

November 28, 2022

I remember going to the school bazaar as a child. There were games, there was food, and there were people everywhere. As a child, I looked forward to it and enjoyed it. Last Saturday, it was just like old times. There were games, there was food, and there were people everywhere. It was like time stood still – except I wasn't playing the games this time.

Saturday, I spent most of my time in the lobby interacting with a wide variety of people. There were kids, there were teenagers, there were parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. I met one as young as 2 months old and one as young as 91 years old. I talked with people who have attended the bazaar for decades and some there for the first time. I witnessed and listened to hear about God's faithfulness from generation to generation. It was good.

I want to thank the Bazaar Committee. They worked tirelessly to attend to many details to ensure the day ran smooth. Thanks – you know who you are! Also, thanks to the general community who stepped up to volunteer and provide goods. None of this would happen without you. Saturday was both a fundraiser (community builder) and a fund-raiser (budget supporter).

This week we will initiate our annual fundraising drive. This is another opportunity for you to support the school financially. Our goal is \$105,000. Attached to this week's Messenger is the drive flyer. Please prayerfully consider how you might support LCS this year.

November Events

28- First Term Report Cards go home



Dec 1
Savannah D

Dec 3
Logan S

Dec 5
Esther B

December Events

1- Grade 8 Day at Woodland
1- Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)
2- Parent-Teacher Conferences continued, **NO SCHOOL**
20- LCS Christmas Concert 1pm & 7pm
22- Last Day before Christmas



From the Christmas Bazaar Committee:

Thank-you!



Another successful Christmas Bazaar at LCS! Thank-you to all the families and members of the community for your baking, crafting, toy donations, donating your time and support during the bazaar! We appreciate all your help!

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

This week, as the calendar turns to December, we will begin to prepare for Christmas! This month we will be making ornaments and special art and doing an experiment called "Fizzing Candy Canes"! Our **focus letter** is letter **Ii**. We will sing the Jolly Phonics song for this letter and practice the sound that it makes and recognizing the upper and lowercase forms of Ii. In our **workbooks** we will be tracing lines and we will print our first letter this week, letter L. In **math**, we begin a new unit on patterns. We will learn that there are patterns everywhere and try to notice different kinds of patterns. Our focus colour for December is green, our shape is the triangle, and our focus number is 4. In **Bible**, we are learning about David. We will read about how David wrote songs and psalms and that we can read them in the Bible. We have a new memory verse for December, Luke 2:11 "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord". We will also be learning a couple of Christmas songs. Tuesday is **Library day**, please remember to return last week's books so students may choose new books. Thursday are Parent/Teacher conferences, please refer to the schedule that was sent out by the office for your time. I look forward to meeting with each of you!

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week we will be working with **compound words** which are two words that make one word. We will be listening to rhyming pairs and making up our own silly rhyming words. We will be baking cupcakes and sequencing the steps we take to get the job done. We will also write about our cupcake experience using 1 or 2 words to label our picture in our journals. We will be reviewing the letters we have been working with by going on sound hunts and finger light adventures.

In **math**, we will wrap up our flat shapes unit by learning about triangles and counting corners and sides of flat shapes.

In **Bible**, we will begin practicing for the Christmas program and learning about Zechariah.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will be reviewing straight line letters by using our straight lines.

On Thursday after school and evening, I will host parent teacher conferences. On Friday, there will be NO SCHOOL as I wrap up those conferences. Thank you for being willing to meet and chat about your child. They are all unique and special. Thank you to Mrs. Van Den Hoven who taught for me while I was sick. Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

I look forward to meeting with parents this week as we work together to educate and inspire children to become all that God created them to be. Please write down any questions you have and think about any information you might need to share with me. (e.g. any home or family changes that I should be sensitive to). Pray that you and I will be open to hearing concerns raised, as well as celebrate the growth in each student.

Bible: Our new memory words will focus on our Christmas program poem (posted on Seesaw). We will continue learning about Jacob's life through puppet and story play.

In Math on Monday, we will FINALLY learn about ordinal numbers and then show what we know on Tuesday. Our next unit is all about measurement. It will be a quick dash through the concepts.

Language Arts - Phonics focus: consonant digraphs are two letters that make one sound. We will spend 3 weeks on the wh, sh, ch, th (voiced and unvoiced).

Heart word study: from, come

Spelling words for Friday, December 9 is all about beginning word consonant digraphs. Words: ship, shop, shot, shed, shut, chat, chap, chin, chip, chop, whip, when

Spelling rules: We learn about ending /k/ sound spellings. We study when to use k and when to use ck at the end of words when we hear the /k/ sound at the end of a word.

Chapter book read aloud: Our second book in the series is The Littles Take a Trip.

Handwriting: We are editors! We will learn about our Grade One editing code.

