

December 4, 2023

December is truly a month that sets us apart. You probably won't hear us wish you a Happy Holidays or Season's Greetings. No, in our school we wish people a Merry Christmas. Christmas is about celebrating the birth of Christ, the hope brought into the world years ago and, with that same hope, we await with the second coming of Christ. At LCS, we take the opportunity to make sure Jesus is our focus at Christmas. December is a month of preparation. We prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. We read about the promise of a baby Jesus, the events leading up to His birth, and the birthday story. We will likely do activities and make crafts or ornaments in an effort to reflect on Jesus' birth. What an amazing story. What an amazing gift.

This month, we will also prepare for our Christmas musical. Students should be singing songs in class and at home to memorize the words. Actors should also be memorizing. A lot of work will go into this production, all to the honour a glory of God.

This Christmas program will include our Kindergarten students with their songs and reflections on Christmas, our band, and our musical. This is another event that sets us apart. With two shows on Thursday December 21 (1:00pm and 7:00pm), we hope you will join us.

Let's make sure that we focus on the celebration of Jesus' birth this Christmas. What a great time and opportunity to be lights into our community.

It's a Girl! Mr. and Mrs. Weishar welcomed their new daughter, Kylie Leona Weishar, into their family on Sunday December 3 at 9:30am. Mom, Dad, and daughter are doing well.

## December Events

7- Grade 8 Day at Woodland  
7- Poinsettias & Almond Orders  
Delivered  
21- Christmas Musical  
Performances at 1pm & 7pm  
22- Skating at Arena  
22- Last Day of School before  
Christmas Holidays



Dec 4  
Timothy M

Dec 6  
Megan V

## January Events

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

### 50th Anniversary of LCS:

In September 2024, Listowel Christian School will celebrate 50 years of God's faithfulness to our community. For this celebration, we would like to display some pictures showing what has happened over the last 50 years. Do you have some photos you would like to share with us? Would you be willing to help make sure the photo albums are in good order? Would you be willing to look through some photos and organize them?

This is an **ENORMOUS** task, which can be broken into smaller pieces. Which one might you be able to help us with? If you have some time over the winter to do a part of this task please contact Cheryl Mulder at [tcmulder@wightman.ca](mailto:tcmulder@wightman.ca) or Sophie Lise at [cslise@tdtech.ca](mailto:cslise@tdtech.ca) or Marlene Heida at [m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca)

### Piano studio recital:

The private piano and voice students of Mrs. Wright will be presenting a recital at Woodland Christian High School at 7pm on Friday December 15. You are welcome to attend.

## Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

This Tuesday will be pattern day in JK. Students can dress in a pattern, whether that is a shirt with stripes, patterned socks, or with hair elastics, whatever pattern you can find!

This week we will begin our Christmas theme, and we will be making ornaments and reading Christmas stories.

Our mystery letter last week was letter K, and we learned that K makes the same sound as C! In language, we are also learning about blending and segmenting syllables, as well as recognizing rhyming words. This week, we will begin to count words in a sentence.

In our **Handwriting Without Tears** workbook, we will be tracing a square and learning to print the letter F.

In **math**, we will be looking at patterns that we can wear, and we will be making action patterns.

In **Bible**, we will begin to read about the Christmas story with the angel's visit to Mary and the birth of Jesus.

**Tuesday is Library day!** Please remember to send in last week's books.

**Extra socks:** Please send in an extra pair of socks or two for your child. The hallways get wet when we come inside from recess with the snow and many students get wet feet. We have already used many of our extra socks.

## Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week, we will be learning about the "nasalized" A, which means when letter m or n follow the vowel a it makes a nasal sound. For example the words "am" and "an". We will be reproducing rhyming words with am and an. Daily we work on segmenting words into sounds so we can spell words and blending them together so that we can read words. SK is becoming a class of readers and writers! We all just need a little assistance.

We will wrap up our Flat Shapes unit by exploring with pattern blocks and by learning how to decompose shapes. This means putting 2 triangles together to make a square or cutting a square in half to get two rectangles. We continue to count to 30 and print numbers to 15.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will be doing a final review of all the uppercase letters.

In our **emotions unit**, we are working on our emotions journal. This week, we will talk about what scares and confuses us.

In **Bible**, we are on our way to Bethlehem where Jesus was born, however, we are meeting Zechariah and Elizabeth, baby John, and the angels who appear suddenly and always say "Do not be afraid!". Our memory verse is Isaiah 9:6.

We are beginning to practice for the Christmas program. This will take place on Thursday December 21, 2023 at 1pm and 7pm. SK opens the program by singing 2 songs and reciting a verse. At the afternoon performance we do our part and then head back to our classroom for a time to play. If you are taking your child home or sending them home with grandparents or friends, you need to notify Mrs. VanderMeer at the office. The students will then return to school for 6:40 pm and be brought to their classroom where we will prepare to perform again. Once we are done the SK students will sit with their families to watch the rest of the play. Any questions please, let me know.

