

## Mr. Verburg's Message:

### Leadership Development for All

Vision Statement Objective: Our vision is for your child to transform lives through service, leadership, and innovation.

The above objective is one of the visionary goals and skills that we have publically stated that we want our students to develop during their education at Community Christian School. Our job as educators is to take this goal and create opportunities for students to practice and develop that skill in practical ways. This year we started doing morning announcements and singing 'O Canada' as part of our daily routine. It would have been easy to assign this task to Candace or myself; however, this was an opportunity to develop leadership skills. An opportunity that we did not want to limit to a subgroup of students, but was available to everyone. A different grade is in charge of reading the announcements each week. Two students are selected each day to lead by reading the announcements. Two other students lead by providing the tech support. All four students have to work together and coordinate their tasks to make the announcements successful. Mistakes are made, but that is o.k. They are learning what it takes to be successful. Developing skills like reading slowly and clearly, being prepared, and adapting to the unexpected.



How do we measure success? Are students developing leadership skills? One thing I always look for is student engagement and responsibility. The students are engaged. For example, the tech crew is very punctual and always arrive a few minutes early in order to check that the computer and the files needed that day will work. A few times it did not work immediately and they had to use back up plans. Another example occurred today. Today, the mother of one



of the girls reading the announcement did not intent to send her daughter to school because of other commitments. However, the student, knowing it was her turn to read the announcements, insisted that she go to school in order to fulfill the task. That is a powerful example of engagement and responsibility. To me, it means that we are on the right track and developing leadership skills. These students are not future leaders; they are leading today.

**Inspiring Minds. Engaging Hearts. Building Character.**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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)
Mon. January 7	School Resumes

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

Rachel (librarian)	December 9
Rachel D	December 12
Elliott R	December 13



### Spare Bus Driver Needed

Community Christian School, Drayton owns and operates our own buses and we are looking for two or three spare bus drivers. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the school at 519-638-2935 or [principal@ccsdrayton.org](mailto:principal@ccsdrayton.org). We will pay for the licensing and training of our spare drivers.

### FYI:

- **LATE or ABSENT from School** – Please be reminded that if your child is going to be late or absent from school and you are connecting with your child’s teacher, **please also contact the office before 8:30 a.m. at 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. If the buses are canceled, the school will be closed.

### Dates to Remember:

- **Grade 8 Day - Thursday, December 6.** Our Grade 8 students will be travelling to Woodland Christian High School. Each student has been registered and transportation will be provided. An email was sent to parents earlier this week to confirm the details regarding transportation. Please refer to the flyer that was sent home for more information! There is also a Parent Information Evening that same day starting at 7:30 p.m.
- **FREE SKATE – Sponsored by Community Christian School**
  - Saturday, December 8 from 7pm to 9pm
  - Be sure to invite friends, family, and neighbours
- **Hot Lunch** – We are looking forward to our special **Christmas Dinner** together in the gym on Tuesday, December 12. It is our Meatballs & Potatoes hot lunch. Thank you Room Parents!
- **Hockley Valley Resort grade 7/8 Ski Trip** - Monday, January 28, 2019
  - Forms will go home and more information will be available next week.

## ENVELOPES:

- **Master Order Forms** for January to March were sent home today. Please also find a copy attached to this email. Please return all orders and payment by Monday, December 10.

# Christmas Concert!

Date: Tuesday, December 11

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Drayton Christian Reformed Church

We are looking forward to our **Christmas Concert** next week where all grades will be participating! We ask that all students please dress in their Sunday best.

Invite your neighbours, family, and friends. Let's celebrate the gift of Jesus together!

**All Students** – are asked to be at church by 7:15 p.m.

**JK through Grade 4** – please meet your teachers downstairs in the basement fellowship hall before the concert at 7:15 p.m. These students will sit with their teachers at the front of the church.

**Grade 5/6** – please meet downstairs in the large Sunday School room at 7:15 p.m. These students will sit together after their performance.

**Grade 7/8** – please meet in the council room (at the back of the church) at 7:15 p.m. to warm up and then sit with Mr. Adams and Mrs. Hoving at the front of the church.



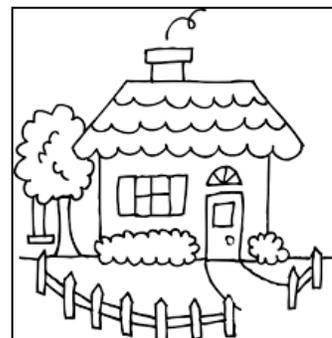
- **Door Decorating Contest!** Students are decorating their classroom doors for Christmas over the next couple of weeks and the doors will be judged on December 20. Here are some ideas to get things started! Have fun decorating!

