

From the Principal's Desk...

Celebrating Faithful Generations: Grandparents Day at Listowel Christian School

Grandparents Day is always one of the most cherished events at Listowel Christian School, and this year's celebration was overflowing with joy, gratitude, and meaningful connection. It's a day that reminds us how truly blessed we are to be part of a community shaped by faithful generations.

From the moment our special guests arrived, there was a buzz of excitement in the air. Students were beaming with pride as they introduced their beloved grandparents—grandma and grandpa, oma and opa, pake and beppe, nana and poppa... and the list goes on! It was beautiful to see the many names for grandparents that reflect the diversity and heritage of our families, all united in love and purpose.

A highlight of the day was the opportunity for grandparents to visit classrooms and see firsthand what learning looks like at LCS. In the lobby, guests engaged with our Throughline Centers—interactive displays that showcase the Biblical throughlines woven into our curriculum, such as being God-worshippers, community-builders, and justice-seekers. These hands-on stations sparked great conversations and allowed grandparents to witness how faith is lived out in every corner of our school.

Before watching the musical, students gathered with their grandparents to enjoy lunch together. This shared meal provided a relaxed setting for generations to connect. We also saw a few grandparents catching up with old friends.

The day continued with the musical performance of Jonah's Druthers. With toe-tapping songs and heartfelt storytelling, the students brought this creative retelling of a "whale of a tale" of Jonah's story to life with energy and joy. The performance was a clear reflection of the talent and teamwork of our students and staff—and left many grandparents smiling from ear to ear.

We extend a heartfelt thank-you to the ladies who prepared and served the delicious treats and warm coffee. Your kindness and hospitality helped make the day feel even more special and welcoming.

To all the grandparents who joined us: thank you for blessing our school with your presence, your prayers, and your love. You are a living testament to God's faithfulness across generations, and we are grateful for the legacy you continue to build in the lives of our students.

Calendar of Events

May

- 14 - Hot Dog Day
- 15 - Huron Christian High Info Night
7:30- 9:00pm
- 19 - Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL
- 22 - Harriston Meat Packers
Fundraising Delivery
- 22 - Grade 2 & 3 Trip to Safety Village
- 23 - Track & Field Day - Dominos Pizza Day
- 27 - Final Milk Day
- 28 - Kindergarten Practice morning
9:30 am - 11:30 am
- 28 - Hot Dog Day
- 29 - Community of Character Run
- 30 - Tuition Commitment Forms due

June

- 2 - Effective Giving Seminar - 7:30 pm
- 3 - Baseball Tournament - Kitchener
(June 5th Rain Date)
- 5 - Pastors Breakfast - 8:45am
- 5 - Theme Chapel - *Image Reflecting* 9:30am
- 6 - PA Day - No School
- 7 - LCS Golf Tournament - Pike Lake 1pm
- 11 - District Track & Field Day - Brantford
- 16 - Kindergarten Graduation
- 18 - Grade Eight Graduation
- 20 - Last Day of School - early dismissal -
buses depart at 2pm

Tuition Commitment Forms

Tuition Commitment forms will be sent home today.

Please complete these and ensure they are returned to the office no later than **June 13th**. If you have any questions, please reach out to the *Treasurer* at treasurer@listowelchristianschool.ca.

A reminder that the \$500, non-refundable, re-enrolment deposit is due immediately if you have not already made this payment. This deposit will be applied to your 2025-2026 Tuition and reserves your child's spot for the upcoming school year.

Congratulations to all of the choir members and soloists for their performances of the songs in Jonah's Druthers.

You sounded wonderful and it was great to hear the scriptural truths being sung!

Thank you for sharing your gifts with our community.

To God be the glory!

Mrs. Wright

May Theme

VERSE



You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.
~ Deuteronomy 5:7-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer & Thanksgiving

Please keep the following items in your prayers over the next week

- Praise and thanksgiving for a wonderful Christian Education week - our Celebration of Learning, Musical and Grandparents Day!
- Continued prayers for those struggling with illness

Listowel Christian School Effective Giving Seminar

Got an Idea of How You'd Like to Leave Your Mark? Many of us sense that God is calling us to help shape the world to His glory – even after we have passed away. But what is the most effective way to do this in our specific situation? Learn about ways you can make a positive difference through the charities you love.

Give Generously AND Effectively: Your Will can – and should – first make provision for your loved ones. But many of us are in a position to do much more than this, and if we consider how to most effectively give to charities, we might be surprised at what is possible. How would you like to help shape God's world through gifts left in your Will?

