

## From the Principal's Desk...

This week marks the completion of our first month of school! What a full and vibrant month it has been, learning new routines, meeting new teachers and classmates, gathering for chapels, engaging in soccer practices and a tournament, beginning cross country, participating in MAP testing, watching caterpillars transform into butterflies, displaying beautiful artwork in our hallways, enjoying reading buddies, hearing band instruments come to life, singing theme songs with actions, and having conversations in French. Along the way, countless memories have already been made.

Yet woven through every one of these moments is the constant thread of God's Word. Each teacher is intentionally guiding students to view these experiences through the lens of faith. A quote I recently came across captures this so well: *"Education without God is like a ship without a compass."* At Listowel Christian School, our mission is clear—we strive to provide a Christ-centered education where students are encouraged to see God's handiwork in all things, whether in science, Bible, or on the sports field. There is no separation between faith and learning; Christ is at the center of it all.

When we do begin to drift off course, God's Word and His promises are the compass that steers us back. And this is only the first month! How exciting it is to anticipate the next nine months of learning, growing, and walking together in faith. What new wonders will God show us? How will we be shaped as a school community? By keeping God's Word as our foundation and guide, I am confident that He will continue to bless us with a school year rooted in faith and flourishing in His grace.

## Calendar of Events

### September

30 - First milk day

### October

- 1 - Hot Dog day
- 2 - Cross Country Meet - Cambridge
- 3 - Theme Chapel - God Worshippers - **9:15am**
- 8 - Grade 7 Immunization Clinic
- 8 - Pizza Day - New Orleans
- 9 - Cross Country Meet - Drayton
- 10 - Thanksgiving Chapel - **9:15 am**
- 10 - Thanksgiving Lunch  
- more details to follow
- 13 - Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL
- 15 - Hot Dog Day
- 17 - Spirit Day - Wear One **Colour**
- 22 - Pizza Day - Dominos
- 29 - Hot Dog Day
- 30 - Edvance Teachers Convention - NO SCHOOL
- 31 - Edvance Teachers Convention - NO SCHOOL

We are looking for **9** medium to large sized pumpkins for an activity during the Thanksgiving Chapel.

If there is someone who is able to donate those, please reach out to the office.

Thank you!

### Volunteer Driver forms

Please complete your Volunteer Driver forms and return them to the office. We have several upcoming events that will require parent drivers.

If you require a new copy of the form, please let the office know.



Rooted in Love  
*Growing in Community*



September  
Community Builder

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.  
~ Colossians 2:6-7 ~

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

shout outs to...

Olivia B  
Sept 28

Blake L  
Oct 2

Aria F  
Sept 29

Wesley M  
Oct 4

Raella R  
Oct 4

Listowel  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

LAST WEEK  
TO ORDER

### LCS Promotional Clothing

LCS Promotional clothing is available now through Creative Casuals. Order online at [www.creativecasuals.com](http://www.creativecasuals.com)

Hover over the *Custom Clothing Programs*, select Listowel Christian School and the log in information will be listed on that page.

You can place your orders until **October 6<sup>th</sup>** and all orders will be completed once the program closes.

If you have any questions, please let the office know.

## Prayer & Thanksgiving

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

- praying for Alana Siebring as she had surgery on her ankle last week.
- praying for a bountiful harvest season for all of the farmers.
- continued prayers for those struggling with colds and other respiratory illnesses.



Every item donated helps families in our communities. Proudly organized by the Tri-County Team (Montgomery, Newry & Elliott Listowel).

Charities benefiting: North Huron Food Share | Salvation Army Listowel | It Takes A Village (Listowel) | Walkerton Food Bank | Kincardine Food Bank

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MONTGOMERY  
COACH LINES

Elliott  
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### Drop Off Locations:

Walmart & Food Basics  
Zehrs, Atwood Community Centre, Palmerston Foodland, Lucknow Dollarstore, Wingham Foodland, Wingham Valu-Mart, Blyth Food Market, Brussels Foodland, Ripley Arena, Hanover Food Basics, Kincardine Sobey's, Walkerton Foodland, Clinton & Marcy St (Teeswater)

## Sports Corner

### Cross Country

This week ALL grades (3-8) will practice TUESDAY at SNACK.

We have our first cross country meet at **Churchill Park in Cambridge** on **THURSDAY**. All runners need to be at school for **8am** so drivers can leave on time. Students will be back in time for buses.

