

## Mr. Verburg's Message:

At the membership meeting on Tuesday evening, Pastor Duane passionately shared his belief that prayer is powerful and that as a community we need to pray for our school. Since we are agents in the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of Satan will fight us. Prayer is our weapon to defend ourselves and the school. On January 9, 2018 at 7:30 we will come together to pray (more details will follow). When Pastor Duane, Ken Mohle, and I were planning this date, Pastor Duane shared an author, Stormie Omartian, whom he found to be a powerful helper in this area. I have included some tips below that she shares. You can use them in your personal life, but they can also be used to shape your prayers for the school; which includes all prayer aspects such as thanksgiving, confession, simplicity, and seeking God's will, not our own.

### Tips for Effective Communication with God

The first thing, Omartian said, is to express our gratitude for God's faithfulness and work in our lives.

- "Thank Him for everything. Praise and worship isn't just something you do while you wait for the sermon on Sunday. It should be a way of life.
- "Also, ask Him to show you if there is any sin that needs to be confessed, because unconfessed sin puts up a barrier between you and God. Scripture tells us that God will not hear us if there is iniquity in our hearts," she said.

Once we confess this, then we must ask for forgiveness, and ask Him to help us obey Him in the particular area in which we struggle.

Next, she says, it's best to keep our prayers simple.

- "It doesn't need to be complicated. Prayer can get overwhelming if you start incorporating man-made rules. Just communicate your heart to God."

She also reminds us that we should seek the will of God in our prayers-not our own.

- "Ask God to lead and prompt you to pray for the things He wants in your life. Remember that He will help you pray this way if you ask Him. Be honest with Him in your prayers."

Lastly, she says it's very important to be in God's Word every day.

- "It helps you to pray, because it helps you understand what God's will is. You will hear the Holy Spirit more clearly if you are filling yourself with the Word of God. He will bring things alive to you as you read. And, we need to hear His voice clearly, because there are so many competing voices out there. We need to be able to isolate His voice."

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Fri. November 23	PD Day (no school)
Fri. November 23	Volleyball Tournament
Mon. November 26	Blood Donor Clinic
Sun. December 2	Free Skate – Host: Ministerial
Tues. December 4	Board Meeting
Tues. December 4	Hot Dog Day
Thurs. December 6	Woodland Grade 8 Day
Sat. December 8	Free Family Skate – Host: CCS
Tues. December 11	Hot Lunch – Potatoes & Meatballs
Tues. December 11	Christmas Concert
Tues. December 18	Pizza Lunch
Fri. December 21	Last day of class before Christmas
Dec. 24 – Jan. 4	Christmas Holidays (no school)

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

Rhianna Roth                      November 30  
 Lucia DeWeerd                    December 1

**GRADE 7 & 8 OTTAWA TRIP in MAY!!****Fundraising Campaigns**

The students have been busy selling Stemmler's pepperettes and sausage, as well as almond sticks, rings, stollen, and cheese from Norwich Deli and Bakery! Thank you to everyone who has made a purchase to help raise funds for their Ottawa Trip!

**If you haven't done so already, there is still time!** Stemmler's orders are due by Monday, November 26 and Norwich Bakery and cheese orders are due Friday, November 30.

**FYI:**

- **Spirit Day:** Our November Spirit Day "**Wacky Hair/ Wacky Dress Day**" was a complete success! The students looked great, and even some of the staff got involved!
- **LATE or ABSENT from School** – Please be reminded that if your child is going to be late or absent from school please contact the office before 8:30 a.m. at [office@ccsdrayton.org](mailto:office@ccsdrayton.org). A text should also be sent to your bus driver. Thank you!
- **MORNING BUS PICK-UP REMINDER** – Please be reminded that bus students must be at the end of their driveways or at their bus pick-up location at least 5 minutes before their designated pick-up time. The drivers will not wait for students. Thank you for your consideration!
- **Bus Cancellations:** To hear about bus 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). If looking on the website, our area is Division 3, and if listening to a local radio station, we are located in North Wellington.

**ENVELOPES:**

- **Pictures have arrived!** For those of you who have ordered pictures, they will be sent home today with your oldest child. If your oldest child is in Kindergarten, Mrs. Culp will hand them out at your parent/teacher interview later today.