Join us for a one-hour "Effective Giving Seminar" at 7:30pm at Listowel Christian School on Monday, June 2nd

Email boardsecretary@listowelchristianschool.ca to confirm your attendance.

BONUS: A Delicious Desserts Social!

Huron-Perth Christian High

You may or may not have heard some rumblings in the community about the new Edvance-affiliated Huron-Perth Christian High in Mitchell – we're excited to tell you that it's true! We're getting ready for a September 2026 launch and we are pleased to invite you to an information/brainstorming session. These sessions are open to all supporters of Christian education. Whether your children are already in high school, are starting high school soon or are starting in a few years or whether it's your grandchildren that will be blessed by this, all are invited to share their input.

We will be holding three Open Houses at area Christian elementary schools where we will invite your feedback on the Mission/Values/Goal Statement and where we will have a small group discussion to gather your ideas and suggestions. No RSVP required. The Open House dates and locations are:

Huron Christian School – Wed May 7 7:30-9
Stratford Christian School – Thurs May 8 7:30-9
Listowel Christian School – Thurs May 15 7:30-9

If you have any questions in advance, feel free to call Chris Huizinga at 519-955-2513, Jeff Bylsma at 519-525-5815, or Becky Bosma at 519-525-5096 or e-mail hpchristianhigh@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you there!

SPORTS NEWS

Baseball

The teams have been posted!
There will be a practice after school for both teams on **Tuesday until 4:30pm.**
Please let the office know your child has permission to stay after school.

Track & Field

We are excited to announce that track and field will be held at **Listowel District High School.**

Our scheduled day is **May 23** but we may need to adjust based on a rain date so please be aware that we have also reserved the track for **May 26 or 27.**
We will be sending out a sign up sheet later this week.

Listowel Christian School

Dinner & Golf - \$140
Golf only - \$90
Dinner only - \$60

Shotgun Start at 1pm
Dinner at 4:30pm

Email fundraising@listowelchristianschool.ca to register

Saturday, June 7th

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Pike Lake Golf Club

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STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will welcome Courtney Neil who will be teaching Grade Five/Six in the fall. Courtney has been homeschooling her own children for the last few years but previous to that taught high school math. She loves math...and even had the interviewing committee do some math exercises in her interview. She has her honours degree in math and her Bachelor of Education from Nipissing University and is OCT certified. Courtney and her husband and three children attend Brockton Community Church in Walkerton, Ontario.

Caleb VanderWal (no relation) is a recent graduate of Redeemer University's teaching program and has been hired to teach Grade 7 and a number of PE classes. He majored in physical education and minored in geography and will be OCT qualified. He played on the Redeemer soccer and hockey teams and has also coached a number of sports. His mother is also a teacher at Halton Hills Christian School.

He wrote in his application: I hope my classroom will allow each student to use the gifts that God has given them to thrive in learning to use their minds and bodies to honour Him.

As the school year comes to a close, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Lorissa and David Tenorio for their wonderful contributions to our school community. Lorissa has poured her energy, creativity, and care into our Grade 5 classroom, while David has shared his gifts across multiple grades—supporting students with flexibility, warmth, and skill.

We're also thrilled to share in their joy as they prepare for an exciting new chapter: welcoming a baby this fall! As they plan their move to the Kitchener area, we celebrate their time with us and send them off with love and best wishes for this beautiful next adventure.

We also want to express our deep appreciation to Margherita Bierling for her outstanding work in Student Support Services. Her calm, steady presence has been a true blessing in our halls. With grace and expertise, she has helped grow and strengthen our program, providing essential support for students and staff alike. Her dedication has made a lasting impact on our school, and we are so thankful for all she's done.

It is with both joy and sadness that we say farewell to Ms. Anita Wright as she begins a new chapter teaching Grade 1 at Laurentian Hills. Anita has been an inspiring and passionate music teacher, whose energy and creativity filled our halls with song and rhythm. From leading memorable musical productions to nurturing voices in the choir, guiding students through DrumFit, and offering countless hours of support through private lessons, Anita's impact has been both wide and deeply felt.

We are grateful that the rest of the staff is returning next year but some teacher assignments will be changing in the fall. Stay tuned for more information.



Ga-Ga Pit

You may notice a new item on our playground!

The grade eights have been raising funds through hot dog lunches to build a gaga pit. Because we had a donation of wood from Bostech Mechanical and Arnold Bosman we were able to move this project forward.

The pit is a gift from the grade eights to the school for graduation.

We are deeply grateful to Bostech for supplying the wood and to Will VanderMeer and Cody Schinkel for working with the students to build the structure.



Classroom News

JR Kindergarten

Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

What a busy but wonderful week we had last week. It was fun to show the things we have been learning to parents and grandparents. This week we will have a much quieter week in JK!