Dress for the weather, pack a lunch, wear your assigned jersey, and bring proper footwear! A concession stand will be available if students would like to purchase items for AFTER their races! :)

Please pray for good competition and a beautiful day for our meet!

### Soccer

The boys and the girls soccer teams both had a great day at the the Tournament last week. The girls were very successful, finishing in **4<sup>th</sup> place!** Great job girls!

A big thank you to our parent coaches, Mr. Siebring for the Boys, and Mrs. Bakker for the Girls.

If you are not running in Cross-Country, please return your jersey to the office.



# Classroom News

## JK/SK - A

### JK/SK-A - Mrs. Baarda

As we transition into October, we will begin to look at all of the wonderful things God has created that we can enjoy in the fall season. We will be making an apple suncatcher during art this week.

In **language** we will be learning about the letter **Ss**, the sound it makes and how we can print the letter **Ss**. We will continue to practice reading the word "**the**" and we will look for this word around our classroom. We will be rhyming, blending and segmenting words, and counting words in sentences.

**SK** will be printing uppercase letters **B** and **R** in their printing books.

**JK** will be printing letter upper and lowercase **Ss** and finding letter **s** in words.

In **math** we will continue to practice counting, making sure we count each object only once as we count. We will keep practicing printing numbers **1-10**.

In **Bible** we will learn more about Noah and the Ark and how Noah was obedient to God.

In **health** we will finish up our "*All About Me*" books and we will be introduced to the four colour Zones of Regulation.

Remember that **Tuesday is our library day**. Please send in last week's books so students can choose a new book to bring home.

## JK/SK - B

### JK/SK-B - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on the letter **Ss** which is a continuous sound using your breath and no sound from your voice. We will review the sounds of letter **Aa** and **Mm** and the sight word "**the**". Our new sight word is the word "**I**". We also work with a program called Heggerty that is teaching us to rhyme words, break words into syllables and blend them together. We learn a new nursery rhyme every week and sing the ABC song.

In **math**, we are counting to **5**, counting objects one by one by moving them so we know what we have counted. SK is practicing how to print the numbers to **5** and JK is working on printing numbers **1** and **2**.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, SK continues to work on Frog Jump letters B and R. JK is working on fine motor skills and proper pencil grip. They will be working on tracing letter S.

In **Bible**, we will learn what happened after Noah and the Ark and about the Tower of Babel. We will continue to sing Hip, Hip, Hip, Hippopotamus and our theme song God of All Nations by Ellie Holcomb.

This week we enter into the month of October. Wow! Time is flying by! I have sent home the **October calendar**.

On **Thursday October 2nd, 2025**, I would like to go on a Nature Walk with the class. We would be heading over to the trail behind Kin Station. We would need two more adults to go with us on our Fall Walk. You would also need to have had a police check done and have a copy in to the school office. Please let me know if you are able to come and explore the trail for signs of fall.

Email me at [m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca)

Just a reminder that we are a PEANUT/NUT AWARE school so please check your child's snacks before sending them to school

# Classroom News



## Grade 1

### Grade 1 - Ms. den Hartog:

**Bible:** This week we will start our next unit on Abraham. We will learn that God chose Abraham to be the father of God's special people and we will learn about the promises God made to him.

**Math:** In math this week we will be focusing on using the words "more, less and fewer". We will also work on connecting dots in order to create pictures.

**Language:** In language this week we will be working with the nasalized short "a" sound.

**Spelling words:** *fan, can, ran, am, ham, jam.*

Practice writing these words with your child. We work on them throughout the week, but it is very beneficial for your child to practice at home as well.

**Heart words:** *the, I, a, said*

**Science:** We will begin our first science unit titled: Daily and Seasonal Changes. We will learn about the days of the week, months of the year, weather, seasons, day and night and the cycle that God created for the world.

**Show and Tell:** For the month of October please bring *something you are thankful for or something that reminds you of fall.*

**Friday Oct 3: Marlie, Calvin, Avery, Atlas**

**Wednesday:** Library

**Friday:** Spelling test

Have a great week!



## Grade 2

### Grade 2 - Mrs. Kuipers & Mrs. O'Boyle:

**Kidmail Envelopes** - Please remember to send Kidmail envelopes back the next day any time they come home, so we can ensure all mail gets home safely.

**TUESDAY- Library** - Return all books in the Ziploc bags that they went home in.

**Spelling** - Don't forget to use the practice sheets coming home in your child's kidmail to review these concepts throughout the week.

