

The first week of school is behind us. It was good, it was very good.

It was good to be together as a staff again. The week before school we had meetings, we socialized, we planned and prepared, discussed and debated, challenged, encouraged and supported each other, and we anticipated the start of classes. It was good. It was very good.

Last week the noise and energy level within the building significantly rose with the entry of students. What a blessing to see them running and playing, smiling and laughing, kicking soccer balls, playing tag, playing in the sand, and climbing on the playground equipment. There was lots to do and lots of people to talk to. It was good to see to interactions of children with each other, the creativity of their play, and the excitement they had to be together. It was good to see classrooms full and engaging. Teachers worked hard to establish routines (it has been along time) and adjust to schedules. Students had to do the same. Different teacher, new grade level, and a new classroom (for some). Some things were familiar but many things changed. Adjustments take time and last week was a good time for everyone to adjust to the new school year.

It takes a while to sink in. In my classroom, the “old” Grade 8s have moved to high school and the “new” grade 7s have entered the room. The classroom takes on a new dynamic and we have to adjust. Different learning styles, different interests, and even though we are still teaching Grade 7-8, it feels very new. That happens in every classroom because we teach to the needs and interests of the students. The adjustment takes time.

It is good. We praise God for who and what he has given us this year and we recognize that it is very good.

## September Events

14 - Picture Day  
30 - Soccer Tournament

## Birthday Corner

September 13  
Mrs. Heida

September 18  
Carina A  
Reid H

## October Events

7 - Cross Country Meet  
11 - Thanksgiving Day (no school)  
25 - LCS Information Evening 7-9  
28/29 - Edvance Convention (no school)

## From the Classrooms

### Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We have all had our first day of school! I enjoyed getting to know the students a little bit last week and look forward to being together as an entire class this week.

This **Tuesday is picture day!** Please refer to information from the office about how to order photos for your child.

This week in **language**, we will be looking at the letters in our names, and practicing the sounds that they make.

In our **Bible lessons** this week we will learn about how God created the sky and sea, and the plants. We will be singing the song "Jesus Loves Me" this month and our memory verse is Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

In **math**, we will be looking at items to see what is the same about them and what is different. Our focus colour this month is red, our focus shape is the square and our focus number is 1.

In **health**, we will learn that God made each of us unique, and we will look at how each one of us has special fingerprints.

We will have our first **music class** on Tuesday and our first **gym time** on Thursday this week as well.

# School News

## Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

Yay! We had a great first week of school. We are learning the routines and adjusting to being in each other's company. This week we will begin **SHOW AND TELL!** Students may bring their favourite toy and something that shows their favourite colour and a family photo.

The schedule is as follows:

**Monday:** Scotti and Colton

**Tuesday:** Ronella and Carina

**Thursday:** Amy and Zach

**Friday:** Alex and Jesse

The rest of the students will have an opportunity to bring **SHOW AND TELL** the following week.

We will **focus on letters C, D, E, F**, using our listening skills and learning some rhymes.

In **math**, we will be engaging in some number activities up to the number 5. For **Bible**, we will discover what God created on Day 2, 3 and 4. We will review our **memory work** and learn the song Hip, Hip, Hippopotamus.

**Scholastic Orders** have been sent home. Our class code is RC208157.

The website is [www.scholastic.ca](http://www.scholastic.ca) You can pay online and get your order shipped to your house while giving credit to our class code to purchase books for the SK classroom

**Picture Day** is Tuesday September 14th, 2021.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at

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## Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

1. Our first days of school were about getting to know a little about one another. We spent time practicing routines and learning grade one/two expectations. We are happy to have our own desks, and enjoyed exploring learning materials in our classroom. I trust that God will equip us to do our best learning together this year.

2. Thank you for sending in all the school supplies your child will need in grade one/two. We are well equipped for learning!

3. **Bible** - we continue to review our theme and theme verse from Hebrews 6:19a.

4. During our **language arts** times, we are looking at why readers read, ways to read a book, and will begin to practice the routines of our Language Arts centres. We will learn the routines for our word work time (no spelling lists for now). In writing, we will discuss why writers write and what writers write.

