

# Weekly Messenger

January 8, 2024

First of all, thanks! Thank you to everyone who encouraged our staff before Christmas. Maybe you said some encouraging words, maybe gave a beautiful card, maybe a gift. All those words and gifts mean a lot to us as teachers who invest in your children. So, thanks for encouraging us. By the way, I am still eating chocolate, drinking Tim's coffees, and buying Fry Pies. The gifts last a long time!

I spent time over the last few weeks with our immediate family. Our three children each live in different provinces so it is a real gift to all be in one house. Four days of games, puzzles, laughter, eating, and enjoying the company of those we love. We value our family relationships.

We also spent time with our friends and church community. We grieved together at the funeral service of Joanne DeVries and yet we celebrated a life for God. We also celebrated Christmas. We worshiped together, visited, and encouraged each other. We value our friends and faith community.

The Christmas holidays were a wonderful gift! Now we begin a new year. Rested, refreshed, and ready to fulfill our purpose of "educating children while nurturing faith in Christ, to interpret and impact God's world". It is amazing how much I missed our school community and classroom community during the holidays. I value our school community.

Christian brothers and sisters, biological or spiritual, are a gift from God. On all these levels, I appreciate and celebrate these communities.

## January Events

10 - Pizza Day  
12 - School Skating  
19 - School Skating  
19 - Pizza & Milk Orders due  
26 - School Skating  
27 - LCS Information morning  
9am-noon



**Jan 9**  
Josiah M

**Jan 11**  
Hudson K

**Jan 13**  
Reuben D

**Jan 14**  
Wes D

## February Events

1 - Hockey Tournament  
16 - PD Day - No School  
19 - Family Day - No School

### Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda:

Happy New Year and welcome back!

For the month of January the JK class will be exploring a winter theme. This week we will be decorating mitten pictures, and making a snowstorm in a jar!

In **language** we will continue to practice rhyming, as well as isolating and blending sounds. We will have a new Mystery Letter this week as well.

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

We will also begin to build and trace our names each morning.

In **Bible** we will be shifting back into the Old Testament and will learn about Jonah. We have a new memory verse and song this month. Our 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". Our new song is "My God is so Big".

In **Math** we will review patterns this week before moving on to new lessons on size next week. Our new focus shape this month is the oval, our new focus colour is blue, and our focus number is 5.

Tuesday is **Library day**, please return any books you still have at home so students can take home their new choices.

This month I will begin to do some assessments in preparation for report cards that will be coming home in the near future.

### Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida:

Happy New Year!! Welcome to 2024!! Some students may be a little disappointed that they are still in SK because some students thought they were going to Grade 1 after Christmas break. Whatever they think, I look forward to welcoming them back to SK. I hope everyone had a wonderful break!

This week we will be learning the hard sound of the letter Cc in words such as castle, cat, cake, caterpillar. We will blend and segment words as well as review the words the, I, and, a, is, as..

In **Handwriting Without Tears** we will continue to learn lowercase letters. This week we will focus on the letter v and w which go between the lines.

In **math**, we will review what a pattern is and begin with making an action pattern such as up and down up and down. We would identify the pattern as an AB pattern because every action up would be A and every down action will be B. We are counting to 40 and working on printing numbers to 20.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Joseph and how he interacted with his brothers and how his brothers treated him. Our memory verse 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.

On Fridays throughout January we will go skating. This Friday afternoon I will be away. I am asking for some parents to come and help tie skates and help children on the ice with the skate assists. Please send skates, helmets and gloves to school in a separate bag for skating. Label everything with their name. We arrive at the arena around 1:40pm and get off the ice at 2:35pm.

The January calendar has been sent home.

If you have any questions, please contact me through email [m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca) or text me at 519-492-2981. Have a great week!

### Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

Happy New Year! I hope your family was able to enjoy the time off celebrating the birth of Jesus and the brand-new year we have been given.

**Bible:** Our Memory work for the month of January is Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Please practice this verse at home!

In our **Bible unit** we will be looking at King David and why he was so special to God.

**Language:** We will be starting our new unit of comparing texts. In our UFLI lessons we will be working with the voiced th sound.

**Math:** In math we are starting our new unit of Number Sense: counting to 100.

**French:** Our unit for the month of January will be learning about the family.

**Gym and Health:** In Gym this month we will be working on Receiving objects by catching and stopping objects that are moving. In health we will learn about our amazing body!