On Friday December 22, 2023, we will be going skating at the Steve Kerr Arena from 1:30 to 2:40pm. We arrive at 1:30pm and get on the ice by 2pm and are off by 2:40pm so that we can return to school to catch the buses home. If any parents want to come and help tie skates or skate with their child, you are welcome to come. You will need a helmet and gloves as does your child. A hockey helmet is best but a bike helmet will do. Gloves or mittens are to protect them from getting their hand cut should they fall on the ice and someone skates over them. The arena provides several skate assists. Have a great week!

## Announcements

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.

**Upcoming Pizza Day**  
Wed. Dec 6th- New Orleans  
Wed. Dec 20th - Dominos

### **Volleyball**

Thanks for a great season! Although it didn't end the way we planned, we had a blast playing the staff vs student games.

## Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog

The Grade One had a lot of fun on Friday cheering for the school Volleyball games. They made posters and were pumped to raise them high and cheer for the student and teacher teams!

**Bible:** This week, we will be finishing up our unit about Moses. 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.

**Math:** We finished up our unit in Measurement, and we will now be working on Geometry. This week we will focus on differences and sorting shapes. We will look at sorting rules with words like: size, shape, and colour.

**Language:** This week, we continue working with words that end in k or ck. We will also continue working in our **Handwriting Without Tears book**, practicing the letters k and y.

**Creation studies:** This week, we will take a look at the Canadian map and then start hearing stories about different Canadians. This week, we will hear and learn a bit about Joseph Brant and J. Armand Bombardier. Our focus question will be "how did God guide these Canadians to help keep our land glorious and free?"

**Show and Tell Friday December 8:** Boston, Jazlyn, Melanie, Caleb, Hailey, Charity \* This month's theme is either something that reminds you of Jesus' birth or something that reminds you of Canada.

Have a delightful week!

## Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

What a wonderful time of the year. I can't believe we are in December and only have 3 more weeks of school left till the Christmas Holiday! Here is our work for the week:

**Math - Number sense:** This week, we continue our unit on equations and word problems. We will also do a math assessment on our previous math unit.

**Phonics, spelling and reading:** This week, we are reviewing the graphemes AR, OR, ORE, ER, IR, UR & W +OR. Please see the homework practice sheet going home today to help the students practice these phonic skills. On Fridays, Mrs. Kuipers will be assessing the two new phonics skills and heart words that they have learned and practiced in class and at home for that particular week.

**Creation studies - Social science:** We continue our unit on our local community and this week we focus on "One world, many countries".

**Bible:** We start a new unit on "A saviour is born"

**Library:** We have library tomorrow. They are allowed to borrow 2 library books at a time. If they return their books tomorrow, they can either renew it or get 2 new books. 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

Please send in extra clothes if you didn't at the start of the year.

**Socks-** Sending extra socks daily is a really good idea as the floors get super wet from all the snow and staying dry while changing our shoes for recess is a bit of a struggle.

**Math-** There will be a short quiz on sorting and pictographs on Wednesday.

**Science -** This week, we will explore the wheel and axel.

**Gym -** We are having fun with a variety of games that help us to improve on our throwing and catching skills.

**Phonics -** There is a spelling/phonics test every Friday. Students should be practicing the sample words with the phonic skills along with the irregular words of the week at home.

## Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

Welcome to our first week in December. Big surprise, it's my favourite month of the year! Things are getting very busy around the school. Lots of work is being put into our Christmas musical. We perform 2 times on the 21st.

**Bible:** New unit- Fall of Babel: Need for a Saviour

**Math:** Adding and Subtracting with regrouping

**Language:** Red Group: Suffixes Green Group: Sounds Spelled IE and EI. Blue Group: Unit Review and Assessment.

**Creation Studies:** We will continue our journey with the Maybe family in our book and further study of the early settlers.

Mrs. Claus

## Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

**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". Please practice multiplication tables regularly with your child as we work throughout this unit. We are working our way through the 2-9, 11, and 12 times tables.

**I Know It** - "Multiplying 2-Digit by 1 Digit Numbers" - due FRIDAY. To get online to find the assignment, go to [iknowit.com](http://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** - We will be forming new spelling teams this week for Term 2, so there will not be any lists or dictation or this 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 4/5/6 French -Madame Van Kampen:

While the Gr. 4/5 class still needs to finish up our unit on Greetings & Farewells, we -- both 4/5 and 5/6 -- will otherwise move into our unit on Noel (Christmas).

## Grade 5/6- Mrs. O'Boyle

**Bible** - We will continue our unit on "Later Judean Ministry". We will be looking at A Visit with Mary and Martha, How to Pray, and the Cost of Discipleship, the Raising of Lazarus and Jesus at Bethany. Please watch for a cue card coming home with your child's personal act of service idea this week.

