

Mr. Verburg's Message:

**Let's join together
and pray for our school!**

JANUARY 10th / 7.30 @ CCS



**WOM @
The Chophouse**

**Thursday, January 17 at
7:30pm**

**Your to join us for an evening of
collaboration and sharing about
our word of mouth strategies**



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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
Tues. January 8	Hot Dog Lunch
Sat. January 12	Family Skate Evening

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

Liberty T	December 17
Daan B	December 21



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. We will pay for the licensing and training of our spare drivers.

FYI:

- **Family Skate** – Thank you to Jolene Hiddema for helping out at the family skate this past weekend!
- **Hot Lunch** – Thank you to our Room Mothers for preparing our special **Christmas Dinner** this week!

Dates to Remember:

- **Family Skate Evening**
 - Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 7pm to 9pm
- **Hockley Valley Resort grade 7/8 Ski Trip**
 - Monday, January 28, 2019

ENVELOPES:

- **Grade 3 to Grade 8 – Jack & the Beanstalk at the St. Jacobs Country Playhouse**
 - Permission forms and payment are due back by **Monday, December 17.**
- **Grade 7 & 8 – Hockley Valley Resort Ski Trip Form**
 - **IMPORTANT** - Please return forms and payment by **Monday, December 17.**
 - Please make a copy to keep for the clothing checklist and other information.
 - Cost per Student/Parent:

Lift & Lesson only – Ski = \$23.80	with Rental (incl. Helmet) = \$34.00
Lift & Lesson only – Snowboard = \$34.30	with Rental (incl. Helmet) = \$42.50

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:

LET'S COME TOGETHER TO PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

On Thursday, January 10, parents and supporters of CCS are invited on a 'prayer walkabout' through our school, praying for our students, staff, and board. Considering that there are varying levels of comfort with praying out loud in a group, we want to provide an atmosphere that is mindful of that. Therefore, we will be providing a self-guided prayer time where you can quietly pray as you walk through the school. There is power in prayer!

WOM @ The Chophouse

We invite you to join us for an evening of collaboration and sharing about our word of mouth strategies. Our hope is that we will provide one another with the tools to confidently promote and invite others into our Community Christian School community.

SAVE THE DATE: We have booked Thursday, January 17 at 7:30pm at the Drayton Chop House. We hope that you will join us as investors in sharing the excitement surrounding the benefits of Christian Education, especially here at Community Christian School.

We have the exciting opportunity and privilege to be active participants in continuing to grow the legacy of our school, we hope that you will join us.

Interested? Please RSVP by clicking this link [RSVP Here](#) or using the following web address:

<https://goo.gl/forms/sD9QNfgoltjygGEs1>

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

Drayton Reformed Church invites you to "**FINDING HOPE in the midst of ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION with Kimberly Whyte**". Wednesday, January 9, 7:30 pm at Drayton Reformed Church (74 Wellington Street, S. Drayton, across from Drayton Heights Public School). Kimberly Whyte is a Registered Psychotherapist and works as a Christian Counsellor with By Peaceful Waters. She has her undergrad from Emmanuel Bible College and a Masters degree from Laurier University. She serves as an adjunct faculty member in the counselling department at Emmanuel Bible College. Kimberly is passionate about being a support to those who are encountering challenging times in their lives.

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

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!!!!

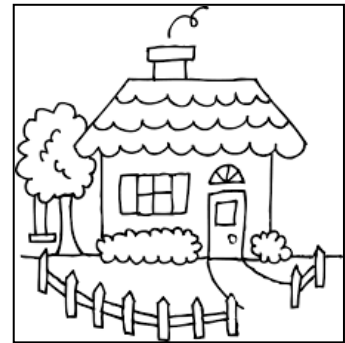
Thank-you, from the CCS Librarians



Bless This House - Tomorrow is the final day to bring in items for this amazing program!

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 with questions or suggestions. Thank you!



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 (Sheree DeVries)

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:

It was another busy week here in kindergarten. We made cookies to give as presents. We made cards to go with our cookies. We made gingerbread traps with our learning buddies. We practiced and performed our Christmas concert a couple of different times. We will be carol singing tomorrow afternoon with the Seniors for Excellence program.

