



WISE UP: WISE WORDS FROM PROVERBS

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" Proverbs 9:10*



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From The Principal's Desk:

Greetings TBCS,

Our first week has already come to a close. We have been busy with setting up classroom routines and shifting gears from summer life back into school life. Our opening assembly was well attended and it was very nice to meet many of our parents again.

This morning all the students experienced a bus safety demonstration. They were reminded how to enter, sit, and exit the bus. Attention was given to the importance of paying close attention to the driver especially when crossing the road. The students also learned how to evacuate the bus from front to back in the event that an accident takes place.

Our day and week ended in the same way it began, in chapel. I continued to address our theme verse. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight." Proverbs 9:10. I spoke how we must have reverence for God and a personal knowledge of how He works rather than a sense of our own personal achievements. A short play was used to demonstrate how we are called to be **God-Worshippers**. This means that worshipping God is about celebrating who God is, what God has done and is doing, and what God has created. It is literally about standing in awe and wonder of knowledge of him and his promises. It is my desire that the students will see this worship as a way of life. Over the next few weeks this idea will be farther developed in chapel and the classrooms.



Shalom,

Andy Alblas

Looking Ahead:

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| Monday | Sept 9 | - TRIP orders due 9:00 am |
| Tuesday | Sept 10 | - Maintenance Committee Meeting 7:30 pm - Executive Meeting 8:00 pm |
| Wednesday | Sept 11 | - Transportation Committee Meeting 9:00 am |
| Thursday | Sept 12 | - Narnia Task Force 7:30 pm |
| Friday | Sept 13 | - School Chapel 9:00 am - TRIP Pickup 3:00 pm |

From our School Community:

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT: *for parents only.* Wednesday, September 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m. has been set aside as a night for parents to learn more about their children's classrooms, curriculum, and homework expectations. The teachers will be in the room to answer any questions that you may have.

WELCOME to Karin Smids and her daughter, Isabelle (JK) to the Thunder Bay Christian School community.

CHOCOLATE BAR SALES will begin next week with one box per family being sent home on Friday, September 13 with the oldest child in each family. 75 boxes were again ordered this year which is equivalent to 1 ½ boxes per family. This is the biggest fundraiser for student fund resources which goes directly back to each student for various activities. Get your sweet tooth ready!

GR. 7 BAND: Please bring your \$20.00 band fee to the office.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS: Thunder Bay Christian School has got **a lot** of talent! So much so, that a T.B.C.S. cross country running team is being formed to help discover, use and refine this talent. If you enjoy running long distance and wish to practice this skill to participate in some races this fall or simply wish to improve your abilities for your own personal goals, please come see or let Mrs. Kaemingh know on Monday. We are hoping to hold practices during the morning recesses so any after school activities will not be affected. See you then!

PIANO LESSONS for September 2013-June 2014 are still available for anyone wishing to register their child. Cost is \$12 for a 20 minute lesson and \$18 for a 30 minute lesson. A form is available at the end of the journal for you to cut off, fill in and return to the office.

TBCS T.R.I.P. TUITION REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM:

This is an easy way to reduce your tuition by purchasing gift certificates to pay for your everyday shopping. The gift certificates are purchased at face value but the school purchases them at a lower percentage. You accumulate the percentage throughout the school year and it is paid out to you to apply to your 1st post-dated cheque for the 2014-2015 school year. You can also apply it to your last payment for the 2013- 2014 school year if you will be finishing at TBCS. The average family earns between \$300-\$1000 dollars. The more family and friends you have helping you, the faster your earnings grow. ANYTIME ORDERS are available any school day, starting September 3. TRIP "It Takes a Week" orders will start September 9 - 9am sharp. New order forms and re-registration forms are attached to today's journal.

BUS ETIQUETTE: Please call your bus driver in the morning if your child will **not** be on the bus. You can also call the family who is picked up before yours, so those children can inform the bus driver not to wait at your stop. Bus driver phone numbers are as follows: City (Tiger)-Ken Semeschuk-cell 472-3094/home 344-7001, Slate River (Cow)-Jenny Groenheide-home 475-3138, and Kakabeka/Murillo (Giraffe)-Jeannette Meijaard-cell 629-0322/home 475-8325. You can also call the office during the day if your child will not be on the bus after school and a message will be left for the driver. Thanks.

THEME BULLETIN BOARD PHOTOS: Miss Baxter is gathering family photos for the front hallway bulletin board. I require nothing larger than a 4X6 photo. This photo should include all members of your family and can include others in your immediate family. If you do not want to supply us with a picture we will be writing your family name in place of it. Thank-you! We collected 50% of our families last year, which are hanging up. If you want to replace it with an updated version; great!

