

December 11, 2023

As we prepare for these last two weeks before Christmas, there are a lot of things happening.

Grade 8 Volunteers: On Tuesday December 12 the Grade 8 students will go to volunteer at the Salvation Army. This is a great partnership to support them in their Christmas toy give away. It is always an eye-opener for our students to see the goodwill of the Listowel community to help their neighbours.

Student Leadership Events: Thursday December 14 the school will participate in a team event to decorate doors and enhance the festivities in our school. Tuesday December 19 will be Christmas colours and ugly sweater day. These events help our students prepare themselves for Christmas.

Our Christmas Program: We will host two program times on Thursday December 21. Our matinee will be at 1:00 and our evening performance will be at 7:00. The program will feature our Kindergarten students singing songs, our Grade 7-8 band for their inaugural performance, and the musical which will include all students in Grades 1-8. It is always a wonderful time to celebrate the gifts of our students and the birth of Christ.

Skating: On Friday December 22 we will go skating. The hockey team will be on the ice from 12:00-1:00, the Grades 4-8 students from 1:00 – 2:00, and the SK-3 students from 2:00 – 3:00. Parents are welcome to join us. Please be reminded that ALL people on the ice, regardless of their age or ability, must wear a helmet (any helmet – hockey or bicycle). If you do not have a helmet, you will be asked to leave the ice surface. This is for safety for everyone and good role modeling for the adults.

December Events

14 - Decorate your Classroom
Door Spirit Event
19 - Christmas Sweater Day
21- Christmas Musical
Performances at 1pm & 7pm
22- Skating at Arena
22- Last Day of School before
Christmas Holidays



Dec 11	Dec 13
Owen Z	Benjamin W
Dec 14	
Judah T	

January Events

8 - First day back following
Christmas Holidays
12 - School Skating
19 - School Skating
26 - School Skating
27 - LCS Information morning
9am-noon

Back to the Manger Musical:

We are looking forward to presenting the musical "Back to the Manger" on **Thursday December 21 at 1pm and 7pm**. The students have been working hard!

Students in grades 1-8 please wear a white top and black bottoms for the musical performances.

Students who are acting but are not in every scene should also have a white top and black bottoms for when they join the choir.

Goodies for the Musical:

As the students continue their hard work preparing for the "Back to the Manger" musical, we'd like to ask that each family provide one dozen, peanut free, goodies to be enjoyed following the performances. These can be brought to the school by **Wednesday, December 20th**.

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

This week we will continue learning about and celebrating Christmas! We will be working on some special projects and reading some fun Christmas stories.

In **language** we continue to work on rhyming, blending and segmenting syllables, and counting words. Our mystery letter last week was letter E. What will it be this week?

In our **Handwriting Without Tears** workbook we will be learning to print letter E.

In **Bible** we will read about the shepherds and the angels and about the visit of the Wise Men. We have been practicing the song we will sing for the Christmas program as well as our memory verse which we will also recite at the program.

In **Math** we will be practicing making sound patterns and action patterns.

I will be away on Tuesday, Mrs. Bosman will be in JK covering for me.

Thursday we will participate in a team event to decorate doors for Christmas. The JK students will work with students from other grades to help decorate a door assigned to their team. It is sure to be a fun event!

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on the short vowel Oo sound. We will continue to rhyme words and blend and segment words into syllables. We are guided readers and writers in SK! Ask your child to spell the "whiny" Aa word fan or Sam!

This week is show and tell week. Please send in a favourite Christmas item, is it a book, an ornament, a treat, a toy? It is nice if everyone has the chance to bring something. So if you miss your day, bring it the next day.

Monday: Ruby, Jolene, Henri, Wesley, Cameron, Aria

Tuesday: Olivia, Addison, Roman, Isaiah, Alec, Timothy

Thursday: Karissa, Michael, Josiah, Adalie, Kaylee, Dominic

In **math** we will begin our next unit which will focus on ordinal numbers such as 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. and patterns. We will begin with action patterns and then move onto object patterns.

In **Bible**, we will learn about the shepherds who were the first to hear the good news of Jesus' birth and about Simeon and Anna.

We continue to practice for the Christmas program.

In **Handwriting Without Tears** we will begin learning about the lowercase letters that are between the lines, above the line and below the line. We will begin with between the lines magic "c" and "o"

Library Day is Tuesday. Students are welcome to bring their books back on Monday.

