

**Mr. Verburg's Message:**

**The Role of Restorative Work in Christian Education**

The purpose of Christian education, in our school, is not to shield our students from the world or to create a protective bubble. It is our aim to teach our student, at the appropriate ages, the nature of our world, but also how God intended our world to be. There is a gap between these two realities. As followers of Christ, we are called to be active agents for the restoration, based upon the restorative work of Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. As a Christian school we take these foundational principles and apply it in every curriculum area.

What does this look like? It begins with knowledge, understanding, and thinking. Currently, our Grade 7/8 class is transitioning between two units in Geography: Physical Patterns in a Changing World and Natural Resources: Use and Sustainability. As part of the project, they are digging into the use of water and related issues. Water is a precious resource that God intended would be pure, clean, plentiful, and provide abundant life. However, we live in a broken world and access to clean water is a huge problem. Our students are beginning to explore and understand that problem. Here are some of the projects they are working on:

- The Nestle Plant in Wellington County and its impact on ground water
- The Three Gorges Dam in China and its impact on people and the environment
- The water issues in Flint, Michigan
- The Australian Water crisis: the drought and its causes and impact
- The problem of plastic, specifically as it is found in the oceans
- The Genghis River
- Ryan's Well Foundation

However, our goal is not to stop at knowledge and understanding, but we want to engage and inspire. We want our students to realize they can and need to be stewards of that precious resource and that their actions, small or large can make a difference. They need to engage in wise use of water: protecting the sources, conservation efforts, proper sanitation, and hygiene. Those everyday actions can make a difference in God's creation.

Perhaps, we will also inspire a student to turn this knowledge and understanding into passion and vocation. A life work that seeks to impact the globe through research, technology, or working in communities with a need. The founder of Ryan's Well Foundation can serve as an example for our students. Ryan heard the story of people walking long distances for clean water. He only had to walk 10 steps from his school desk. As a Grade One student, he began to raise money for wells and to date 924,010 people had their lives improved through 1,277 wells and 1,251 latrines. This is our vision. Students finding a passion and vocation to improve and restore creation and the lives of others. This is our mission: to equip them to accomplish that dream.

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

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## NEWS WORTHY!

### Retirement

It was with regret that yesterday, I accepted the resignation and retirement of Terry, our bus driver, effective on March 17. Terry has been driving our students to school for the past four years. We deeply appreciate the job that he has done and we pray that the Lord may bless him in his future endeavours as he enjoys his retirement.

I am also pleased to announce that Ella Kieftenburg will be driving our bus starting on Monday, March 18 until we can find a full time replacement for Terry.

### Full-time and Spare Bus Driver Needed

Our school now owns and operates its own buses and starting in September we will need a full-time driver, preferably with three years driving experience. We are also 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 licensing and training. If you know of someone who would be a great bus driver, please pass along their name and contact information.

### Communication from the Board

We, as a Board, have been spending some time at our meetings discussing board member recruitment for the 2019-2020 school year. In May, we need to replace three board members: our secretary, treasure, and a member-at-large; also keeping in mind that we need to fill the chair position the following school year. With these needs, and the necessary skills in mind, the board will soon be sending out information packages, and an invitation to join the board, to those individuals who we feel could meet those needs. We ask for your prayers during this process. If you receive an information package and invitation, we ask that you give it prayerful consideration.

### HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE:

March 19 – Sloppy Joes  
March 26 - Pizza  
April 9 – Hotdogs

Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating a birthday over the March Break and the following week:

Mrs. Jennie Roubos (librarian)	March 11
Jacob Rylaarsdam	March 14
Rodney DeVries	March 15
Sam Hessels	March 19
Mrs. Parker (Grade 5/6)	March 20



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Thurs. March 7	Second Term Report Cards
Thurs. March 7	Last Day before Spring Break
Sat. March 9	Community Family Skate Evening
March 8 to 15	March Break (NO SCHOOL)
Mon. March 18	School Resumes
Tues. March 19	Hot Lunch (sloppy joes)
Tues. March 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tues. March 26	Pizza Lunch
Tues. April 2	Board Meeting
Wed. April 3	Registration and Open House
Tues. April 9	Hotdog Lunch
Fri. April 19	Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)
Mon. April 22	Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL)
April 23 – 26	Christian Education Week

**FYI:**

## **Nic At Night**

- All students in the choir (Grades 1-8) and choreography will need to wear a long sleeved black shirt for the musical performances. Shirts must be solid black (no writing or designs).
- We need several sets of white mini LED lights (battery operated) for the Nic at Night set. If you have any light sets that we could use for the musical, it would be really appreciated. Please clearly label your light sets in order to ensure a quick return after the musical!
- Chicken Paper Required! In order to create the backdrops and set pieces, we need THICK chicken paper. If you have some that could be donated, we would really appreciate it!!
- We will need several handheld flashlights, palm branches, and artificial flowers. If you have any we could use, it is appreciated! Please label anything that you would like returned.

**Lost and Found!** Any items not claimed by the end of TODAY will be given to the Blessings to You Centre. If any of these items are yours, please let the office know ASAP!



**Dates to Remember:**

## **Open House and Registration – Wednesday, April 3**

The final Open House Day will be on May 1.

If you are a current family in the school and have a child ready for JK/SK, you are most welcome to come to one of our Open House Days if you would like. In the spring, Mrs. Culp will send an invitation for your child to visit the Kindergarten classroom for a morning.

If you know of any families with JK/SK age children who are interested in Christian education, please let them know about our upcoming Registration Dates. You can also contact the office and we will send them an information package. The best way to promote and market the school is through positive stories shared by parents to their acquaintances.