**VCe review (including e\_e)** *eve, these, stone, cute, nine, blade, shine, made, chose, flute*

**Heart Words** - *who, my, by, one, should*

**Science** - We released our final butterfly last Friday! This week we will focus on how God created animals unique and many with different adaptations to help them survive in their habitats.

**Math** - We are focusing on length, height, and distance around using both standard and non standard units of measure. In number sense we will continue to work on addition and subtraction to ten.

**Penmanship** - This week, we will continue to work on lowercase letters - "magic c" group

**Bible** - This week in Bible we will wrap up our unit on James. We will have a unit test on Wednesday. A review will be sent home for you to orally go over with your child this week. We will also spend time reviewing in class.

**Social Studies** - This week in social studies, we will look at diversity and family traditions. A worksheet about your family's culture will be coming home this week. Please complete and return this by **Monday October 6th.**

**Health** - We will continue to work on regulation strategies and building our zones of regulation toolbox.

**Art** - This week we will continue to review the element of line as we finish up two ongoing art projects.

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## Grade 3

### Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

What another glorious weekend. I hope you enjoyed God's creation with family. It is such a blessing to live here and experience the changing colours and fresh air.

**Bible:** The students did well on their tests overall. We will now begin our new unit on Creation.

**Math:** We have started MAP testing during our math block. We will also be working on patterning this week.

**Language:** Digraph review: *ck/k/, sh/sh/, th/th/, ch/ch/, wh/w/, ph/f/, ng/n/, nk/ n/*

**Science:** We are finishing up our unit on Strong and Stable Structures this week. Expect a quiz next week.

**Health:** The focus is on oral health this week.

**French:** Students will have a quiz on colours and numbers 1-20 later this week.

## Grade 4

### Grade 4 - Mrs. Delleman:

**Library** - Remember to bring in your library books for **WEDNESDAYS!**

**Memory Work** - NO Memory Work this week.

**IKnowIt** - "Adding 3-Digit and 4-Digit Numbers" due **FRIDAY**. To access the assignment, go to [iknowit.com](http://iknowit.com) and log in. The class code AND password are lcs12345, and their username is their first and last name (no capitals, no spaces). Please note that if students get below 50%, the assignment will reset and appear on their homepage again. If you have any questions, please email me!

**Spelling Dictation** - Dictation for the list of words below will be **NEXT Friday!** Below are the team names and their list of words. Students are encouraged to study ALL the words, but only 10 will be chosen for dictation.

- **Shooting Spellers** - *Logan, Haven, Eli, Jordyn, Theo, Joshua*
  - long o (oe, o\_e, oa, ow)
  - froze, coach, show, toe, slow, globe, shoe, blow, grow, whose, snow, roast, doe, throw, hoe, foe, close, oat, mow, know, wrote, roam, loaf
- **Sporty Spellers** - *Octavia, Ronella, Jesse, Kyle, Colton, Alex, Carina*
  - r-influence "o" (or / ore)
  - morning, before, order, record, shorter, perform, forest, sorry, fourteen, horrid, corner, ashore, forty, report, northern, explore, border, stormy, orbit, chorus, ignore, adore, florist, inform
- **Green Spelling Masterminds** - *Debbie, Amy, Maja, Liam, Zachary*
  - adding -ion (drop e from -te, change to -tion OR drop -de, change to -sion)
  - operate, operation, explode, explosion, create, erosion, invade, conclusion, decorate, expand, creation, comprehend, allude, illustration, erode, decoration, invasion, imitation, conclude, comprehension, illustrate, imitate, expansion allusion



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## Grade 5

### Grade 5 - Mrs. Neil:

**Bible:** We are continuing our study on covenants between God and His people.

**Science:** We are continuing to work through a science unit on matter. This week we will do a couple more experiments, to help us learn about solubility, and changes of states.

**Health:** We are going to begin working through a new curriculum this week, called "*The Young Peace Maker*."

**Math:** We are continuing our unit on *Adding and Subtracting Whole Numbers*. We are also spending a few minutes at the start of each math period working on mental math strategies for adding.

**Art:** In art we are continuing to learn about the element of design of lines.

**Gym:** This week we will assess the soccer skills learned over the past month, and then use those skills in a game of soccer and soccer baseball.

**Library:** We will have a library period each **Tuesday**.

**Language Arts:** We are working on narrative writing and reading for the next few weeks.

Please reach out via email: [c.neil@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:c.neil@listowelchristianschool.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

### Grade 5 - Mrs. Vogel:

**Penmanship** - We will continue working on our cursive writing each week.

**Spelling** - Students had a spelling test on Friday and will be taking it home Wednesday. They also were supposed to hand in their spelling work this past Friday. Many of them were unable to hand it in as it was incomplete. Please help them remember these due dates. Students will receive their next sort this week Wednesday, there will be a quiz on Friday.