Highlights for next week:

Make gingerbread men

Carol singing as a school

Games afternoon on Friday

I hope everyone has a restful weekend. Enjoy your family time. Teresa

Grade One/Two:

Math: We have been enjoying Christmas math stations! Students are using Christmas activities to reinforce their addition, subtraction, patterning, graphing, and many other math skills.

Language Arts: Our reading groups have been performing their plays for us. In writing, we are working on a Christmas challenge using Christmas characters and settings.

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

Christmas in the Community: We will be decorating cookies for the community on December 17 and delivering them on December 19 with our Grade 5/6 reading buddies. Thank you to everyone who will be sending in cookies and to those who have volunteered to help us bring them to our community. **We could still use more volunteers to help us deliver on December 19 from 1:30-3:00.** If you can help us out, let me know as soon as possible.

Grade Three/Four:

Bible: We will be presenting our Elisha puppet shows on Friday. Next week, we will be exploring the prophecies pointing towards the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Math: Grade 3's have begun a measurement unit. They have been practicing measuring objects around the room using their fingers, hand spans, and rulers. Grade 4's have been practicing rounding numbers to the nearest ten, hundred, and thousand.

Daily Five: We will be diving into some Christmas spelling words for the final week before holidays. Today we began our Christmas partner writing stories. Please keep reading regularly over the next few weeks. Students will continue to get chances to "level up" over the next week and in January. If you have any plastic water bottles, wooden skewers, or pop bottle caps, we would really appreciate the chance to upcycle these items into homemade cars.

STEM: We will be creating water bottle cars for our December STEM project. The class will be divided into groups on Wednesday, December 19, and creating cars from a given set of supplies.

Creation Studies: We have learned about the properties of light and sound. Now, we are applying this knowledge as we complete experiments. We have seen how sound travels across wires as well as examined why megaphones work.

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

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

Jack and the Beanstalk--

On December 20, the Grade 3-8 students will be seeing Drayton Entertainment's "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the St. Jacob's Country Playhouse. We will be leaving the school promptly at 9:00, so please ensure students are on time. Students will be able to eat their snacks and lunches before and after the performance. Students will not have access to microwaves, and lunches should be as waste-free as possible.

This production is directed and choreographed by David O'Connell, who came and worked with our students last April, and stars Jackie Mustakas, who will be visiting the school this spring to help our students take their musical performances to the next level.

FROM THE GRADES:

Grade Five/Six:

What a wonderful job the kids did on Tuesday at the Christmas program. A huge thank you to all the family and friends that came to hear their message!

- Math - Grade 6 will have their Section B math test tomorrow. Grade 5 is now practicing their rounding skills. Students have also been busy with a math package called "To Grandma's House we Go", just ask them about all the math problems that they have been solving in it.
- Writing - Mysteries are due tomorrow and we are hoping to share them with our reading buddies soon!
- Creation Studies - This week we have been looking at the difference between tension and compression.
- Bible - We were finally able to finish off the last lesson and the students were able to start their review yesterday. The plan is to have the Bible test on Tuesday. (December 18)
- Next week we will be decorating and delivery cookies around the town with our reading buddies. If you had received an email about donating come decorating items (sprinkles, chocolate chips, etc.), remember to have them in for Monday.

Coming up:

Monday - decorating cookies

Tuesday - Bible test, Spelling test and Spelling menu due

Wednesday - Delivery day

Thursday - Jack and the Beanstalk

Friday - Grade 8 vs staff volleyball game and games afternoon

Grade Seven/Eight:

Math: The Grade 7 class is in the midst of their Measurement Unit, calculating the perimeter and area of a variety of polygons. The Grade 8s will be having their Measurement Quiz tomorrow, with a full unit test scheduled for next week.

Science: We are examining the wonders of plant and animal cells and comparing the make-up and function of their organelles.

Geography: This week we are learning about global patterns of natural vegetation, and how they are impacted by climate - temperature and precipitation.

Language: We are currently enjoying the 'Building Community' short story unit, and considering the ways that we can make positive impacts on our personal Christian community.

Memory Work: Luke 2: 15-20 for Wednesday, December 19.

Ski Trip: Our grade 7/8 Ski trip to Hockley Valley is planned for Monday, January 28. Forms for the trip went home today, and need to be returned by Monday, December 17. You only need to fill our one copy and we will make a copy for the school but please make a copy for yourselves for a clothing checklist and other important information.



While they were there, the time came for Mary to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2: 6 – 7 (NRSV)