5. **Grade One math** - review of counting and numeral formation. We learned the game "Bump!" Ask your child about it.

6. **September Scholastic** order forms are in today's kid mail, should you wish to order books.

## Grade 2 math - Ms. ten Brink

We had a great start to the school year in our math group. Last week we settled into the routine of coming to our special math room and started with some review. We will continue the review this week and will break off into smaller groups for our instruction time. Our review is made up of number recognition to 120, counting by 5s, 10s, and 2s, and using our number line for addition.

## **From the Library**

Welcome back! We are excited to see the students back in the library again starting the week of Sept 20! To help the library run smoothly we are looking for some volunteers to check in and shelf books and to help students check out books. You would be partnered with one of our experienced librarians.

Volunteers shifts are once or twice a month on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am - 12:30pm. Parents, grandparents and other supporters are welcome. If you are interested please call Andrea 519-338-5293 or email [atboots@gmail.com](mailto:atboots@gmail.com)

## **Cross Country**

Mrs. Delleman went around the classrooms today to have any students interested in running cross country sign up. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, feel free to email at [t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca) or let her know at recess that you would like to participate! Grades 3/4 will have practices Mondays and Thursdays at snack recess. Grades 5/6/7/8 will have practices Wednesdays and Fridays at snack recess. We will start next week!

## **Girls Soccer**

We will have lunch recess practices on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Mrs. Gerda Bakker has volunteered to help out with coaching and will come on Thursdays from 3-4pm. Hopefully your daughter is able to join us for all of our practices. The tournament is quickly approaching on September 30th. More information to follow.

-Mrs. Claus

More news on the next page...

### Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

Week 1 is done and we are excited for our first full week of school this week! I am so thankful to be teaching your children this year. I look forward to getting to know each of them.

Last week we became familiar with our classroom, routines, and expectations. We started to review patterns in math, started our unit on Ephesians in **Bible**, and began working in our handwriting book. We are starting a unit on trees in **creation studies** this week. We hope to spend a lot of time outside for this unit, weather permitting. **Daily 5** is also starting this week. We will work on our reading stamina and be introduced to our word sorts. On Friday, we will say our first **memory work**: our theme verse, Hebrews 6:19a.

This week:

**Tuesday**: Picture day!

**Friday**: Memory work- Hebrews 6:19a

**Scholastic** was sent home on Friday. I hope you enjoyed looking through it with your child. If you would like to order, our class code is on the cover letter and on the top of the flyer. Every time someone orders we receive Bonus Bucks to use for new books and other classroom essentials. I am looking into an item or items that would be beneficial to our class.

### Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Grade 4/5 had an awesome first week back at school! We are still getting used to being back in person and are developing routines and procedures these first few weeks.

For this week, students have **Picture Day** on Tuesday and **Memory Work** due Friday. For memory work, students need to have our theme verse memorized - "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." - Hebrews 6:19a.

### Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

Ahh, the weekly messenger. It's been a while since I have contributed.) I hope that this space will provide pertinent updates about the academic journeys that we are embarking on within Grades 5/6. I thank you for the opportunity to spend time with your children, helping them strengthen their skills, establishing personal and academic goals all the while leaning into Jesus to direct our paths and enabling us to grow closer to him as children of God.

As we continue to work through classroom routines, getting to know one another, while dialing up our responsibilities; look to this space for weekly updates of what students are working on, and their expectations. In **Bible**, we have begun our first unit on the book of Colossians. Our first memory work will be due on Friday of this week and it is found from Colossians 3:12-15.

In **math**, both grades have started on a number pattern unit.

Our **social studies**, unit is on Governing Canadians, and we are linking the upcoming Election into this with a Student Vote next week Monday. This will enable a chance at a mock vote after exploring our countries governing structure, the different political parties while connecting them with what governments are, why they are important and how God can work through all to bring forth his Kingdom.

We have started our **spelling** work, and pretests and tests will be on Mondays and Fridays respectively.

**Personal, Social, and Physical Education (PSPE)** is on Mondays and Fridays as well, and the students are asked to have their gym clothes and shoes at school for these classes.

