concert as our memory work. Students will need to know the poem by NEXT Friday:

“Look at the candy cane and what do you see?
Stripes that are red like the blood shed for me.
White for my Saviour who is sinless and pure
“J” is for Jesus, my Lord, that’s for sure!
Turn it around and a staff you will see.
Jesus, my shepherd, was born for me.”

Creation Studies Quiz- We have finished our unit on Canada and will have our quiz on THURSDAY. Smartboard notes and dugongs will be sent home Wednesday night. Students will need to know landforms, waterways, regions in Canada, the location of provinces and territories and their flags.

Spelling - We will be forming our new spelling teams for term 2 and will begin our lists in class. Next week, lists will be put into the Weekly Messenger. They will be available on spellingcity.com as well.

I Know It - due FRIDAY - “Basic Multiplication 1-10”.

Multiplication Movie Celebration - We are continuing our multiplication movie celebration, where students can earn tickets, popcorn, candy and a drink for a movie on our final day of school before Christmas holidays. In order to earn these items, students will need to correctly answer multiplication questions up to the 12 times table. We will be studying multiplication tips and tricks in class, but students should also be practicing their times tables at home!

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

Unit: The Weather (La Meteo)

Last Thursday, students in Grades 4 and 5 were given an assessment to complete at home on the page provided: [using French of course] **recording 3 weather descriptors plus the temperature** each day as of today (Monday, December 5) **for 7 days** (concluding Sunday, December 11). A **small image/picture is also to be drawn** -- ideally in colour -- in the box provided to the left of the printed entries. This assignment is due next Tuesday, December 13. Secondly, **an in-class assessment will be given on Wednesday**. *An email was issued to parents on the morning of December 1st, outlining the same.*

Grade 6: While students were given pages to complete independently or together, focus and attention will be placed on writing complete sentences, whether given the words to unscramble or creating one's own, on the topic of weather. A **paper-form assessment will also be given this week [in-class]**.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

Hello, it was great to see you all on Thursday/Friday. It is refreshing to hear the stories from your end, the things that are working, the trials that you are experiencing, and to hear how we are all working to help the students witness, learn from, and build God's kingdom. Such blessings.

In **Bible**, we will be celebrating the feast of Purim with masks, noise makers snacks and a reread of a simplified version of Ester on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday will be our unit ending test. The remainder of the month of December we will be looking at the Christmas story and getting ready for our Christmas Cultural Market and our Christmas program.

This WILL be the week we will wrap up our Number Sense Unit in **math**. Wednesday is the day. Students will have their work books and a review quiz to help them study.

In **social studies**, the students have chosen their countries that they will be doing a "deep dive" into regarding the particular Christmas celebrations of that country. We will begin with the report. From their text, they will be looking at finding information, creating footnotes, and manipulating a google document. The expectation with this will be a two page double spaced report. Editing, peer-editing, and content will be the **writing** focus. This week, we will compare worldview and culture, and reflect on the culture that is left in our wake, whether that be with our peers, classroom, families, or communities. Secret Santa names went home, and the gifts should come in on FRIDAY December 16th. Our Cultural Christmas Market will be on Wednesday December 21. This is when your student will have to bring in their Christmas baking / crafts / songs etc... connected to their country. Joy was shared with His birth.

New groups have been created, the lists have been shared, and are accessible in their Google classroom spelling folder. For those looking to make steady progress with their groups and spelling abilities, regular practice at least once a week is vital to ensuring appropriate movement.

We will continue with our Novel "From Anne" this week. The students will be responsible for reading chapters 5&6. 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: Esther 4:14

Happy Sinterklaas!

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

This week, we will examine Heat Transfer and the Particle Theory as well as Changes of State [the Physical Changes involving Heat].

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Here we are starting another week! For those wondering and asking, our class code for Scholastic is RC177130 which allows your purchases to gain scholastic dollars for our class library and supplies as well as free shipping if your order is over \$40. The author of our Guided Reading novel that has many of the grade 7/8 students reading is Alan Gratz, and I am more than happy to recommend different titles from him if you would like. Books make great Christmas gifts!

Bible - We are beginning to study Paul and his journey in the New Testament this week.

Geography - Students should have finished and handed in their map of the World by tomorrow (December 6).

French - We are trying to answer questions using full sentences. As this is difficult for some students, encourage your child to just do their best and ask from there. It is a bit of a more difficult task to accomplish, but they can all do it!

Guided Reading - We are continuing to read Refugee by Alan Gratz.

Phys Ed. - We will finally be finishing up our volleyball tournament this week and look forward to starting a skipping unit next.

Art - Last week, students created their ornaments for on the Christmas tree at school. They can go home after the Christmas program on December 20.

W.W.W. - Unit 6 work and test due on Friday, December 9.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

This week we hope to finish up our unit on fractions. Daily assignments will be provided, and we will have our unit test next Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

Grade 8s to the Salvation Army

On Wednesday December 14, the Grade 8 students will go to help the Salvation Army sort and prepare toys for their Christmas support of those who need encouragement at this time. We will walk there after lunch and return in time for the buses.

Grade 8 Day at LDSS

On the weekend, Grade 8 parents were sent an email regarding the LDSS Grade 8 Day. If you register your son/daughter, let me know so we know who we need to bring to LDSS on Monday December 12.

Grade 5/6 &7/8 Christmas

We have started working on a combined Christmas program presentation. Because of the nature of the presentation, we would really like to know if there is anyone that is not able to be at our Christmas program on December 20 both in the afternoon and the evening. We are going to be assigning specific roles this week so the sooner you are able to let Mr. Siebenga or Mrs. Vogel know, the better. Thanks!