

December 18, 2023

I remember a few weeks ago when we turned over the calendar to December. We noticed that it quickly filled up with social gatherings, work parties, family get-togethers, and Christmas programs. Christmas is a time of good things, busyness, but also a time for peace.

This week as we prepare for our Christmas program, I am reminded to take a breath, relax and reflect, ponder and celebrate the gift of Jesus. Remember that the angels proclaimed peace on earth. It is my prayer that through this busy season, amid all the schedules and details, that you will also enjoy a time of peace. Peace in your life and peace in your hearts as you receive the gift of Jesus again this year.

With that in mind, we also have a few details for this week.

Thursday December 21

1:00 LCS matinee Christmas program

6:40 Please have your children in their classrooms to prepare for their evening program

7:00 LCS evening Christmas program

Friday December 22

9:30 Assembly

1:00 – 2:00 Students in Grades 4-8 will skate at Steve Kerr Memorial Arena

2:00 – 3:00 Students in SK – Grade 3 will skate at Steve Kerr Memorial Arena

NOTE: All students will return to LCS on Friday before they go home. This is to ensure we know that everyone is accounted for. If you are bringing them home on Friday, please come to the school and pick them up. Make arrangements with Mrs. VanderMeer in the office.

December Events

19 -Christmas Sweater Day
21- Christmas Musical
Performances at 1pm & 7pm
22 -Singing Assembly
22- Skating at Arena
22- Last Day of School before
Christmas Holidays



Dec 23
Ruby S

Dec 23
Bella W

Dec 25
Adalie G

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:

JK will be busy this week finishing up projects and practicing for the Christmas program. We will practice getting on and off the stage and practice our song and verse on the stage. We will try to fit in some learning as well!

In **language**, we will continue to practice rhyming, syllables, and word counting. We will read some more Christmas stories.

In **Math**, we will build some patterns using blocks.

Tuesday is a **Christmas dress up day**. Students can wear Christmas sweaters, any other Christmas clothing, or they can wear Christmas colours.

For the Christmas program on Thursday:

JK will be performing at the beginning of both the afternoon and evening programs. In the afternoon, we will return to the classroom after our part of the program is finished. In the evening, JKs will wait at the front after we perform while the SK class does their part and then parents will be asked to come and retrieve their children so they can spend the rest of the performance with you.

Please have your child in the classroom by 6:40 on Thursday evening. Please make sure students have used the washroom before they come.

I want to wish you all a blessed Christmas. I pray that each of you is able to celebrate the gift of Jesus in a special and meaningful way.

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida:

This week we are focusing on the sound of the letter Dd. It is considered a STOP sound as we say it quickly without the "uh" at the end. Everyday we rhyme words and listen for the number of sounds in each word and then print those letter sounds. The students were introduced to the sight words "is" and "as" last week. In **Math**, we will learn how to create a pattern and label a pattern using letters of the alphabet.

In Bible, we will wrap up our Christmas unit with a visit from the Wise Men.

The Christmas program will happen on Thursday at 1pm and 7pm. At the 1pm performance, SK will leave the gym after their stage time and will go to the classroom to play. At the 7pm performance, I ask that all students meet me in the classroom around 6:40pm. Please put all their coats on their hooks, the classroom will be locked after we leave to go to the gym. Once we are done with our part, the SK students will sit with their parents. Please come to the front to get them.

On Friday, we will come to school to enjoy a singing assembly at 9:30 am and then at 1:30 we will head to the arena to go skating. We will arrive with Grade 1 on the first bus and will have to leave the ice by 2:30pm. We go back to the school on the first bus which will give us time to have a quick easy snack, a drink, and a bathroom break. Please label the skates, helmets and gloves and put them in a separate bag from their backpack. Since we have to travel and get on and off the ice at different times, please send skates with the SK child so that we don't have to wait for an older sibling to arrive.

This year the **Christmas program** is on a Thursday night and then SK is back at school on Friday. They will be very tired. I am asking for parents to meet us at the arena to help tie skates and assist with the younger students. I would appreciate any extra hands. If you are picking them up afterschool, please know that all pickups will happen at LCS. Please inform the office.

Merry Christmas to all of you and I am wishing you many blessings throughout 2024!
Mrs. Heida

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Day

Wed. Dec 20th - Dominos

Wed. Jan 10th - New Orleans

UPCOMING SPIRIT DAYS!!

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.

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

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

Wow! I can't believe this is our last week of school before the break. This week we will continue with all our Christmas excitement as we count down the days until the birth of Jesus.

Bible: This week, we will work through our journey to Bethlehem.

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 God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. This verse will be said to me December 20. Please practice this verse at home!

Language: This week, we are working on a review of what we have worked on in the last couple weeks. We will also be looking at and reading many Christmas books.

Show and Tell Friday December 22: Isaac, Faith, Adalyn, Benjamin, Kyla, Esmee * This month's theme is either something that reminds you of Jesus' birth or something that reminds you of Canada.

Skating: Friday afternoon, Grade One will be going skating! Please label all belongings. We will not have much time between getting back to school and having a last snack to getting on the bus to go home. PLEASE send your child a fast snack eg.: a pudding cup, bear paw, granola bar, fruit gummies etc.

* Also, if you are available to come to the arena and help tie skates it would be truly appreciated.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2024!

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh & Mrs. Kuipers:

*No phonics this week.

Our week at a glance

Monday - (Mrs. Kuipers) - Chef Day. Wear an apron for baking Christmas cookies

Tuesday - School Ugly Christmas Sweater Day. Bring decorating supplies for cookies.