Tuesday will be **Orange Day** and students may wear something **orange** to school. **Next Tuesday** will be **Yellow Day**!

We will continue to practice our rhyming skills by generating words that rhyme with a given set of words, we will listen for beginning sounds and find other words that begin with the same sound, and we will continue to practice letter names and sounds when shown a letter card.

We will be reviewing how to print the upper and lowercase letters **Ee**, **Ff** and **Gg** using printing worksheets.

In **Bible** we will read about Paul and some of the things that happened to him on his journeys to tell others about Jesus.

In **Math** we will be reviewing some key concepts and printing numbers.

In **Health** we will begin a new unit "*Taking Care of My Body*", with a first lesson about choosing to be healthy by making healthy choices.

Tuesday is library day, please return any outstanding library books so students can bring home their new selection.

Have a great week!

Senior Kindergarten

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

What a fantastic week celebrating Christian Education! It was a pleasure to see all the parents and grandparents or grand friends. Congratulations to JK and SK on singing their best!

This week we will focus on the letter "**Rr**" sound at the beginning of a word as in the word red or rainbow. We will continue to practice the sounds of the letters that we have learned and blend them together to read words. For learning centers this week we will complete a roll and read and a roll and trace, we will listen for ending sounds and vowel sounds in the middle of a three letter word.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will learn how to print "**diver**" lowercase letter "**m**". We will work on printing words on a line and a sentence remembering to leave spaces between words and add punctuation.

In **Bible**, we will learn about the miracle of Jesus curing a leper and healing a man born blind. This week we will receive a secret mission for the throughline Idolatry Discerning. We will receive it on Monday and then I will send home some more details.

For **math**, we continue to add to **10** using pictures and objects. We are counting to **90** and counting backwards from **20**. We continue to practice printing numbers to **10** without backwards numbers. It is important to print numbers from the top and work your way down. It is the same when printing letters.

This week we will learn about the lifecycle of a butterfly and the difference between a butterfly and a moth.

Scholastic orders have been sent home Please order by Thursday May 22, 2025.

There is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday May 19, 2025 as it is Victoria Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

Classroom News

Grade 1

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

I hope all the mothers felt loved and special this weekend. Thanks for all you do!

Math: This week in math we will look at patterns in addition as well as using pairs adding up to **20**.

Language: In our UFLI program this week we will be working on words that end in "**y**" but say "**e**" as well as words that end in "**le**".

Heart words: forty, people

Science: We will be looking at food for energy as well as the energy chain that starts with the sun, goes into plants and then into animals.

Bible: This week we will look at David at Saul's court. Saul was jealous of David and tried to kill him, but God was with David and protected him.

Wednesday: Library

Friday Show and Tell: For the month of May our show and tell theme is *something special your mom owned as a child or something very colourful*.

Friday May 16: Cameron, Josiah, Roman, Wesley



Jonah's Druthers - Choir



Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

I hope you all enjoyed all the wonderful events at LCS last week. What a blessing to be able to share our faith and serve God at our school.

Math - Number sense: We are still working on using doubles to add.

Phonics, spelling and reading: This week we will look at words starting with **pre-**, **re-** and **dis-**.

Social studies: We will be looking at life in Yukon and Nova Scotia.

Bible: We continue our unit on the Miracles of Jesus. Our Bible verse for May is **"You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below."** Deuteronomy 5:7-8

Health: In health we will be working on our Zones of Regulation.

Library: We have library day tomorrow. Please remember to send their library books back in their Ziplock bag to keep our library books from getting wet.

Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Kuipers:

~ This information will be emailed out to you ~



Grade 2 - Mother's Day Tea



Classroom News

Grade 3

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

What an amazing God we serve. Last week was such a great week. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents and grandfriends on Thursday. We all value Christian education very much and it was a gift to show it to our extended community.

Bible: Our unit on Moses starts today.

Math: We are finishing up our unit on multiplication and division.

Language: We will be watching the movie, "*Charlotte's Web*" based on the book we just finished reading. We will also be choosing a project to do on the book.

Science: We finally started our unit on structures.

Health: Our mental health unit took a break last week, but I intend on continuing this week.

Gym: We are practicing for Track and Field.

Grade 4

Grade 4 - Mrs. Delleman:

I Know It - "Interpreting Bar Graphs" - due FRIDAY. Student's username is their first and last name (no spaces, no capitals) and the class code and password is lcs12345.

Memory Work - Deuteronomy 5:7-8 - "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below." - due May 30

Spelling - The final spelling teams and their lists are below and also on 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. Dictation will be May 30.

