

Mr. Verburg's Message:

Why?

Last year, the Communication and Marketing Task Force examined the question of why. Why does Community Christian School exist? What is our purpose? In the answering of that question there were two really strong themes that emerged in addition to an obvious answer. The two themes that emerged were that Community Christian School exists to develop faith and in the development of that faith is also the development of Christian character. The other obvious reason we exist is for learning because we are a school, but that learning occurs in the strong light of the two themes. From those themes we developed our mission: "To equip our students so that they are firmly rooted in Christian faith and prepared to fulfill God's calling to serve in all areas of life"; and our new tagline: "Inspiring Minds, Engaging Hearts, Building Character."

These statements are meaningless if there are no actions to match the statements. Beside this article are pictures that have been taken over the last week. They are evidence that we are developing faith and intentionally building Christian character and community.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Tues., September 18	Hot Lunch - Subs
Wed., September 19	Bazaar Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
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 – Budd Park
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. – no buses
Mon., October 8	Thanksgiving Day – No School
Tues., October 9	Hot Lunch – Soft Tacos
Tues, October 16	Pizza Lunch

Congratulations to the following people who are celebrating birthdays next week:

Kees D	September 20
Benjamin K	September 20
Tyler K	September 21
Mrs. Gonzalez (PSW)	September 22

FYI:

- **Thanks** for coming to the get acquainted BBQ! It was enjoyed by many!
- Our first hot lunch of the year is **Subs**, next week Tuesday, September 18.
- Our first **Pizza Lunch** is Tuesday, September 25. Thank you in advance Room Mothers!
- **Picture Day** is Tuesday, September 25. Don't forget your smiles!
- **Library News!** Today was our first day in the library this year! Each student may check out two books and may keep them to read for two weeks. They will be allowed to renew them as well, if necessary. Parents are asked to help the students keep the books in a safe place at home, take care of them, and 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!

Dates to Remember:

- **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 annual Terry fox Walk is planned for Friday, September 21. The students are encouraged to bring in a donation which will be sent to the Terry Fox campaign. This year we have set a fundraising goal of \$200. Students can bring contributions any time next week from September 17 – 21.

ENVELOPE:

- The students are bringing home **important papers** today. Please look for:

1. **Dental Screenings:** are being provided for JK, SK, Grade 2, and Grade 7 students
If your child is not in these grades and you would like a screening, please contact Public Health.
2. **Hep B/Men/HPV Vaccinations:** Grade 7 students – Don't forget to return your Forms!

FROM FUNDRAISING:

- Just a note to update you on our fundraiser – **Gift Cards/Grocery Cards!** As parents purchase vouchers, a percentage of the purchase can be used towards your tuition payment and a percentage will go towards the school's budget. Gift card sales are the easiest way to make money for the school. We encourage everyone to start using the voucher program – many stores accept the vouchers. **An order form was sent home last week.** Post-dated cheques can be left at the office and gift cards will be sent home with your oldest child.
- **Bazaar:** We have heard you and we are changing things up. Our "REGULAR" traditional "BAZAAR" is being revamped into hopefully something exciting and new to CCS for 2019. If you would like to know more, share your thoughts and ideas, please come to the school **September 19th at 7:30pm.** If you are new to the school, this is usually one of CCS's largest fundraising events that are held every 18 months and we raised over \$50,000 November 2017. It normally consists of a live and silent auction, games, crafts and baking along with dinner available. This is not a small event but with the 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
- **Mabels Labels:** If you are in need of any labels for your children's clothing, school belongings, and accessories, please consider Mabel's Labels. Our school is signed up to receive 20% from any order received. Shipping is free! Please visit the following website to place your order: campaigns.mabelslabels.com

FROM THE GRADES:

IK / SK: Well another week of firsts. We met our learning buddies and we picked out books in the library. We had our first choir practice and our first chapel with Mr. Verburg.