Our **memory work, due Dec 15th**, 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"

**Language** - We will continue to look at proper adjectives and articles in grammar and then will begin to look at pronouns. In **writing**, we will work on how good writers elaborate on ideas and details to make their writing clearer and more interesting. We will also work on considering the questions our reader might have and how we can answer those questions by elaborating more. We will apply these concepts both to our hallway proposals and scientist stories as we complete those this week. We will continue to look at cause and effect in reading and work to understand how understanding that can help us better comprehend non-fiction texts. We will be working on fluency with echo reading and radio reading this week. Our words of the week are: deception, immobile, avert, and majority. Encourage your child to use each of these words in a sentence this week.

**Spelling** - We will continue to work on the lists assigned last week. Please continue to check your child's agenda for their nightly spelling practice. Spelling Test will be on Fri. Dec. 8th.

**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 usable in the body and how the food energy gets to the cells.

**Art** - We will review terms and concepts such as gradient, perspective, geometric shape, colour, line, form and texture.

**Health** - We will conclude our Healthy Eating unit and begin a new unit on Substance Use, Addictions, and Related Behaviours.

**Cursive Snack** - Grayson will be on for Ee on Dec. 5th. Jaelyn will be on for Ff on Dec. 12th.

**Book in the Box** - Final projects will be due Dec. 6th. We will begin our oral presentations Dec. 6th and will work through them daily until complete.

**Gleeful Giver** - A note is coming home in kidmail today explaining this initiative. If you wish to opt out of the exchange portion please let me know ASAP, so alternate arrangements can be made. Thanks!

**Chapel Assembly** - Please join us for chapel at 9:30 on Friday in the gym.

**Snow Pants and Extra Socks** - Quick reminder as we embrace the winter weather during our outdoor activities: please ensure your child is equipped with snow or splash pants. This will help keep their pants nice and dry, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable time outdoors. Additionally, we kindly request that you tuck a few extra pairs of socks into the bottom of your child's backpack. This small preparation will go a long way in preventing wet socks discomfort throughout the day.

Thanks!

### 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:** This week, we will play some different games. Our next unit will be badminton.

### Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen: Cells

Tomorrow, Tuesday, in our double-block, students will be creating their [consumable] cell model. Students will be making either a plant or animal cell with the respective cell components, the structures & organelles, being represented by food items (i.e. sweet snacks, salty/savoury snacks, fruit, or raw veges). Presentations will be made and students are also to have a legend typed up which lists the cell's parts and what was used to represent that part.

Thereafter, students may consume and enjoy what they have made in our "cell-ing pizza" lab session!

Wednesday, we will [begin our] focus on unicellular organisms (e.g. amoeba, paramecium, euglena).

### Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

**Math:** The grade 7s will finish their fractions unit. A review class on Wednesday and the test will be on Friday. Grade 8 will have their test split on Tuesday and Wednesday. They will also start their new unit on calculations on geometric shapes. Daily work continues to be assigned..

### Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Please encourage your student(s) to keep working on memorizing the songs for the school musical through actively singing with the words and/or listening to the soundtracks that are both posted on Google Classroom - homeroom. Thank you.

**Bible:** We are nearing the end of our unit looking at how the feasts are celebrated in the New Testament. Unit Test this Wednesday, December 6.

**Writing:** We are also nearing the end of our Plagiarism unit so we will be working on "The Hobbit" quite a bit during our writing time and engaging with the text in written work.

**Guided Reading:** We are continuing through the Hobbit. Students should have read up to and including chapter 5 by tomorrow and worked on the questions associated with those chapters. Quiz on Chapters 3-5 on Tuesday, December 5.

**W.W.W.:** New groups! Stay tuned for new group names and lists coming out this week.

**History:** We are almost at the end of this unit as the British take over more control of Canada and the Americans are trying to find their place in the newly formed nation. Unit Test next Thursday, December 14.

**Healthy Living:** We wrapped up our volleyball unit last week with a friendly staff/student game. It was a lot of fun and they all played so well! Well done to everyone who participated. We are going to be starting badminton this week.

**Music:** Please encourage your student(s) to keep practicing their note names and fingering positions on the links provided on Google classroom - Music. Students should be playing through "Good King Wenceslas" and "Jingle Bells" for around 10-15 min. 5 days a week. They should be stopping when they do not remember the note, looking it up and then practice that section and the note changes a few times before moving on. The basic idea is to practice enough that you can't get it wrong, not just until you can get it right once.

**French:** We continue learning about hockey in French. We will finish looking at positions and how to talk about the positions in French and moving on to making our own teams - think fantasy teams - throughout this week and next.

**Art:** Mannequin art is due Monday, December 11. Grade 7 will have time on Thursday while Grade 8 is at Woodland's Grade 8 Day. Unfortunately, Grade 8 will not have any more time to work on it at school.