**Show and Tell** Friday January 12: Boston, Melanie, Caleb, Hailey, Emily, Ruby \* This month's theme is either something that reminds you of something new or an object that reminds you of winter.

**Extra clothes:** At the end of December we went through our extra clothes in our cubbies and sent home the more fall clothes (shorts and t-shirts). Please send a couple winter clothing items with your child (pants, sweater, socks and maybe an extra pair of mittens). Thanks!

**Skating:** Friday afternoon Grade One will be going skating again! Please label all belongings. We will not have much time between getting back to school and having a last snack to getting on the bus to go home. PLEASE send your child with a quick and simple snack. Examples: a pudding cup, bearpaw, granola bar, fruit gummies. Something your child can eat quickly and easy. Also, if you are available to come to the arena and help tie skates it would be very much appreciated.

## Announcements

### Upcoming Pizza Day

Wed. Jan 10th - New Orleans

Wed. Jan 24th - Dominos

### Pizza & Milk Order Forms

Pizza & Milk order forms are coming home today in Kidmail. Please return the form no later than **January 19th.**



### School Skating

Hockey Practice from noon-1pm

Grade 4 - 8 will skate from 1-2pm

SK - Grade 3 will skate from 2-3pm

**A REMINDER** - everyone on the ice **MUST** wear a helmet.

## Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh:

I hope you had a lovely Christmas Holiday and enjoyed the time with your families! May 2024 be a blessed year for you and your family. This is one of my favourite verses in the Bible and this is also my prayer for you and your family in 2024. "May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace."

Here is our work for the week:

**Math - Number sense:** This week we focus on word problems.

**Phonics, spelling and reading:** This week we are focusing on the graphemes ee, ea and ey as well as the graphemes oa, ow and oe. Please see the homework practice sheet going home today to help the students practice these phonic skills. On Fridays Mrs. Kuipers will be assessing the two new phonics skills and heart words that they have learned and practiced in class and at home for that particular week.

**Creation studies - Social science:** We continue our unit on our local community and this week we focus on "All are different, all are precious". Please remember to work on the assignments. The date they need to be returned is on January 16th.

**Bible:** We start a new unit on "Jesus's ministries"

**Library:** We have library tomorrow. Please encourage them to develop the habit of bringing their books to school every Tuesday, even if they would just like to renew it.

## Grade 2- Mrs. Kuipers:

Welcome back! I am so excited to start off our 2024 year together. As we get back into the routine of things and look ahead to a new year, we also look back at the incredible blessings that 2023 brought.

### **Notable Information for the week**

**Friday Skating-** We have skating at the end of the day, so please send a small snack that can be quickly grabbed from our packed bags and eaten as we walk to the bus to go home. Remember skates, gloves, and helmets.

**Science-** We will be wrapping up our current unit and will have a test next week. Look for a review that will come home at the end of this week.

### **\*\*\* This Friday we will be going on our class trip to St. Jacobs to see Peter Pan: The Panto.\*\*\***

We will be leaving the school after we take attendance. We ask that students DO NOT bring a backpack along, only lunch pails. It is advised that students bring food along that is easy to eat on the go. PLEASE AVOID YOGURT, APPLESAUCE, etc. Students will be eating in vehicles on the way to and from the theatre, as well as, a quick snack at the theatre. Please keep this in mind when packing lunches. Please also ensure that your child is dressed nicely for the occasion. However, I would avoid dresses for the girls since we will be skating right after we get back from the show. So, the only things the students will need to bring to school that day is their lunch pail and their skating bag (skates, helmet, mitts, snow pants). It is yet to be determined whether we are driving straight to the arena from the theatre or if we will have time to stop at school first. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

## Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

I am so happy to be back! I have missed your little people a lot. I did, however, have a very nice time with family and friends over the holidays. Now it's back to my happy place with my students.

**Math:** We will be focusing on learning new strategies to use for mental math.

**Language:** The red group will continue working on syllables and how they help us with spelling. The green and blue groups were reassessed before the break and things have changed for them. New groups are being formed and their focuses will change.

**Creation Studies:** We are finishing off our unit on pioneers. I will finish reading the book, They Called Us Loyalists, and we will work on review before our test next week.

**Bible:** We are continuing our unit about life after The Fall.

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## Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

**Memory Work** - due FRIDAY - Psalm 103:1 - "Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being praise his holy name."

**I Know It** - "Basic Division (1-10)" - due FRIDAY. To get online to find the assignment, go to [iknowit.com](http://iknowit.com) and sign in as a student. The username is their first and last name (no spaces, no capitals) and the class code and password is lcs12345.

