



# Newsreel

"I am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" – Psalm 139:14

#3, September 6, 2018

## Mr. Verburg's Message:

### Back to School: Let the Learning Begin

It is often said that if you want to accomplish something you need to set goals and write them down. By writing down goals, we make those goals more visible, which keeps us on track, serves as a reminder as to what we are trying to accomplish, and holds us accountable. I have a white board in my office that is full of strategic goals. When I finish one task and begin to search for my next project, all I have to do is look towards my whiteboard and my next task begins. Last year, I worked through a Van Lunen Fellowship project by creating a flowchart of tasks and goals to guide towards the end of that project. Along the way these tools expose gaps in my knowledge and I need to learn new knowledge and skills. Sometimes, learning new things is slow and difficult.

As a school, we want students to learn. That is our purpose. It is important that students use the same tools and methods that we all use. Learning cannot be some secret or mystery to unravel. It needs to be clear and understandable to the student. Yesterday, as I visited classrooms, I saw

evidence of the learning goals that various classes are working towards. I saw those goals explained through exemplars or models that range from examples of "I am just beginning to learn this and I am not there yet" to "mastery" so students can strive for excellent work. I saw students taking their own work and comparing their own work to the models. Pray for our students as they embark on their learning journeys this year.



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

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| Fri., September 7    | BBQ from 6 – 9 p.m.             |
| Sat., September 8    | 21st Annual Golf Tournament     |
| Thurs., September 13 | Bazaar Meeting – 7:30 p.m.      |
| Tues., September 18  | Hot Lunch                       |
| Fri., September 21   | Terry Fox Walk                  |
| Tues., September 25  | Picture Day                     |
| Tues., September 25  | Pizza Lunch                     |
| September 25 -28     | Principals Retreat              |
| Thurs., September 27 | Soccer Tournament               |
| Mon., October 1      | Dental Screenings               |
| Tues., October 2     | Board Meeting                   |
| Tues., October 2     | Hot Dog Lunch                   |
| Fri., October 5      | Thanksgiving Assembly 2:30 p.m. |
| Mon., October 8      | Thanksgiving Day – No School    |
| Tues., October 9     | Hot Lunch – Soft Tacos          |

Congratulations to the following people who are celebrating birthdays:

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| Finn O    | September 4  |
| Steven D  | September 6  |
| Kandice R | September 10 |

**FYI:**

- We welcome Benjamin, Jacob, and Landon to JK this year. We also welcome back Charlotte to grade three after a short absence. We trust that all of them will soon find CCS a comfortable and enjoyable place.
- CCS is grateful to the many parents, supporters, and volunteers and staff who help make the school run smoothly. “It takes a village...”
  - Thank you to Robin who so faithfully cleaned the school this summer! The school was sparkling clean when we arrived at school this week!
  - Thank you to Mike & Ang, Steve & Liisa, Scott & Emily, Nathan & Rachel, Al & Jolene, Tom & Alison, Ken & Sheree, and Frank & Brittany for taking care of the lawn, yard, and flower beds this summer!!
  - Thank you to Nancy who has faithfully run our Scholastic program for many years. Welcome to Alison who will be taking over the program.
- **Bus Cancellations:** To hear about cancellations please use the Wellington Dufferin Student Transportation Services website as to whether buses are running. Their website is: [www.stwdsts.ca](http://www.stwdsts.ca). Our area, whether looking on the website or listening to a local radio station is North Wellington (Division 3 on website). Our school’s website, [www.ccsdrayton.org](http://www.ccsdrayton.org) will also show whether or not buses are running. We will also send out an email to parents. Also, if you would like to be notified by text, send Mr. Verburg your cell phone number.

**Please Note:**

1. School is cancelled for all students on no busing days, including in-town students.
2. The cell phone numbers of Terry and Gail have been added to the bus route schedules. If your child (ren) will NOT be on the bus (a.m. or p.m.), please text them as soon as you’re able. This should also be done in advance of vacations, days off, etc.

- **Code of Conduct for busing students:**

1. Follow the directions of your driver.
2. Be at your bus stop 5 minutes before your pick-up time.
3. Stay seated while the bus is in motion.
4. No eating, chewing gum or swearing.
5. Keep books, lunch boxes, and other bulky items on your lap.
6. Students are responsible for any deliberate damage done to the bus.
7. Vandalism is a Criminal Offence and will be treated as such.
8. Whenever possible, leave the last row of seats vacant.
9. Ipod players with head phones or ear buds may be used on the bus.
10. Ipod players with speakers may NOT be used on the bus.