Upcoming Events: Thursday December 21, 2023 - Christmas Program 1pm and 7pm, please dress in nice clothes during the day and Sunday best for the evening.

Friday December 22, 2023 - Skating- at 2pm Steve Kerr Arena - need skates, snow pants and gloves.

Have a great week!

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Day
Wed. Dec 20th - Dominos

UPCOMING SPIRIT DAYS!!

Thursday, December 14th -
Decorate your classroom Door!

Tuesday, December 19th -
Wear your favourite Christmas colours or Ugly Christmas Sweater!



School Skating

Friday, December 22nd will be our first school skating day. Come out and join us for an afternoon of skating! Reminder - **EVERYONE** on the ice **MUST** wear a helmet.

Grade 4 - 8 will skate from 1-2pm
SK - Grade 3 will skate from 2-3pm

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog

The Grade One class is going to be doing lots of fun and exciting Christmas things this week!

Bible: This week we will start our journey to Bethlehem. We will start to hear the story of how Jesus was born! Our **Memory work** for the month of December is **Isaiah 9:6** *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* This verse will be said to me December 20. Please practice this verse at home!

Math: We are continuing to work with pattern blocks this week. We will be using the blocks to compose many different pictures and shapes.

Language: This week we are continuing working with the digraph sh. We will also continue working in our Handwriting without tears book, practicing the letters j and p. We will also be reading different versions of the Gingerbread man.

Creation studies: This week we will be hearing stories about Roberta Bondar and Paulette Bourgeois. We will continue with our focus question: how do they help God keep our land glorious and free.

Show and Tell Friday December 15: Emily, Ruby, Blake, Delaney, Bryer, Seth * This month's theme is either something that reminds you of Jesus' birth or something that reminds you of Canada.

Have a wonderful week!

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

Two more weeks of school till the Christmas Holiday! Here is our work for this week :

Math - Number sense: This week we look at equality and inequality with balances.

Phonics, spelling and reading: this week we are reviewing the R-controlled vowels as well as the graphemes AI and Ay that spells /ā/. Please see the homework practice sheet going home today to help the students practice these phonic skills. This will be the last week for the phonics homework for this term.

Creation studies - Social science: We continue our unit on our local community and this week we focus on “All Are Different, All Are Precious”

Please remember to work on the “**Family Cultural Scrapbook**” that needs to be handed in on **Tuesday December 19th.**

Bible: We continue our unit on “A saviour is born”. We will look at the birth of John the Baptist. The students also made nativity scenes last week and will be retelling the story of the birth of Jesus this week.

Library: We have library tomorrow. Please encourage them to develop the habit of bringing their books to school every Tuesday, even if they would just like to renew it.

Grade 2- Mrs. Kuipers

Science- next up in discovery is pulley and gears. If you have any toys that use pulleys or gears, bring them in on Wednesday!

Math- we will be finishing off 2023 with decomposing shapes and exploring symmetry.

Spelling/Phonics- test on Friday. Remember to be practicing the new concept and heart words throughout the week.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

An email will be sent home to parents with the information for this week.

Grade 4/5/6 French -Madame Van Kampen:

We will continue our unit on *Noel* (Christmas) which includes some thematic vocabulary activities (including *Bingo*), reading through one or two Christmas-based skits, and possibly making seasonal greeting cards.

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Artwork - Every student needs to bring in an empty, long paper towel roll for our artwork on FRIDAY. We will be making nutcrackers, so we need the longer sized rolls. Students can bring them in any time this week.

Bible - We have finished a unit on Solomon and will have a quiz on THURSDAY. Students will have a number of worksheets and a study guide to use to study for the quiz and Smartboard notes will be sent home Wednesday night. Students need to know the story of Solomon choosing wisdom, the different parts to his kingdom, areas and items in the temple, and Solomons' bad choices near the end of his life.

Multiplication - Students are hard at work on our Multiplication Movie Challenge! All students have earned a ticket to the movie, and are now working on earning popcorn, juice, and candy for the final day of school before Christmas break where we will watch "The Grinch". Students have until Wednesday, December 20th to finish up our multiplication challenge! Next week we will also have a Multiplication Quiz!

I Know It - "Multiplying 3-Digit by 1-Digit Numbers" - due FRIDAY. To get online to find the assignment, go to iknowit.com and sign in as a student. The username is their first and last name (no spaces, no capitals) and the class code and password is lcs12345.