- Please send in extra socks to replenish the wet ones from this week.
- Rubber boots and splash pants are a great idea for wet weather as we tend to go outside in all weather.
- ***I would love it if I could have a few parents walk to the ABC park with us on Monday September 24th @ 10:45 am for our Terry Fox Walk. Mrs. Ajiel's class will be coming as well.***

This past week we started exploring letters with the book 'Chicka Chicka Boom Boom' and have made a class book about our names. We explored what the Bible is and we have been singing lots of songs that revolve around the number 3 and 5 during carpet time and transitions.

Next week we will be sending home the name book with the star of the day. The idea is that parents and children read the book together in the evening and then return it the following day for the next person to take their turn. We are building early literacy skills and a love for reading.

Ask your child what a popcorn prayer is!!!!!!

Grade One/Two:

Hard to believe it's already the end of week 2. We are really enjoying learning together - we have a lot of enthusiastic learners in our class!

Math: Grade 1 is building their numeracy skills and Grade 1 math confidence. Grade 2 is starting off with a review of addition and subtraction strategies.

Language Arts: Wow! We have wonderful readers and authors in our class. We have been learning about our reading centres and discovering how much we already know. Wonderful reading, Grade 1/2!

Spelling sorts will come home tomorrow. Students will receive their new sorts each Friday and will be tested the following Friday, unless otherwise stated on the spelling paper. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

Creation Studies: We are learning about community. This week we are talking about our families. How did God make each one of us unique? How do we all work together in our families?

Bible: This week we are learning about creation.

Our memory work for September is **Psalm 100:1-3** and is due **Friday, September 28.**

Show and Share Friday: Grade 2.

Parent Read Aloud: Tomorrow, Mrs. Duimering will join us. Next time, Mrs. Cynthia Deen will come. Thank you for sharing your love of reading with us!

Grade Three/Four:

We are again hoping to have a snack "Tuck Shop" managed by the Grade 3/4 class this year. If you are able to help with this authentic learning experience, please let me know within the next two weeks.

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

Math: Students have been learning how to identify increasing and decreasing patterns as well as extend patterns. Both grades will be having their first math test on Thursday, September 20.

Students are encouraged to continue practicing addition and subtraction facts in order to increase math confidence.

Daily Five: Students have been divided into spelling groups. Please look for the first spelling sort to come home in the envelopes today. Our first spelling test will be next Wednesday, September 19. Both grades have begun strengthening their reading comprehension skills as well as their oral communication skills.

Art: Students are creating projects to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of lines.

SeeSaw: Be sure to connect with our class SeeSaw account.

Grade Five/Six:

It has been a busy but fun week in grade 5/6. Students are starting to settle into routine.

Math- both grades have been working on their first unit Jump Math unit. They have been tackling patterning and algebra

Creation studies - This week we learned about how animals are classified. Students took some time to research two different animals of their choice and discovered the similarities and differences that they have.

Coming up...

Friday- memory work Psalm 139:1-3

Next Friday - Spelling Test

- Memory work Psalm 139:4-6

Grade Seven/Eight:

Math: The Grade 8 class is having a quiz on their first unit this Friday morning. The Grade 7s will be finishing their first Number Sense unit early next week and will be having a full unit test next Thursday.

Science: This week we have examined the Biotic and Abiotic elements of ecosystems and the ways in which they connect to each other.

Language: Our fall novel study, *Hatchet*, begins this week. We have also starting working on our first piece of writing - a Narrative Paragraph. Our focus has been to develop a strong opening sentence that encourages the reader to continue.

Geography: Political Maps are due today. We have another class to look at mapping, then we will be diving into a study of Physical Geography.

Memory Work: Psalm 139: 13 - 15 for Thursday, Sept 20

Bible: We began a unit called "Joseph the Dreamer". The overall theme for this unit is *God in His mercy shows forgiveness and grace to the undeserving.*

History: We began our first unit "New France and British North America 1713-1800. Our focus this week was what was life like for First Nations and Europeans in Canada prior to 1713. Our focus next week will be on the impact of the Treaty of Utrecht on the French, British, and First Nations.