- **Golden Pencils** - her, heard, hear, deer, perch, earth, fear, peer, here, steer, spear, herd, fern, germ, search, learn, near, clear, dear, there, clerk, cheer, year
- **Super Spellers** - setting, hiking, reading, floating, cutting, moving, stopping, living, spelling, coming, begging, growling, grinning, having, cheering, jogging, sharing, talking, pushing, humming, working, fixing, going, snowing
- **Three Girls and Those Guys** - collect, collection, express, expression, protect, discuss, protection, subtraction, select, impression, connect, oppress, selection, possess, subtract, confession, connection, confess, oppression, impress, possession, discussion

Grade 4 - Music- Mrs. Wright:

Please ensure all recorders are brought back to school tomorrow as we resume our study of the recorder. When you are not playing them, keep them in your backpack! Remember to practice at home for 15 minutes at least twice a week.

Musicplay online information

Access play-along tracks and sheet music

Go to musicplayonline.com

Login as a student

Enter the code: m414176

Classroom News

Grade 5

Grade 5 - Mrs. Tenorio:

It was a pleasure to witness different talents last week at our Celebration of Learning and the Musical! It was also a pleasure to meet grandparents and raise funds for EduDeo!

Bible - We have a Bible test today on Jesus' ministry and are starting a new unit on Jesus' Parables this week! The next memory work is due on **May 16** and is from **Deuteronomy 5:7-8**.

Memory Work: "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below." Deuteronomy 5:7-8.

Language - We received letters from our pen pals in Mexico, and will be working on responses to them this week. For spelling, we are working on a new sort and will have a spelling test next week Tuesday. Additionally, please remember to bring your plastic bag for your library books to protect them from any potential damage, as we've had issues with leaking water bottles. Library day is on Wednesday!

Creation Studies - We are continuing to learn about Human Health and Body Systems and will be learning about the musculoskeletal and digestive systems this week! We continue to marvel at our amazing and intelligent Creator as we study the human body.

We will have an auction this Friday.

In addition, we are watching our plants grow to be able to (hopefully) transfer them and plant them in the front of the school in a few weeks! We will be receiving and completing our new mission of Idolatry discerning this week.

Grade 5 - Math - Mr. Tenorio:

We will continue exploring patterns and geometry. This week, we'll learn how to graph information and interpret data from various types of graphs.

Grade 5 - Music- Mrs. Wright:

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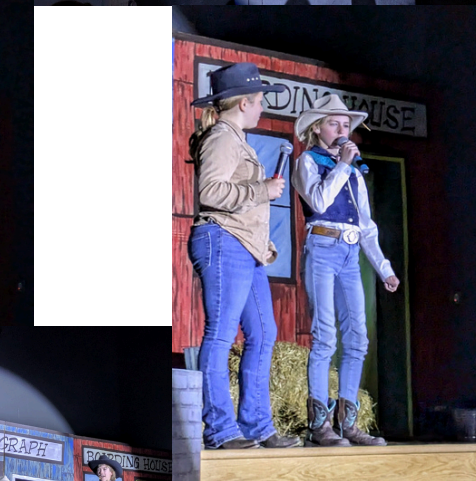
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Jonah's Druthers



Classroom News

Grade 6 & 7

Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Weekly Highlights:

Here are some of the highlights from last week...

1. **EduDeo Chapel & Christian Education Week Kickoff** - Students reflected on the global impact of Christian education during a special chapel with EduDeo, celebrating how their learning is part of God's bigger story.
2. **Creative Expression through Simile Poetry** - Students explored vivid language by writing original simile poems, using comparisons like "thunder like a giant slamming a door" to express powerful imagery.
3. **Launching a School Composting Initiative** - Grade 6/7 leaders conducted a school waste audit and began planning a student-led composting system, taking action to care for creation through stewardship and innovation.
4. **Celebration of Learning & Spring Musical** - We hope you enjoyed a meaningful evening as students showcased their art, writing, and dramatic performances, and were able to celebrate the growth and creativity developed over the year for each of your children.
5. **Christian Education Week Carnival** - The week ended with joy and generosity as students participated in a school-wide carnival, raising funds for EduDeo while building community and having fun.

Language - In reading, we will work on expressive reading and begin vocal recordings of children's stories. We will also finish viewing of the movie adaptation of the *Chronicles of Narnia* story. In writing, we will begin to work on expository writing. In grammar, we are learning how to become stronger writers by using correct capitalization, advanced punctuation (like colons, semicolons, parentheses, and hyphens), and editing strategies to revise our work for grammar accuracy. Watch for spelling activities coming home this week in your child's agenda.