- Many different kinds of information-type flyers and order **forms** are sent home once a week. The envelopes will go home on Thursdays. Anything that has to be sent back to the school must be returned on the following Monday. **Please check your child's backpack for the large envelope every Thursday.**

Note: The Newsreel will also be sent on Thursdays. Please have announcements to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

- We would like to draw your attention to the following **parking guidelines** for our school: We would like everyone to make an effort not to park on the lawns of our neighbours. We would also like to keep the driveway clear of cars during bus arrival and departure times; therefore, please do not park in front of the school where the buses park during these times.
- **For all new parents and a reminder to all parents:** When picking up your children at the end of the school day, you may come into the school. For safety reasons all students being picked up cannot leave the building until the buses have departed. We realize there will be exceptions to this due to appointments, etc.
- Please adhere to the following if your child needs to take any **medication at school:**
  - All medication, (including prescription and non-prescription), is to be kept in the office.
  - Students need a note from their parents giving them permission to take the medication at school. The amount and the time it is to be taken should be included on the note.
  - Medication should be kept in its original container which means that most pills will be in a childproof container.

## Dates to Remember:



Don't forget to come to the **annual BBQ** on Friday night, September 7 from 6 – 9 p.m. There will be food, fun, and fellowship. Invite grandparents, friends, former parents, etc. **Parents, remember to take along a salad and dessert!**

- **Community Christian School 21st Annual Golf Tournament**

This Saturday, September 8 is the 21st annual CCS fundraising golf tournament. The tournament will be held at the Elmira Golf Club. Thank you to all who are participating; we trust you will have a great day of fellowship. Registration and the chipping & putting contest will begin at 11:00 a.m., BBQ Lunch at 11:30 and tee-off will begin at 12:30 p.m.

- **Library News!** The librarians are getting ready to go for the new school year in the new library! All of the classes will have a time to go to the library starting next week Thursday, September 14. Each student may check out two books and may keep them to read for two weeks. They will be allowed to renew them if that is necessary. Parents are asked to help the students keep the books in a safe place at home, take care of them, and to return library books on time. If books are lost, the students will be required to pay \$10 for a paperback book and \$15 for a hardcover book. If they find the lost book, they can return it to the librarians and receive their money back. We look forward to a good year of reading! Librarians this year are: Ann K, Tienieke d, Sandra F, Sylvia S, Nadya K, Shauna v, Mathilde B, Jennie R, and Rachel D.
- **International Terry Fox Walk:** Over 30 years ago, Terry Fox set off on his most incredible journey to prove to the world that cancer could be eradicated. His goal continues to inspire and excite us just as it did in 1980. Our school will be participating on Friday, September 21. The students are encouraged to bring in a donation which will be sent to the Terry Fox campaign. If you would like to be present, the assembly will be at 11:00 a.m.
- **Soccer:** Attention all soccer lovers! The boys' team is in need of a soccer coach. If you love soccer and enjoy coaching, please consider taking on this challenge. The **soccer tournament** is on Thursday, September 27 at Budd Park in Kitchener. Practices will begin next week during lunch recess so please remember to bring soccer shoes, shin guards and socks to school.
- **Bazaar:** We have heard you and we are changing things up! Our "REGULAR" traditional "BAZAAR" is being revamped, hopefully into something exciting and new to CCS for 2019. If you would like to know more and share your thoughts and ideas, watch for the date and time of our next meeting during the week of September 17th. If you are new to the school, this is usually one of CCS's largest fundraising events which is held every 18 months. We raised over \$50,000 in November 2017. It normally consists of a live and silent auction, games, crafts and baking, along with dinner available in the evening. This is not a small event, but with changes ahead and with our new ideas, could this be the start of the "NEW" traditional "GALA"? If you have ideas/comments/questions but cannot make this meeting, please forward them to Sheree DeVries at [sheree.devries@gmail.com](mailto:sheree.devries@gmail.com)

## ENVELOPE:

- The students are bringing many **important papers** home today. Look for:

1. **A Hot Lunch Form** – please return by Monday, September 10
2. **The Volunteer Survey Form** - one per family. *Your careful consideration of this form will be appreciated. Volunteer assistance in the school is of great benefit to the school effort.*
3. **Gift/Grocery Card** order form.
4. Each child took home a **Class List** with the dates of each student's birthday. Some children have birthday parties and some do not. Some invite the whole class and some only invite a few children. The birthday list lets you know who is in your child's class. **Please avoid leaving only 1 or 2 classmates out when planning a birthday party, sleepover, etc. during the school year or during holidays.** It is preferred that when only part of the class is invited that invitations are not passed out at school.
5. **Emergency Information Form** – for new students
6. **Parent Consent Form** – for new students
7. **Immunization Form** – for new students
8. **Volunteer Driving Form** – we often take vehicles instead of the bus for class trips/sporting events etc. If you would like/are able to drive, please send back this form.
9. **Hep B/Men/HPV:** for Grade 7 students. Please return by Monday, September 10

## FROM FUNDRAISING:

- Just a note to update you on our fundraiser – **Gift Cards/Grocery Cards!** As parents purchase vouchers, a percentage of the purchase will be tallied towards your tuition credit and a percentage will be going towards the school's budget. Gift card sales are the easiest way to make money for the school. This year we encourage everyone to start using the voucher program – many stores accept the vouchers. **An order form has been sent home.** Post-dated cheques can be left at the office and gift cards sent home with your oldest child.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

-  PIANO LESSONS- Interested in having your child take piano lessons at school DURING the day? (Yay for no driving after school! 😊). Please contact Liesje at [liesjesnieder@hotmail.com](mailto:liesjesnieder@hotmail.com), or phone (226)223-3018. 
- The Drayton District Figure Skating Club registration flyer was sent home with oldest child.