## Grade 6 & 7

### Grade 6 & 7 - Mr. VanDerWal:

<b>Math</b>	In <b>Grade 6</b> we will be starting our second unit on Whole Numbers this week. In <b>Grade 7</b> we will be starting our second unit on Ratio and Rate.
<b>Language</b>	In Language we will be making final edits to our autobiographies and we will be starting a new spelling lesson this week.
<b>Science</b>	This week Grade 6/7 will be focusing on carrying capacity.
<b>Bible</b>	In Bible this week we will have our memory work quiz on <b>Wednesday</b> and focus on the book Exodus looking at significant events that happened to the Israelites.
<b>Phys. Ed</b>	In Phys. Ed this week we will be participating in a variety of games inside and outside.

### Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. Vogel:

**Geography** - Quiz on Landforms on **Wednesday**.

**Band** - Instruments are coming home! Please encourage your child to practice, to explore the instrument and its capabilities, and recognize that while the beginning sounds may be hard to listen to at time, it is all part of the learning process. Also, please do not try to fix the instrument yourself if something happens. Quite often it is a quick fix I'm able to do with my instrument repair kit and knowledge. More information to come.

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## FRENCH

Du bureau de Madame Van Kampen

### 4e Niveau:

This week we will be dealing yet with the four seasons and being able to [orally] answer the question "*Quelle est ta saison préférée?*" and, [orally] completing the daily date. Our new mini-unit will review/introduce **Les Numéros** [= the numbers] 0 à 60 - again, orally and in word/printed form.

### 5e Niveau:

This week we will complete the outstanding worksheet activities pertaining to the short story "*Quelle est ta saison préférée?*".

We will begin a new unit "**La Maison / Chez Moi**" which deals with the house, one's home, living spaces, and furniture. Subsequently, in the coming weeks, our work will include new vocabulary, the conjugation of the verb *habiter* [= to live], and learning how to describe one's own bedroom [in written and graphic forms as applicable].

### 6e/7e/8e Niveaux:

This week we will continue with a short reading passage "*L'Automne*", looking specifically at identifying pronunciation patterns, vocabulary, and answering comprehension questions - both multiple choice and written responses.

We will begin a new unit "**La Maison / Chez Moi**" which deals with the house, one's home, living spaces, and furniture. Subsequently, we will be working with a fairly extensive vocabulary list, the conjugation of applicable verbs, and being capable of describing one's own house/home [in written and graphic forms as applicable] and/or where particular activities occur within the home.

*N.B. every French student will/has taken home a marked assessment(s). Parents, please take the time to review your child's work and to sign/initial the applied label(s) to indicate that you are keeping abreast of your child's performance. Merci!*



## Grade 7 & 8

### Grade 7 & 8 - Mrs. Vogel:

**Writing** - We are working on a cross curricular unit with geography.

**Guided Reading** - "*Beginning of Wisdom*" questions are due on Thursday. Quiz was postponed to this week Thursday. If students are away for cross country they will write the quiz on Friday.

**Spelling** - Work due Friday. Test on **Friday**.

**Geography** - We continue to work on our Land Reclamation Articles. The details and due dates are on google classroom.

**Band** - Instruments are coming home! Please encourage your child to practice, to explore the instrument and its capabilities, and recognize that while the beginning sounds may be hard to listen to at time, it is all part of the learning process. Also, please do not try to fix the instrument yourself if something happens. Quite often it is a quick fix I'm able to do with my instrument repair kit and knowledge. More information to come.

**Health** - Lesson 3 should be done and the lesson test completed by today. Students will work through lesson 4 today and should finish the test at the end of the lesson for next week Monday. These lessons are on [everfi.net](http://everfi.net) and students can sign in using google and use their school google account to access this work outside of school hours.

**Bible** - We are continuing in our unit on the introduction to the New Testament.

**Art** - Last week we continued our sketch book assignment. This will be an ongoing assignment throughout the year. The due dates are listed on google classroom. 5 sketches are due by each due date. There will be a new project introduced this Friday.

### Grade 7 & 8 Math - Mrs. Neil:

We will begin our second unit of math this week, which is on *Ratios, Rates and Percents*. We will also continue to spend a few minutes each class on our multiplication facts, and putting those to memory.