THRIFT STORE MANAGER JOB POSTING: Due to the resignation of our current store manager Catherine Knight, after 2 and half dedicated years of service, Thunder Bay Christian School is seeking qualified applicants as manager of the Twice as Nice Thrift Store (www.twiceasnicethrift.com). The Twice as Nice Thrift Store sells quality gently used items such as clothing, appliances, furniture and so much more. All earnings from the thrift store go directly to the Thunder Bay Christian School budget. The successful applicant who will fill this part time position will have retail experience, be self motivated, be willing to make connections with local businesses, and have strong organizational and communicational skills. Please send a cover letter explaining your desire to work at Twice as Nice including, resume, and statement of Christian faith, to Dan Breukelman, at spuds@tbaytel.net by September 18, 2013. If you have any other questions, please call Dan at 474-3224 or please contact any of the Twice as Nice Committee members.

PLAYGROUP NEWS: Playgroup will be starting up on Wednesday, September 25th with a new time of 10am-12pm. You can join us even if you don't have pre-school aged children. Come out and meet some new friends!

We are looking for donations of a few items for the room such as a play kitchen, dress up clothes, Christian story books, CD player and a small microwave. Volunteers for baking and helping out in the playgroup room are also welcome.

Please contact Kerri-Ann @ 621-7778 or kerriannpinta@gmail.com with any inquiries or if you are willing to donate/volunteer.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE: After 2 and half years of dedicated service Catherine Knight has tendered her resignation as manager of Twice as Nice Thrift Store. We want to thank Catherine Knight for all her commitment to the successful development of the store. She is the "Bomb Diggity!"

NOMINATIONS TO TBCS SCHOOL BOARD: Three vacancies are anticipated this coming year. Ed Breukelman, Amy Breukelman, and John Meijaard will have completed their three year term. The Board acting as a nominating committee, would like names presented from the membership for consideration. Please submit names in written format to a Board member before September 10. Please confirm with nominee their acceptance of being nominated. The Board will be presenting a slate of candidates prior to the Annual Fall Membership at which election of Board members will take place.

ADVANCE NOTICE: A lice check will be held here at the school next week Wednesday or Friday morning.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS: Orders are due no later than **Friday, Sept. 13**. Cheques payable to Scholastic Canada, Ltd., please.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR is attached to today's Journal.

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| <p>PIANO REGISTRATION for September 2013 - June 2014 for those presently taking lessons and new ones who would like to begin taking piano lessons. Cost is \$12 for 20 minute lesson and \$18 for a 30 minute lesson.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone Number: _____</p> <p>School Grade in September 2013: _____</p> <p>Parents: _____</p> |
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From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

This week we jumped into the procedures, expectations and routines of Kindergarten. We also learned about bus safety, practiced bus safety drills and marvelled at our Mighty God as we began studying the creation story.

A huge packet (including the September newsletter and calendar) came home with your

child on Tuesday. If you haven't already done so, please return the magazine forms simply with a signature and we can receive free classroom materials. Thanks!

Up and Coming....

Monday - Our first SK only day!

Grade 1 & 2 – Miss Rekman

We had a wonderful first week in grade 1/2! Here is more about what we will be learning next week:

Language Arts: We will be learning words, reading books and poems, and writing stories all having to do colours!

Reading Logs: A September reading log with apples went home on the first day of school. Students should try to fill it in as often as possible. All students must hand in this log at the end of September, so if you need a new one please let me know.

Math: Our first unit is on sorting and patterning. Grade one students will work on making patterns with shapes while the grade two students are working on skip counting.

Science: Our first unit for the year is "The Sky Declares." In this unit we will look at the different kinds of weather and what meteorologists use to measure the weather.

Bible: Next week we will be studying the stories of the Patriarchs.

Memory Work: Psalm 19:1. "The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of His hands."

Grade 3 & 4 – Miss. De Haan

Welcome to a brand new school year! We have all been settling in and catching up with each other this week. We talked about our summers, started learning about patterns in Math, went to our first French, Gym and Music classes, read about creation in our very own Bibles, started some word work and writing and so on!

Folders come home today with Spelling words and Memory Work. A parent letter was sent home on Tuesday with the most recent information regarding this school year. If you did not receive one, let me know and I'll send one out.

Next week... Spelling tests will be on Friday for both grades. Memory Work is due the following Wednesday.

Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

Welcome to grades five and six! It's been a FABULOUS week and the classes have enjoyed reuniting with their friends and getting to know new friends! It is so great to have a class full of individuals who love to smile! We welcome 3 new students to our grade six class - Aimee and Sierra Slaubaugh and Jemima DeJong! We're so glad you are part of our gang, and I look forward to getting to know you better!