## Requested Announcements:

Woodland Christian High School invites you to their Christmas Concert being held on Thursday, December 13 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow.

## Bless This House

In the spirit of the old song “Bless This House”, we have an opportunity to bless the households of many in our community this Christmas. The “Bless This House” project is again collecting new household and personal items and treats to fill housewarming gift baskets which will be distributed through the Drayton Food Bank to Mapleton township residents in need of a little extra cheer this season. Each family that receives a food bank hamper will also receive a house warming gift basket for the household they represent. Our school was invited to join with “Bless This House” in collecting items for these gift baskets. Please consider what you can



contribute to this project: fleecy blankets, socks, stationary, books, homemade dishcloths, decorative bathroom and kitchen items, family-night games, and treats; are just a few ideas of gifts to get you started. Donated items can be brought to the school or sent in with your children and may be placed in the bin located in the school foyer until Friday Morning, December 14. The bin will be brought to Community Mennonite Fellowship that day during the first nutrition break. Please contact Kim Frere at 519-638-2257 or [kfrere71@gmail.com](mailto:kfrere71@gmail.com) with questions or suggestions. Thank you!

## Greetings from the Library!!!

The Librarians have been hard at work pulling Christmas and winter books so they are easily accessible. With the snow gently falling outside it is easy to get into the Christmas Spirit!

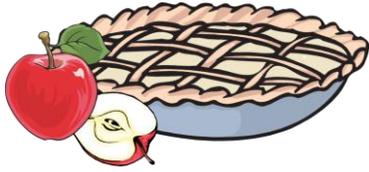
Just a few reminders:

Any books checked out right now (including those checked out **today**) are expected back **before** the Christmas break. Please return by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Also, it is getting to be the time of year when school bags get wet from being out in the snow and then warming up in our nice cozy homes! Please help protect our books by transporting them in plastic bags to and from school. This is for the older grades too!!!!



Thank-you, from the CCS Librarians



Don't forget to pick up your apple pies tomorrow at the Drayton CRC between 2:00 and 3:15 PM. If you cannot make this, please text or call 226-749-4422 to make other arrangements! Thanks!

## **Apple Pie Preparation Days!** 😊

Just a reminder that we will be rolling out the tops for the apple pie TONIGHT at the Drayton CRC kitchen from 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM -ish. If you can lend a hand, please feel free to come out! Please take a rolling pin! Many hands make light work! You can come for as little or long as you can!

**Tonight**, we are making all the pie crusts and hopefully most of the tops so tomorrow will consist of peeling and cutting apples and assembling all the pies. If you can lend a hand...that would be appreciated! Please take any apple cutters or peelers. It shouldn't take too long as all the pie crusts will already be made! Take a friend! Your mom! Everyone is welcome!! We will have some snacks from Anna Mae's and coffee. We should be done early afternoon, but any time that you are able to come out for is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please ask Tamara, Rachel R, Cynthia or Sonia.

**Tomorrow** (Friday) we will be assembling the apple pies! Come on out for some fun, fellowship, snacks and meeting new people! We will be meeting at 9:00 AM at the Drayton CRC church kitchen until 2:30 PM.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO Anna Mae's for allowing us to use their pie press!!! Please remember them when you are shopping or looking for a great homemade meal!

## **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 send an email to one of the following committee members and your questions will be directed accordingly.

[sheree.devries@gmail.com](mailto:sheree.devries@gmail.com) (Sheree DeVries)

[btjubiland@gmail.com](mailto:btjubiland@gmail.com) (Tryphena de Boer)

More information about this day will follow as it gets closer.

Thank you, from the 2019 Auction Committee



## FROM THE GRADES:

**JK / SK:** Hi Everyone, we have had a very busy week and are about to go into another one. This week we put up our tree, started talking about the Nativity story, made beautiful art creations, wrote about how to make a Grinch smile and started reading the gingerbread man story. We have been working on identifying and building patterns.

Next Week:

Monday - We will be making sugar cookies and decorating them to give to others at the widows and widowers luncheon on Wednesday.