- **Report Cards** are being sent home TODAY, Thursday, March 7. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on the Tuesday following March Break - Tuesday, March 19. Enclosed with the report cards will be a conference request form. If your child's teacher has not requested a conference, please complete and return the form requesting an interview. A conference time will then be set up between the teacher and yourself. If you have any questions or concerns before then, please don't hesitate to call.
- **MARCH BREAK** – begins on Friday, March 8 (no school on Friday) until Friday, March 15!
- **Community Family Skate Evening - Saturday, March 9** is the last time to lace up your skates and come to the Drayton Arena for a community family skate night. The cost is \$2/person or \$10/family and runs from 7pm – 9pm. The theme for the night is “Beach Dream – Summer is on its Way!” Be creative and dress up if you wish.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences - Tuesday, March 19** beginning at 3:45pm.
- **Sloppy Joe Lunch** for all those who ordered on Tuesday, March 19. Thank you once again Room Mothers!
- **Christian Education Week!** from April 23 – 26 is coming soon – more information to follow!
  - April 23 Pastor's Breakfast
  - April 24 Open House and Book Fair
  - April 25 Book Fair and Grandfriend's Day
  - Spring Musical – afternoon and evening performance
- **Daylight Saving Time Begins March 10!** Don't forget to change your clock early Sunday!

**Requested Announcements:**

**Drayton Minor Soccer** invites you to sign up for the 2019 soccer season online by March 15. After this date, there will be a \$25 late fee. Please see the ad attached to your email with the newsletter.



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## **SPRING BAZAAR**

**April 13, 2019**

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. Donation Lists have been sent home. Please let a committee member know if you need a copy. Also, please keep those winter projects going that would make great donations for the auction or the centre table (sewing projects, woodworking, painting, or anything that you can think of).

If you have any questions, regarding the auction or centre table, please email 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 DeBoer)

Thank you, from the 2019 Auction Committee

### **GRAB BARREL**

The Games Committee for the bazaar is asking that each family donate and bring to the school fifteen (15) \$1.00 items for the grab barrel. Thank You!



### **ONE MORE CANVASSER DESPERATLY NEEDED for the SPRING BAZAAR**

The Bazaar Committee is still looking for one more canvassers for a portion of the town of Listowel. If you would like to help out, please contact Tracy DeWeerd at: [tracydeweerd@hotmail.com](mailto:tracydeweerd@hotmail.com).

**Thank you**

to everyone who is volunteering in this capacity!

## **FROM THE GRADES:**

### **JK / SK:** Happy March Break!

When we come back from March Break we will be starting on a few projects. We will be creating a cross as a display for Lent for the Drayton Reformed Church. We will also be working on a contribution for the Spring Bazaar, putting things together for Grandparents Day and our Celebration of Learning projects.

**NEEDS** - 2 balls of yarn for each child that is their favourite colour. I will need these balls of yarn by the beginning of April for part of our Celebration of Learning. I am okay if their favourite colour is the rainbow, if you can find balls of yarn that fit. Thank you!!!!

**Grade 1/2:** Oopsie bags and indoor shoes are coming home today. Please check to ensure seasonally appropriate clothes are in our oopsie bags, including socks and that indoor shoes are still a good fit.

- Math: Grade 1 worked hard to learn their coin names and values. Thank you for all your support with this at home! We will review this a bit more after March break, please keep up the practice. Grade 2 is beginning to learn about addition with regrouping, which will continue after March break.
- Language Arts: Some of our students were asked to perform at chapel this week! They have been working hard to practice their readers theatre and performed it this afternoon.
- Bible: Our memory work for March is **Ruth 1:16-17** and is due **March 29**.
- **Special Guest Read Aloud:** After March break, **Andrea Vanderlaan** will be reading to us. Thank you!

### **Grade 3/4:**

**Bible:** We have been learning about Rehoboam's poor choices at the beginning of his reign.

**Creation Studies:** We have begun our Habitats unit. Ask your child what five things every living creature needs to survive.

**Math:** Grade 3's have been growing in their multiplication skills and knowledge. Please keep practicing multiplication facts over the break. Grade 4's have finished a geometry unit. Both grades had a quiz today.

**Daily Five:** We are have just begun a "March Break Read to a Million Bonanza." Words read during March Break will be worth double, and for every 15 minutes read, students will get a 2000 word bonus! Parents please initial the tracking sheet for every 15 minutes your child read. Students have been busy creatively writing partner stories which will be shared with the class today.

**Looking Ahead:** We will be building a medieval village for our Celebration of Learning. In order to do this, we will need shoe boxes. Please save your shoe and boot boxes for us. Thanks! We are excited to apply our STEM skills with our knowledge of medieval times.

### **Grade 5/6:**

- Math - Both grades have been working on a data management unit. We have looked at stem leaf plots, double bar graphs, continuous line graphs and are now focusing on finding the mean.
- Reading - Liza and Julily have escaped from Massa Hensen's plantation and are now on their way to Canada. In class we have talked about what that would have been like, how they would have felt and what they would have seen. Today we finished off Chapter 11 questions.
- Creation Studies - Do you know what your femur is? Your tibia? Students have been examining our muscular-skeletal systems. Today we talked about the problems that this system can have and we started reading about our respiratory system.
- PE - We are hoping to start badminton after March Break.
- Memory work - Romans 12:1-2

### **Grade 7/8:**

**Math:** Both classes are working in Number Sense. We will be testing on Friday, March 22nd.

**Language:** Literature Circles wrap up today. Our next Novel Study is 'Bronze Bow.' We will be writing responses to our Literature Circle novels in the form of a Newspaper Article.

**Geography:** Water Issues projects will be due on March 29th.

**Ski/Snowboard Trip:** We had a great time yesterday. Thanks to the parents who joined us for the day!