Creation Studies: Passports? Check! Flight map? Check! Tickets? Check! It is Christmas Around the World in Grade One! We boarded the plane and took off to Mexico last week to learn about the King's Cake (Rosca de Reyes), Las Posadas, and the legend of the poinsettia. We have a few more games and activities to enjoy from Mexico. Then we get back on the plane to head to the Netherlands. One or more of our classmates have first hand experience with the Christmas traditions of this country. Will there be a treat in our shoes next Monday? Stay tuned! We can pray for people all over the world who don't yet know Jesus as we learn about Christmas around the world.

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

I love this time of the year, preparing for Christmas and the celebration of our Saviour's birth. I hope you had a wonderful bazaar this weekend. I am looking forward to connecting with you all this week for our parent teacher conferences. Here is an outline of our work for the week.

Handwriting: We practice writing the letters "g" and "c".

Writing: This week, we are working on a guided writing activity that will help students reflect on the things that bring them joy during the Christmas holiday season.

Spelling & phonics: This week, we work some more on closed syllables & schwa. Remember our spelling test next week Monday. Our spelling words for this week (and the test on December 5th) is:

button, helmet, custom, napkin, muffin, insect, cactus, lesson

Reading: This week is the beginning of Advent and we are focusing on Joy. We are reading and discussing the book Courage by Bernard Waber as an introduction to get us thinking about joy. We will be using all our senses to think about what joy looks like, smells like, tastes like, sounds like, and feels like to each one of us.

We are using different reading strategies to work on explicit and systematic decodable passages in our class.

Library: Tuesdays is our library day! Please remind your children to pack their library books in their backpacks tonight.

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Days

Wednesday Dec. 7: New Orleans
Wednesday Dec 21: Dominos Pizza

Parent Teacher Conferences

We look forward to meeting with each of you later this week. These are great times to encourage one another. Please be on time for your conference time and keep to the schedule.

Flowers & Pastries

Grade 6 and 7 students will have their fundraising orders ready for pick up at 3:15 on Thursday. Please make arrangement for your deliveries, as we do not have room to store the orders.



Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

I missed seeing grade 2 last week. I know there's a lot of sickness going around, so I am praying we all stay healthy. We have one day together on Thursday and parent teacher conferences are Thursday evening and Friday. We will try to wrap up our unit in **Creation Studies** on our Community at Home and School. In **Bible**, we will be looking at how God brings his people out of Egypt. In French, we will move on from colours to numbers. We will also begin practicing for our Christmas program in December.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

What a great weekend full of community, fun, and worshipping Jesus. It was so nice to see so many families at the bazaar. I am also looking forward to meeting with you at Parent-Teacher conferences at the end of the week.

Bible- We just finished our last unit and will now learn about settling the Promised Land. **Math**- We are continuing our work on regrouping with subtractions. Please remember to drill your children with simple math facts.

Creation Studies- Our Canadian Symbols unit is coming to a close. We will be reviewing and having a quiz in the middle of the week.

Language- We will not have a spelling test this week as I am assessing for the beginning of Term 2.

Memory Work: Luke 2:1-3 Due Thursday! (We are working on memorizing Luke 2:1-20 for the Christmas Presentation!!

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to his own town to register."

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Memory Work - Judges 21:25 - due THURSDAY - "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit."

Spelling - We will be taking a short break from spelling lists this week again, and instead will review letter and vowel sounds as a whole class.

I Know It - due THURSDAY - "Multiplication with Arrays"

Multiplication Movie Celebration - This week we will begin our multiplication movie celebration, where students can earn tickets, popcorn, candy, and a drink for a movie on our final day of school before Christmas holidays. In order to earn these items, students will need to correctly answer multiplication questions up to the 12 times table. We will be studying multiplication tips and tricks in class but students should also be practicing their times tables at home!

Grade 4/5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

We will continue with La Meteo (the weather) in grades 4 and 5 and to some degree (a pun?) in Grade 6.

Students in Grade 6 will be finishing some [reinforcing] worksheets dealing with salutations and the gender of nouns; the latter will be submitted for assessment. We will proceed to some sentence creation [and word ordering] to express preferences for seasons and weather.

4 & 5 Parent signatures requested: A gentle reminder to please sign the assessment which you will find in the red KidMail envelopes and have the document returned to me. Thank you.

Parent-teacher interviews: while nothing formal is scheduled [with me] as your child's French teacher, if you have questions/concerns/celebrations regarding their Term 1 outcome/achievement and wish to have a discussion, please do not hesitate to reach out via my school contact info.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

Hello, so in terms of weather, I guess we've jumped forward a few months; it felt like March on Saturday, no? This week we welcome Alyssa Stein back into the classroom. After a few months of travelling Europe, she is back to share stories from over yonder!