Spelling Test - May 26th

The Bills - Sort 37 - hawk, fault, vault, saw, cross, pause, cloth, dawn, law, cause, sauce, draw, frost, shawl, caught, crawl, straw, taught, laugh, paws, haul, lawn, claw, song

Grimace Spellers - Sort 25 - saucer, author, August, autumn, laundry, caution, faucet, sausage, auction, haunted, awful, awkward, lawyer, awesome, walnut, gawking, flawless, also, always, alter, although, salty, laughed, allow

The Goats - Sort 55 - waterfall, watermelon, watertight, waterproof, overnight, overlook, sleepover, overgrown, overweight, undercover, pullover, paperback, paperwork, notepaper, newspaper, sunset, sunflower, sunshine, sunglasses, sunblock, underground, underpass, undershirt, dishwasher

The Doorknobz - Sort 60 - beret, bouquet, bracelet, buffet, etiquette, turret, banquet, couplet, sonnet, barrette, cassette, ballet, faucet, Brunette, vignette, silhouette, crochet, chalet, goblet, omelette, prophet, gourmet, croquet, sachet

Grade 6 & 7

Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Bible - We will use this week to work extensively on the two missions we are currently working on: Earth Keeping and Idolatry discerning.

Memory Work - You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. Deuteronomy 5:7-8

Science - This week in science we will continue to work on designing a board game that showcases key concepts from our Electricity unit. Final projects will be due: **May 15th**.

Health - We will continue our unit on *Personal Safety and Injury Prevention*. We will look at conflict resolution, communication skills and assertiveness this week.

Art - In art, we will continue to work on balance through print making.

There will be a sketch due on **Thursday**.

Art quiz on material covered on the May sketch prompt pages will be on **May 29th**.

Library - We will have library every week on Wednesdays. Please remind your child to pack their books.

Grade 6 & 7 - Mr. Tenorio:

We will begin our unit on algebra, focusing on foundational concepts. Students will learn how to read and translate equations into written form and understand their meaning.

Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. Vogel:

~ This information will be emailed to you ~

Classroom News

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

~ This information will be emailed to you ~

Grade 7 & 8 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Health - We will continue our unit on *Personal Safety and Injury Prevention*. We will talk about potential risks of some cosmetic procedures. We will also talk about dangerous situations and violence.

Art - In art, we will continue working on balance through our collaborative printmaking project.

There will be a sketch due on **Thursday**.

Art quiz on material covered on the May sketch prompt pages will be on **May 29th**.

Grade 7 & 8 - Mr. Tenorio:

Math: We will be working with variables, practicing addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division involving algebraic expressions.

Science: Students will present their projects to the class. We are also beginning a new group presentation focused on invasive species.

Bible: We are learning about the core beliefs of the Christian faith and how to defend them. We will also begin a new unit on the early church in the New Testament.



4e Niveau: Madame Van Kampen:

* Unit: *Les Parties du Corps* (The Parts of the Body). → Plans: *ASSESSMENT on the body parts. Study page to be sent home. * *les sentiments* (=feelings) and creating detailed drawn facial expressions. * connecting exaggerated body part(s) to an animated/cartoon character. * *Trouve le mot intrus*: finding the word that doesn't belong in a given group.

5e Niveau: Madame Van Kampen:

* Unit: *Les Parties du Corps* (The Parts of the Body). → Plans: *ASSESSMENT on the body parts. Study page to be sent home. **les sentiments*: matching 12 facial expressions and feelings. *connecting exaggerated body part(s) to an animated/cartoon character. * *Trouve le mot intrus*: finding the word that doesn't belong in a given group. * *Les Analogies* of body parts to functions.

6e/7e Niveaux: Madame Van Kampen:

* Unit: *Les Passe-Temps, Loisirs, et Métiers* (Hobbies, Leisure Activities, and Occupations). →Plans: * *Quand et Avec Qui?* (=When? And With Whom?) exercise involving reading of two short passages and answering questions. * irregular verbs *POUVOIR* (=to be able/can) and *VOULOIR* (=to want) and their respective conjugations. * Listening & comprehension assessment on the short passage "Mes Passe-Temps" with completion of the accompanying *Vrai/Faux* (=True/False) exercise.

7e/8e Niveaux: Madame Van Kampen:

* Unit: *Les Passe-Temps, Loisirs, et Métiers* (Hobbies, Leisure Activities, and Occupations). →Plans: * "Je te Présente": writing a paragraph about a famous French professional (i.e. Pierre Édouard Bellemar, Marion Cotillarde, or MHD (Mohamed Sylla)). * *Les professions et nos préférences*.



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