Spelling - No dictation this week. Students will learn their teams and come up with team names for next week.

Memory Work - due December 21st - Matthew 5:11,12 - "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Grade 5/6- Mrs. O'Boyle

Bible - We will continue our unit on "Later Judean Ministry".

Our **memory work** is: "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me — just as the Father knows me and I know the Father — and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. John 10:14-16" Due: Dec. 15th

Language - We will continue to look at articles and pronouns in grammar. In writing we will work on writing letters. We will continue to look at cause and effect in reading. We will be working on fluency and expression with partner reads this week and will be comparing our fluency on cold and hot reads of texts. Our words of the week are: deception, immobile, avert, and majority.

Spelling - New lists will be coming home this week. Please watch your child's agenda for nightly spelling homework.

Social Studies - We will continue to look at key individuals such as Jean Talon, Comte de Frontenac, and Francois de Laval. We will also look at who is in charge at our school. Next, we will begin to look at the seigneurial system and the daily life of New France. We will focus on how strong relationships are crucial to the health of any culture.

Science - We will be looking at lung capacity, and the respiratory system. We will also look at how the food we eat becomes useable in the body, and how the food energy gets to the cells.

Art - We will looking at pattern and colour as we create icosahedron ornaments.

Health - We will continue our unit on Substance Use, Addictions, and Related Behaviours. Ask your child about their jelly bean experience if you have not already heard about it.

Cursive Snack - Jaelyn will be on for Ff on Dec. 12th and Samuel will be on for Gg on Dec. 19th.

Book in the Box - Final projects will be assessed this week and sent home.

Family Photo Scavenger Hunt - This is a fun optional assignment to just get you spending time together this holiday season. More information will be coming home in your kidmail should you wish to participate.

Christmas Sweater/ Christmas Colours Day - wear your favourite Christmas sweater, ugly or not, or Christmas colours on Dec. 19th.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Boelens

Math: The Grade 5s will continue to work on number sense – looking further into multiplication. The grade 6s will continue their investigation of data management. Daily work will be assigned.

Gym: We continue to sharpen our skills so we can get a good badminton rally going.

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen:

With Grade 8 students absent on **Tuesday**, the Grade 7's will be learning some things about the "science of Christmas" and undertaking a few experimental tasks.

Wednesday: a mid-unit test will be given. Students will be assessed on their ability to correctly label plant and animal cell organelles & structures plus their knowledge of the function/purpose/role of each of those organelles & structures.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

Math: Both grades are now into their unit on surface area and volume of shapes. This is a short unit and might be done before Christmas or early January.

Grade 8 marked work should be coming home for you to sign. Grade 7s might be later in the week. Daily work continues to be assigned.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Secret Santa: Students have picked names and times for their class secret santa. The price has been set to be between \$10-\$15 including taxes (a little math for them); the actual exchange will be December 20 after snack. We will also have a co-operative games period next Thursday to work together in a different way and with different games. Students are welcome to bring in a game or two for 3 or more players if they would like.

Bible: Bible test on the Old Testament Feasts/Festivals tomorrow, Tuesday, December 12. They have a review for the unit both in their notes and it has been posted on Bible Google Classroom.

Writing: We are still finishing up our plagiarism unit. There will be an open book test next week. We will be working on the Works Cited page aspect of proper citing this week.

Guided Reading: Chapter 7 assignment due Wednesday, December 13. We are hoping to read approximately one chapter a day.

W.W.W.: Unit quiz this week Friday. Unit work due and test next week Thursday December 21.

History: Unit test on British North America this Thursday, December 14. Students have been advised of the papers they need to review and study for the test.

Healthy Living: We have moved to badminton this past week and look forward to continuing improving our badminton skills these next few weeks.

Music: Musical - students should be practicing and listening to the songs at home when they have the chance. They are posted on Google Classroom - Music. Some of the students do not have enough memorized to sing well with the choir.

French: We are continuing to work on our Hockey unit looking at being able to talk about a favourite NHL team and crafting basic sentences around that topic.

Art: Mannequin art is due today. We will be working on our Christmas ornaments and decorations this week. If students would like to decorate their desks for Christmas they are more than welcome to bring decorations in. I just ask that they are still able to properly use their desk and have enough space to work.