## FROM THE GRADES:

**JK / SK:** Wow, week 1 is almost done. It has been wonderful to reconnect with old friends and to start forming new friendships with our JK friends.

This past week we have had caterpillars in our classroom. This has been fascinating for the students to see the process of the caterpillar life cycle. God sure does make His creation spectacular.

We will spend the first couple of weeks getting into our routine of school and concentrating on our names and what makes us special.

Next week we will be starting learning buddies with grade ¾ and we will be joining grade 1, 2, 3 and 4 and learning some new songs to perform at assemblies for our families. I hope to see everyone at the BBQ tomorrow evening. (Friday, September 7th)!

Blessings, Mrs. Culp

**Grade One/Two:** I hope your child is having a wonderful first week of school! We have enjoyed our time together so far and look forward to a great year. Most of our time has been spent learning routines and building classroom community. We have dabbled in a bit of everything this week as we set the stage for a successful year. See you at the BBQ tomorrow!

- **Remember** to sign up for **Seesaw** if you haven't already done so! Follow this link to sign up: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/731-482-198>
- **Parent Read Aloud:** Every Friday from 1:30-1:45 one of you will be invited to our classroom to read a favourite picture book to us. **Please email** if you are interested in being a part of this. Grandparents are also welcome!
- **Show and Share** Friday: For this first week, every student is welcome to bring in something they would like to share with us!
- We will be going on our **Terry Fox Walk** on Monday, September 24 @ 10:45 a.m. Parents/families are invited to walk with us. We walk to the ABC Park and play for a while then we walk back. *Please let me know if you are coming.*

**Grade Three/Four:** Welcome back to the new school year!

Throughout the year, the Grade 3/4 students run a snack "Tuck Shop" during our hot dog day lunches. Students will get the opportunity to make change, add totals, and keep track of inventory. All money raised from the Tuck Shop will go towards supporting Ruth, our school's foster child. If you are able to help with this endeavor, please let me know as soon as possible.

**Bible:** We will begin exploring the Kingdom of Israel after Solomon's reign, and as the year progresses, we will be diving into the psalms, proverbs, and major and minor prophets.

**Memory Verse:** Books of the Old Testament (to be recited Friday, September 14)

**Math:** Both grades have begun a patterns and algebra unit this week. Students are encouraged to practice addition and subtraction facts regularly.

**Daily Five:** Daily Five time includes reading, writing, spelling, grammar, and sight word practice. We will have regular spelling tests on most Wednesdays throughout the year. New spelling sorts will be sent home on Thursdays.

**Creation Studies:** The first unit of the year is our "Living and Working in Ontario" unit.

**SeeSaw:** Don't forget to sign up and log in to our class account.

**Grade Five:** Welcome Back! It has been a fun and HOT first few days here in Grade 5/6. We have spent a lot of time learning routines, discussing expectations and building community. Students will be sitting in pods this year and these will change about every 6 weeks. The idea behind this is that they become comfortable sharing their thoughts and opinions in a small group before branching out with the whole class.

- **Math** - We have been playing a few math games and will be starting with our patterning unit next week.
- **Creation Studies** - Our first unit is on Biodiversity. What is biodiversity? This is what we have spent the last few days discovering.
- **PE** - This will start next week - please make sure your child has proper PE clothes and footwear at school.
- **Bible** - This year we will be examining the New Testament. Yesterday we started with talking about what Palestine was like around the time of Christ's birth.

Coming up.... Friday - Memory Work - Psalm 139:1-3

**Grade Seven/Eight:** We have had a very positive and exciting start to the school year. The Responsive Advisory Meetings have been going very well in the morning, and we are all adapting well to the new routines.

**Math:** Both the 7s and 8s are beginning with a unit in Number Sense, reviewing concepts from previous years.

**Science:** This week we are having Science Olympics, competing in four design challenges ranging from building a tower, to designing a balloon powered car. Next week we will begin the Interactions in the Environment unit.

**Language Arts:** Our first short story unit is Building Community. Next week we will begin our Fall novel study - Hatchet.

**Geography:** This week we are reviewing the conventions for map making, and will be working on a Political Map of Canada. Next week we will dive into Physical Geography, and begin to examine the awesome landscapes in creation.