Wednesday - (Mrs. Grundlingh)- Candy Cane Day. Wear red and white.

Thursday - Formal Concert Attire (black and white). Concert at 1 and 7. Mrs. Grundlingh will be at the evening performance.

Friday - Tree Topper Day - wear green and a fun Christmas hat or bow! Today is also school skating. Bring skates, gloves, and a helmet.

Wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a blessed new year!

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

Can you believe after this week we are off for Christmas holidays?! It will be a busy week but a fun week! We are looking forward to sharing the musical with you and your friends and families.

This week we will continue our work on curriculum as much as possible. We will also be doing some festive activities that tie into the curriculum.

I pray that you all have a wonderful holiday celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Jesus. Thank you for your prayers and blessings.

Mrs. Claus

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Math - We have finished our unit on multiplication and will have a quiz on WEDNESDAY. Students will need to know their facts up to 12, how to estimate, complete 2-digit by 1-digit multiplication and answer word problems. Grade 5s will also need to know how to complete 2-digit by 2-digit multiplication. Smartboard notes will be sent home on Tuesday night to help students prepare for the quiz.

Multiplication Movie - On Friday is our Multiplication Movie Celebration! All students have earned a ticket and popcorn to the movie, and are now working on earning juice and candy. We will watch "The Grinch" together and celebrate all the students' hard work learning their multiplication tables! Students who receive "VIP Status" (announced on Thursday) will also be able to bring a stuffy or blanket for the movie!

Memory Work - due THURSDAY - 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."

I Know It - There is no I Know It due this week!

Spelling - We have new spelling teams! The Spelling Trio, Tigers, and Minions will start working together in the new year!

Grade 5/6- Mrs. O'Boyle

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

Language - We will continue to look at articles and pronouns in grammar. In writing, we will work on letter writing and applying proper punctuation. 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: fastidious, lunge, array and promotion.

Spelling - Watch for nightly spelling practice coming home in your child's agenda. We will have our spelling test on Thursday Dec. 21st.

Social Studies - We will 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 continue to explore and review body systems.

Art - We will continue to review art terms covered so far this year as we create a few different Christmas ornaments. We hope you enjoy them at home.

Health - We will conclude our unit on Substance Use, Addictions, and Related Behaviours.

Cursive Snack - Samuel will be on for Gg on Dec. 19th.

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

Gleeful Giver - Please send your child's Gleeful Giver "stocking" on Wed. Dec. 20th.

Candy - Please send your child with one type of candy (-1/4 cup) on Dec. 22nd to be used for our gingerbread experience.

Video - We will be watching "Wonder" on Tues. Dec. 19th, as a prelude to a novel study we will be doing in the New Year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out. Links to a Christian review of the movie as well as discussion points for class can be found in our class Facebook group.

Skating - Just a reminder that all students need a helmet, skates, and gloves to be able to participate in skating on Friday. Feel free to join us.

Play - Just a reminder that our school play performances will be on Thurs. at 1:00 and 7:00. Please have your child dress in a white top and black bottoms, unless they have a role in the play.

Assembly - There will be a singing assembly at 9:30 on Friday should anyone wish to join us.

Merry Christmas - As we embrace the joyous season of Christmas and prepare to step into the promise of a new year, I wanted to extend heartfelt blessings to you and your family.

May the love that filled the humble stable on that holy night surround your home, bringing warmth, peace, and joy. In this season of hope, may you find moments of reflection and gratitude for the precious gift of family and the boundless love of our Saviour.

As we bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new, may the grace of God guide your path, and may His light shine brightly on every step you take. May the coming year be filled with renewed faith, abundant blessings, and countless opportunities for growth and joy.

Thank you for entrusting your precious children to my care. It is a privilege to be a part of their educational journey, and I look forward to the continued joy of nurturing their minds and hearts in the coming year.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas filled with the love of Christ and a Happy New Year overflowing with His abundant grace.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Boelens

Math: Our math classes will mostly be interrupted to focus on the Christmas program this week. If time permits, the Grade 5s will look at multiplication. Grade 6 completed their unit on Data Management and we will see if we can fit in a test this week.

Gym: Our badminton unit will be on hold as the gym is set up for the Christmas program. Monday we will play more cooperative games again and Friday we will go skating.

Grade 7/8- Mr. Boelens

Math: Grade 7 will complete a worksheet with application of surface area and volume. They will also complete their end of unit review. If we get time, we might squeeze in a unit test this week too. Grade 8 is done their unit and will have a test on Tuesday. Daily work continues to be assigned.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Merry Christmas! This week brings us right into Christmas and Christmas holidays. My prayer is that you and your family are able to enjoy time together and celebrate the first coming of Jesus as we await His second coming.

We have a busy week full of a variety of different activities and events as well as continuing our learning. The following is the plan for the week. There may be adjustments to the plan as we move through the days but this at least gives you an idea for the week.

Monday - Bible retest

Tuesday - Dress up day (Christmas Colours/Ugly Christmas Sweater), Writing Test (open book)

Wednesday - Stained Glass Window art due, class Secret Santa.

Thursday - Class cooperative board games block (with snack), Gingerbread house building competition. Musical and Christmas concert at 1 and 7. Please follow the dress code as outlined in the musical notes.

Friday - Christmas chapel led by our class, final class period, skating. Remember a helmet and gloves.

On top of all that we are continuing to work through "The Hobbit" and will hopefully be reading through chapters 11-13 this week. This means we will be finishing the last 6 chapters and our final project when we return to school in January.

W.W.W. - I decided to postpone the unit to January given the business of this coming week.

French - We will do a couple more activities around our hockey theme. We will continue with it in January.