Tuesday - All-school Christmas hot lunch in the gym and our Christmas performance

Wednesday - 1:00 pm going to DRC to entertain and fellowship with widows and widowers

Friday - Primary choir will perform for seniors at the DRC

**\*I am in need of icing, sprinkles and small candies to decorate our sugar cookies.**

**\*I also need a box of 100 Ziploc sandwich baggies**

Please let me know if you can help with this. Thank you!

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

**Math:** Grade 1 has been reviewing their shape names and properties while Grade 2 improved their story problem skills. Next week we will be starting Christmas math!

**Language Arts:** It is so fun to see our fluency grow as we practice our plays. Grade 2 students are even serving as “reading coaches” as they help their peers learn how to read with greater expression.

**Creation Studies:** This week we learned about how clouds are formed, types of clouds, and the water cycle.

**Bible:** We do not have memory work for December since we are hard at work preparing for the Christmas program.

**Show and Share Friday:** Abby, Rhianna, Emma, Aubrey, Matthew.

**Parent Read Aloud:** Tomorrow, **Bep Vandenberg** will come. Thank you for sharing your love of reading with us!

**Christmas in the Community:** Together with JK/SK and Grade 3/4, our class will be performing at luncheons at the Drayton Reformed Church on December 12 and on December 14. We will also be decorating cookies for the community on December 17 and delivering them on December 19! We will be walking to these community events.

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

**Memory Verse:** We are continuing to practice our Christmas Concert poem. Parts need to be memorized by Thursday, December 6.

**Bible:** We are exploring the miracles of Elisha. Students have been working on creating puppet shows in order to teach the rest of the class about one of Elisha’s miracles.

**Math:** Both grades will have a math quiz tomorrow. Grade 3’s will be showing off their mental math skills and Grade 4’s will be demonstrating their multiplication knowledge.

**Daily Five:** We did it again! Christmas baking for spelling excellence. There will be another spelling sort coming home today. Our next spelling test will be next Wednesday (December 12th).

We are also practicing a reader’s theatre and will be sharing those plays on Friday. In grammar, Grade 3’s have been learning about adjectives and adverbs, and Grade 4’s are beginning to review the different concepts we’ve learned so far this year.

**Creation Studies:** Our “Lights and Sounds” unit has begun. We have already learned that both light and sound travel in waves, and that visible light is only a small part of the electromagnetic spectrum. We have learned about the reflection and refraction of light. Ask your child about looking around corners with mirrors and why straws look “broken” in a glass.

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

**Agendas:** Students must bring their agendas to school every day.

## FROM THE GRADES:

### Grade Five/Six:

- Math - It has been such a busy week that the Math test for Grade 5 has been postponed until Monday. Grade 5 has been working on problem solving using multiplication and division skills and Grade 6 has been looking at rounding.
- Creation Studies - Our vocab and bridge search is due tomorrow and we will then be looking at compression and tension.
- Writing - We are in the final stages of the writing process and our mystery stories will be due next week.
- Bible - Today we looked at the Wedding at Cana and started our review sheets for the upcoming Bible test. The test will be on Thursday, December 13th.
- We are super excited about the Christmas program next week. Students have been busy practicing, building and creating many things. It has been great to see them collaborate together.

Coming up...

Monday	- Math test (5)
Tuesday	- Pizza/Chocolate Milk - Christmas Program
Thursday	- Bible Test
Friday	- Mystery due

### Grade Seven/Eight:

**Math:** The Grade 7s are completing their Number Sense Unit this week and will be having a Unit Test on Thursday, December 13th. The Grade 8s are currently working on a short Measurement Unit with a Unit Test scheduled for next Friday, December 14th.

**Language:** Mr. Adams' writing group is developing a piece of Expository Writing this week. We are also continuing our Short Story Unit - Building Community.

**Geography:** This week we will be discussing the science of Climate Change, as well as a Christian response to this ongoing global challenge.

**Science:** We have begun our Cells unit - looking at the intricate wonders of God's creation. We are certainly fearfully and wonderfully made!

**Music:** Our musicians are in the midst of the Christmas Season - preparing for the school concert next Tuesday, and a special performance next Friday afternoon.

**Memory Work:** Luke 2: 8-14 for Thursday, December 13.

**Fundraising:** Stemmler's orders are coming in on Monday, December 10 and Norwich Deli and Bakery orders are coming in on Wednesday, December 12. Bringing some bags to school to carry orders home would be helpful.



For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

He will be called Wonderful Counsellor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

~ Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)