## Dates to Remember:

- **Apple Pie Anyone?** The Bazaar is selling Apple Pie and Apple Crumble! NEW this year: Pie Shells for all your Christmas baking needs! There's still time! The date to return forms has been extended to Thursday, November 29!
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** – conferences are TODAY, Thursday, November 22 ONLY. Babysitting will be provided from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. only.
- **PD Day** - There will be NO SCHOOL for students on Friday, November 23.
- **Blood Donor Clinic:** – Donate blood and join the movement today! The next Drayton and Community Blood Donor Clinic is on Monday, November 26 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It is being held at the Community Christian School located at 35 High Street in Drayton. You have the power to give life, your donation can help up to three people! Book your appointment at "blood.ca". *It's in you to give!*
- **Grade 8 Day** - Thursday, December 6. Our Grade 8 students will be travelling to Woodland Christian High School. Please refer to the flyer that was sent home last week for more information! There is also a Parent Information Evening that same day starting at 7:30 p.m.
- **Christmas Concert!** Yes, it really is just around the corner. Please keep Tuesday, December 11 open on your calendars for this special event!

## TWO UPCOMING FREE SKATES

Sunday, December 2 from 2pm to 4pm – Sponsored by: Drayton Community Ministerial (see below)

Saturday, December 8 from 7pm to 9pm – Sponsored by: Community Christian School



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### Christmas Free Skate

Public · Hosted by Drayton-area Church Ministries

🕒 Sunday, 2 December 2018 from 14:00-16:00

📍 PMD Arena 66 Main St. W., Drayton, ON

🗣️ Hosted by Drayton-area Church Ministries

## FROM FUNDRAISING:

- **Gift Cards/Grocery Cards!** This fundraising option is the easiest way to raise funds for the school. If you would like to order gift cards for Christmas, please return order forms to the school by Monday, December 3 to be received in time for Christmas.
- **Croquettes:** PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF DATE FOR CROQUETTE PICK-UP. Please pick up your order at the school on Wednesday, November 28 between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

## SPRING BAZAAR – 2019

**Save the date! April 13, 2019!** This is the next date for the upcoming Spring Bazaar. Come and enjoy a day full of the traditional excitement that this day brings. Games for the whole family, live and silent auctions, baking and craft items. Please keep an eye out for the pre-order forms in the New Year. Also, since the winter season is upon us, this is a great time to start any of those projects that would make great donations to the auction or the center table (sewing projects, woodworking, painting, or anything that you can think of). If you have any questions, regarding the auction or center table, please email [sheree.devries@gmail.com](mailto:sheree.devries@gmail.com) (Sheree DeVries) or [btjubiland@gmail.com](mailto:btjubiland@gmail.com) (Tryphena DeBoer), and your question will be directed accordingly. More information about this day will follow as it gets closer.

Thank you, from the 2019 Auction Committee



### **Apple Pie/Crumble Fundraiser!!!**

Just in time for Christmas!!!! Are you busy before Christmas? Not sure how to get everything done *plus* bake homemade desserts?!? The bazaar's Country Market is here to help!!! There's still time! The Pre-Order date to order your Apple Pie & Apple Crumble has been extended to Thursday, November 29! Pies are \$8.50 each or 4 Pies for \$32.00! Also, NEW THIS YEAR!!! Need to bake a pie but don't have time to make homemade pie shells? We will be selling pie shells this year!! They are 4 for \$10.00. You can keep them in your freezer and pull them out when you bake a pie! Pies will be ready for pickup on Friday, December 7 between 2:15 and 3:15 PM at the Drayton CRC! Thanks for your support😊



### **Apple Pie Preparation Day!**

Do you enjoy Apples? Want to meet some new people? Come on out to an Apple Pie/Apple Crumble Preparation night or day! Save December 6 (7:00 PM - 9:30 PM) to work on pie shells or December 7 (8:00 AM - 2:30 PM) to help peel apples or assemble pies! We will be making apple pie, apple crisp and pie shells for a fundraiser! If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact Sonia, Cynthia, Tamara or Rachel R!

## FROM THE GRADES:

### **IK / SK:**

I am excited for next week.

We will be making our own individual pizzas next Tuesday. The students are coming home today with an item that they wanted to contribute. Whatever we don't use I will give to the foodbank. You can treat this like a hot lunch day and not pack as much food.