In **Bible**, we will explore the providence provided by God in the story of Esther. The timing of our lives is not in our control, similarly how Esther hesitated to make her request of the king, God works on our behalf as well. All details, even the smallest, He is in control of.

Perhaps this week we will wrap up our Number Sense Unit in **math**. Aye yi yi. The students are doing well though. Some have been able to work on different strategies of double digit multiplication, so, all is not lost! Mind you, moving forward, more concentration will be put on differentiated instruction. Keep checking in with your students regarding their basic facts. Only a few minutes a day will help them significantly down the road! Since its report season, I will share that there has been some nice progression within our basic facts program in the first semester, good job!

Upcoming Events

Hockey

We are looking for a parent or two to coach our school hockey team. Practices will take place during the day on Fridays in January (also on December 21). If you are interested, please let Mr. Boelens know.

Grade 8 Day at Woodland

The Grade 8 students will travel to Woodland Christian High School on Thursday. They will leave once they get to school and be back in time for the afternoon buses. Lunch and snacks are provided for them. Mrs. Vogel and Mrs. Bosman will go with them.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga Continued

In **Social Studies**, the students have chosen their countries that they will be doing a “deep dive” into regarding the particular Christmas celebrations of that country. We will begin with the report. From their text, they will be looking at finding information, creating footnotes, and manipulating a google document. The expectation here will be a two page double spaced report. Editing, peer-editing, and content will be the **writing** focus. This week, we will compare worldview and culture, and reflect on the culture that is left in our wake, whether that be with our peers, classroom, families, or communities. Stay tuned for more info regarding the Classroom Cultural Christmas Market. However this will be during the last week of the year. So this is when your students will have to bring in Christmas baking / crafts / songs etc... connected to their country. Hope was shared with his birth. :) The Secret Santa will also be happening this last week.

We will reassess our Words Their Way **spelling** groups this week, to allow for movement between groups to check for understanding and to ensure that the students are exactly where they need to be to push themselves, yet feel success with their lists.

We will continue with our novel “From Anne” this week. The students will be responsible for **reading** chapters 3&4. Reading Task sheets and Literature Circles will be used to help support their reading comprehension. The Internet Archive.org has an audiobook of this book. If you desire some assistance to set up your child to read along with this, please ask.

Memory Work: *Romans 15:13*

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

As Grade 8 will be visiting Woodland Christian Highschool on Thursday while Grade 7 sorts almond and poinsettia products, we have [our double block] science only on Tuesday. We will continue to examine and apply the Particle Theory (ooh, ahh) and the States of Matter. Students were given two worksheets (i.e. reading & responding to applicable questions) this past Thursday which are to be completed for tomorrow. There's always the opportunity for a 'pop' quiz by the way....

Parent-teacher interviews: while nothing formal is scheduled [with me] as your child's Science teacher, if you have questions/concerns/celebrations regarding their Term 1 outcome/achievement and wish to have a discussion, please do not hesitate to reach out via my school contact info.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

It is hard to believe we are at the end of November right now and looking into the beginning of December! I am looking forward to talking with you about your child during parent-teacher conferences later this week. Here is what is coming up in grade 7/8.

Bible - We are continuing to look at the development of the early church and how persecution helped to expand God's Kingdom on earth.

Geography - Map of Canada is due tomorrow November 29.

French - Students will be working through an additional activity to help with formatting a sentence when it uses 2 verbs in a row.

Writing - Last week we spent some time learning how to format an essay properly and how to find different tools in a google doc to help with editing and formatting. This assignment was due today. I hope that students will use this knowledge and the checklist available to them as they work through other assignments this year. The checklist is available at any time as a material on the Writing Google Classroom.

W.W.W. - Unit 5 work and test on Tuesday, November 29. There will not be a new unit this week.

Guided Reading - We have finished the first section and will be reading through the second section of the novel. We are taking a little more time to read through as we are discussing different aspects of the stories and how they connect to each other. Students will be completing small assignments to do with different aspects of the novel throughout this study.

Healthy Living - I hope that we are able to finish our class volleyball tournament this week. Just a friendly reminder, especially after the volleyball tournament last week, to bring gym clothes back to school by Wednesday to be able to participate in Phys. Ed. Also we began to work on a new unit called Honour Code about how to work together as individuals and a group to create a welcoming and accepting environment and community in our classroom and at LCS. This unit is done online and students should be able to finish most, if not all of it, during the class time allotted over the next few weeks.

Art - We will be turning our focus to Christmas art related to our Christmas Program.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

I am still looking for signed work from parents. Ask your child for their work on unit 2. This week, we continue our review of fractions. Daily homework will be assigned. We will do our mid-units on Wednesday which will be due next Monday.