I ask for your prayers at the outset of this new school year. With all new endeavours, a level of patience, determination, and tact is needed to make them as fruitful as possible. We ask God to provide this to our class, school, and community

### **Boys Soccer**

After school practice Wednesday September 15, from 3:30-4:30! See you there! To accommodate times, the following week it will run from 3:30-5pm. If you need to pick up later than 5pm, please let me know and I can stay late.

-Mr. Siebenga

### **Picture Day**

Don't forget, Picture Day is TOMORROW September 14th!

### **LCS is a Nut Free School**

Just a reminder to parents that LCS is a nut-free school. Please only pack food that does not contain nuts. Thank you for helping make our school a safe place for everyone!

### **LCS Staff Birthday Collection**

The promotions and hospitality committee has decided to simplify the money collection process for the class moms who arrange for birthday celebrations for our amazing staff. Please fill out the form that went out with kid mail and send the money to the office. Let a member of the promotions committee know if you have any questions (Michelle Hibbs, Naomi Brubacher, Kaitlin DeVries, Dianne Norris and Tanya Delleman)

School Theme:  
"Who is My Neighbour?  
Learning to Love Like  
Jesus."

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### Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen

**French:** It has been a great blessing to re-engage in French with the students now in Grade 6 and to be introduced to all those in Grade 5 – including those from Mrs. Delleman’s class! Welcome!!

We are reviewing greetings (Bonjour! Comment ca va?), introducing oneself (Je m’appelle...) and colours with Grade 5 with a view to progress to weather descriptors, the daily date and its components, the seasons, and typical classroom instructions. Grade 6 benefits too from this review and has been creating posters for use within the teaching/learning space so that both the 5/6’s and 7/8’s can use them for reference.

### Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

**Art:** this past week, each student created a poster related to this year’s school theme (i.e. Jesus as our anchor; Hebrews 6:19a) employing oil pastels. These will be displayed in our classroom.

This week we have a **Bible lesson**-related art assignment (God’s titles in the Old Testament) and hopefully also one involving the use of leaves, crayon, and water-colour paint.

**Bible:** Our first unit is Themes of the Old Testament. Last week we were introduced to the idea of the Bible as one great “Story” and its three parts: creation, fall, and redemption. We then began looking at “The Author(s)” of The Story, Scripture being “God-breathed”, and the principal names God is given. We will continue our focus on God’s various titles in the Old Testament and then progress to “The Characters” and the specific meanings of their names.

**French:** Gr. 7/8 is very familiar with the procedures in Madame’s French classes as we open with greetings, weather, the date, etc. and then proceed to readings, questions, and/or grammar-related topics. We are working through some review documents and will also be reading some [French] primary picture books.

**Geography:** Our unit is entitled Physical Patterns in a Changing World. Last week we examined the definition of Geography and what areas of study fall under “Physical” versus “Human” geography. We also reviewed our nation’s provinces and territories, and major bodies of water in and around Canada. This week’s tasks will include/involve a mapping skills review and completion of a map of Canada assignment (the latter to be marked). Time permitting, we will proceed to completion of a world map.

**Guided Reading:** Last week, we read through a short story by Sigmund Brouwer, “Golden Tonsils”, and answered some comprehension and insightful questions. The plan is to proceed to a novel study on “The Secret Garden”.

**Writing and Working With Words:** Students began a mini-writing (with a bit of Art) assignment this past week #All About Me. The plan is to have this task completed on Tuesday.

Our upcoming endeavours? We will be looking more closely at parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, etc.) odd-spellings, homophones, plurals vs. possessives, and the like for purposes of sentence building and improving our writing. Smaller writing assignments and some applicable worksheets will be used for assessment.

### Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

**Math:** We started this week with some introductory worksheets. The first set was due today. Grade 8's second set will be due Tuesday. Grade 7's second set will be due Wednesday. After that, we will begin some textbook work. Daily assignments are given and students are expected to keep up. Ask your son/daughter if they are staying caught up.

**Gym:** This week we will enjoy gym outdoors and work on our soccer skills.