Next week we are going to start making ornaments for our Christmas tree, which we will put up the following week.

There are always lots of volunteer opportunities in December, I will send out a list next week.

Thank you for all you do to support your child's learning!

### **Grade One/Two:**

**Math:** Grade 1 has been enjoying measuring objects around them using different units. Grade 2 began learning about equal and not equal when comparing equations.

**Language Arts:** We definitely have performance fever! Every reading group has performed at least one play - and some have performed even more. It's fun to see all the enthusiasm... and fluency practice!

**Creation Studies:** We reviewed ways we can care for our bodies as we wrapped up our unit.

**Bible:** We performed our Joseph puppet shows this week! We learned so much about Joseph, but also about the importance of feedback and practice, practice, practice! Our memory work for November is **Psalm 100** and is due **Friday, November 30**.

**Show and Share next Friday:** Jolene, Mykayla, Averi, Ellanna, Sam, Aj.

**Parent Read Aloud:** Next week, Mrs. de Boer will join us. Thank you for sharing your love of reading with us!

**Crest Buddies:** Our next visit will be on Wednesday, November 28 at 11:30 am.

### **Grade Three/Four:**

Students are reminded to bring their agendas to school every day.

**Memory Verse:** We will be focussing on our Christmas concert poem, "T'was the Night before Christmas - Heaven's Version." Students will bring a copy of the poem home in order to practice their parts.

**Bible:** We have seen how King Ahaziah followed in the footsteps of his parents, Ahab and Jezebel.

**Math:** Both grades will have a quiz on Tuesday. Please practice mental math patterns with your student. As well as skip counting by 4's, 6's and 7's.

**Daily Five:** New spelling sorts will be going home today. We will continue to add sight words to the weekly spelling test. We have been using the iPad to share what we've learned in our reading recently. Students are recording videos of themselves retelling what they've read or learned. We are using Google Docs to revise our writing. It is exciting for the students to see how their writing has improved and changed.

**STEM:** We will be having more STEM time today and on Monday. We will be presenting our projects on November 29.

**Music:** Students must bring their recorders on Tuesday and Fridays.

## FROM THE GRADES:

### **Grade Five/Six:**

What a cold day today is! We have been quite busy in Grade 5/6 this week!

- Math - Both grades are now tackling long division. We will continue to work on this today and into next week.
- Reading - We have started our new novel study on "Underground to Canada". Students used their inference skills to help them discover what type of people the characters of this story are. We listened to a few songs that helped us to understand what life was like during this time of slavery in America.
- Creation Studies - This week the students used their knowledge of bridges to draw out a bridge. They also answered some reflection questions about their knowledge.
- Bible - The temptation of Jesus was our main topic of discussion this week, as we looked at how Satan tempted Christ and the significance of this.
- Writing - Rough drafts of mystery stories need to be typed up into Chrome for next week Monday
- Coming up.....
  - Friday (November 23) - Volleyball tournament
  - Friday (November 30) - Spelling menu due
  - Memory Work - Matthew 5:13-14

### **Grade Seven/Eight:**

**Math:** The Grade 7s are busy with the magic of decimals, while the Grade 8s are exploring the beauty of the Pythagorean Theorem. The Grade 8s will be prepared for a Unit Test in Geometry scheduled for November 30th.

**Science:** The class is just putting the finishing touches on their Science presentations which are due next Tuesday, November 27th. The focus has been to examine the environmental impacts of a variety of human activities ranging from farming, to e-waste, our fast food culture, and the emergence of new transportation technologies. Each presentation should highlight how we can minimize our impacts on local ecosystems and become better stewards of God's creation.

**Language:** With the novel study complete, we are now continuing our short story unit which explores the theme of Building Community.

**Geography:** We have completed our climate studies and will be having a Climate Quiz next Friday, November 30th.

- Memory Work: John 14:6-7 due for Thursday, November 29
- History: We are finishing our study of the Seigneurial System and Royal Government in New France. There will be a test on Thursday, November 29
- French: Test on adverbs, demonstrative adjectives, question words, and expressions of quantity on Friday, November 30. Students will be given a practice test on Monday, November 26 to help them prepare for the test.