**Spelling** - We have new spelling teams! The Spelling Trio, Tigers, and Minions! Dictation will be NEXT Friday. Students should know what team they are on. The teams are listed below and are also on [spellingcity.com/tdelleman](http://spellingcity.com/tdelleman) if students would like to practice their words online. Students will need to know all their spelling words, but only 10 are chosen for dictation.

**Spelling Trio** - space, rain, black, mane, tale, brain, paint, place, rash, blame, train, main, faint, want, chain, flag, tail, said, frame, flash

**Spelling Tigers** - grab, star, frog, fork, scar, corn, crop, track, barn, cord, war, trot, scarf, charm, trap, cram, horn, cork, dart, craft, mark, short, prop, brag

**Spelling Minions** - catcher, picture, measure, figure, butcher, failure, moisture, rancher, capture, future, nature, treasure, teacher, mixture, senior, pleasure, creature, culture, stretcher, leisure, pitcher, injure, torture, posture

## Grade 5/6- Mrs. O'Boyle

**Greetings** - Hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks again for your many generous gifts and notes of encouragement. I am blessed! Looking forward to being back with your children again this week!

**Bible** - We will review our unit on "Later Judean Ministry" and wrap up our learning on this topic.

**Language** - We will continue to look at articles and pronouns in grammar. In writing we will work on elaborating our ideas and details. We will continue to look at cause and effect and then will move on to comparing and contrasting in reading. We will be working on fluency and expression with choral reading of five minute mysteries this week, where we will also work on our deductive reasoning and inferencing skills. Our words of the week are: fastidious, lunge, array and promotion.

**Spelling** - Watch for nightly spelling practice methods coming home in your child's agenda. We will have our next spelling test on Jan. 19th.

**Social Studies** - We will look at the seigneurial system and the daily life of New France. We will focus on how strong relationships are crucial to the health of any culture.

**Science** - We will continue to explore and review body systems.

**Art** - We will be looking at texture.

**Health** - We will conclude our unit on Substance Use, Addictions, and Related Behaviours.

**Cursive Snack** - Hh - Bronwyn - Jan. 9th; Ii - Hudson - Jan. 16th

**Skating** - Just a reminder that all students need a helmet, skates, and gloves to be able to participate in skating on Friday. Feel free to join us.

**New Schedule** - A new schedule will be posted in our class Facebook group and students will also receive a new copy for school by the end of the week.

## Grades 4/5/6 French (Madame Van Kampen):

Bonne Année!! In light of the two --nearly three -- weeks associated with the Christmas 'break', we will initially spend time reviewing some of the 'basics' of our recent French focus: dates, seasons, numbers, greetings/farewells, etc. and tie in some conversational readings.

### **Grade 5/6- Mr. Boelens**

**Math:** I will finish off the current units with the class before I hand it over to Ms. Van Kampen. Grade 6 will review their Data Management unit on Monday and have their unit test on Thursday. Grade 5 will work through their Number sense, a collection of lessons, assignments and quizzes.

### **Grade 7/8 Science (Ms. Van Kampen):**

As we continue our unit on "Cells", we will return to the topics of Diffusion & Osmosis and then turn our attention to The Microscope, its parts and their respective functions, its use & care, and finally slide preparation and viewing.

### **Grade 7/8- Mr. Boelens**

**Math:** Grade 7 will finish off their Geometry unit. Their end of unit review will be due on Wednesday. We will also have a test on Wednesday. Our next unit is Data Management, which will begin on Friday.

### **Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel**

Welcome back everyone! I am happy to be back with the class and back into routine. With that said, there is a new schedule out for grade 7/8. As I am taking on some grade 5/6 teaching, the schedule needed some rearranging. I sent an email with the schedule attached over the weekend and I also gave one to each student today. If you have any questions, please ask.

In many subjects we are starting new units so there will be a more detailed Weekly Messenger writeup next week.

**Bible:** New Unit.

**Writing:** New Unit.

**Guided Reading:** Finishing chapters 13-17 this week.

**W.W.W.:** New Unit.

**Geography:** With the ending of our history unit right before the break, we now get to embark on a new geography unit.

**Healthy Living:** New Unit.

**Music:** Great job at the concert! I have heard so many great things about the performances of the band and the musical. We are excited to keep learning and to be getting ready for new performance opportunities over the next term and a half.

**French:** We will continue with our unit focusing on hockey. This will likely take about 2 weeks to finish.

**Art:** New project coming this week.