Routines are also developing well. Of course the grade six class is feeling very comfortable with the routines. They have been a great help in guiding the grade fives. In our class we have enjoyed many introductory activities and have plunged into the curriculum as well. We also had a great time in the gym playing games! The students especially liked being able to hit each other and me with the pool noodles in a rousing game of "Butt Out".

Just a few bits of information to pass on...

-The following teachers will also be teaching the grade 5/6 class: Mrs. Hawkins (music), Miss Baxter (computers), Mrs. Baxter (French). Should you have any questions regarding these subject areas please feel free to contact the appropriate teacher.

-P.E. (gym) is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Girls need to have a hair tie to wear their hair back for gym class so their hair doesn't always fall in their face during exercise.

-Weekly spelling lessons are due on the Thursday of each week and dictations are on Friday

-Memory Work is due to be recited on Fridays (students generally have 1-2 weeks/passage depending on its length)

-Library is on Wednesdays

- Weekly penmanship assignments are always due on the last day of the week or earlier.

-Nice new larger agendas were given out that students will use to record homework assignments and other important messages. Agendas are a new phenomenon for the grade 5 class. Please help to make sure your child checks his/her agenda each evening so he/she can complete homework assignments on time.

**Thank you for so promptly sending in school supplies - some students still need to gather a few items and bring them to school but most items are here! Wonderful!

Next Week:

Memory Work - Psalm 9:10

Thursday - Spelling Unit 1 due

Friday - Spelling dictation - Unit 1

- Memory Work and penmanship due

Grade 5/6 Computers: I am very excited to be teaching the computers class to the Grade 5/6 class this year. As an introductory class we worked on a "wordle". A "wordle" is a 'word cloud' that creatively organizes thoughts on a page. The students used descriptive words and specific activities that they enjoy to share who they are with me. I will read them in order to get to know each student a little better. Looking forward to more fun in the computer lab! —Miss. Baxter

Grade 7 & 8 – Mr. Himanen, Mr. Alblas, Miss Baxter

History: This year the class will be learning about the history of Canada from the beginning of British rule to Confederation in 1867. Next week we will be quickly reviewing how the British took control of the colony and how they began to govern the colony that was still mostly inhabited by the French.

Computers: The students are being exposed to working with a Photoshop program.

Geography: The class will be working on their first unit 'This is My Father's World' next week. This unit is an introduction to all the different biomes that are in the world which we will be covering in class this year. The class will also be reviewing and practising a number of different mapping skills needed for the units to be covered during the year.

Memory work- Friday Sept. 13 - Luke 10:27

Science: Next week we will be beginning our first unit on Solutions. We will be learning how solutions are different from mixtures, and what the different parts of solutions are.

Math: We are currently studying Number Theory. This means place value, rounding, adding and subtracting, and multiplying and dividing.

Language Arts and Art: Here we are, another school year has begun! This week has been running quite smoothly even though we are all learning new schedules and routines. Our class is larger this year and with that I have stressed that respect is vital. Respect for others, for property, for the school community, for authority figures, and for ourselves. I am very excited to get to know everyone and to be your teacher!

We will be beginning with taking a look at short stories. It is especially interesting to look at how God has used short stories or parables, what they are more commonly referred to as in the Bible, to teach others. What can we learn from short stories and how are short stories different from other written or oral texts? In art we are initially exploring the idea of journaling through art. Journaling is a great way to show meaning and comprehension but it is also a good way to explore feelings and thoughts that we may have. Although not all of us consider ourselves to be artistic I believe that art is not measuring someone's artistic ability but taking the time to actually try something new. Let loose and be willing to make mistakes. I might even ban erasers! —Miss. Baxter

Grade 9 & 10 – Miss. Baxter, Mrs. Vortman, Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Hawkins

Art: Students completed some preliminary drawings this week.

Bible: We are starting the year off with an exploration of the New Testament. This week we specifically focused on the Intertestamentary Period or the 'silent year's. This time period, the 400 years in between the writing of the Old Testament and the New Testament, brought along some very significant political changes, which was specifically prophesied through King Nebuchadnezzar's famous dream in the Book of Daniel. —Miss. Baxter

English: You may have noticed that in neither English or Bible I have not handed out a course overview. I am currently making revisions on past years' overview so I will have it to students as soon as possible. We are starting this year with a look at To Kill A Mockingbird. The novel will introduce students to the history of race relations in the United States of America. Along with this book we will be taking a look at different oral and written texts that revolve around civil rights issues. This week we talked about proper note taking which was then applied during class when we discussed racial inequality of the past. —Miss. Baxter

Music – Mrs. Hawkins

Grade 1-2: Students learned about keeping a beat and identified common sounds.

Grade 3-4: Students were introduced to the musical staff and note reading and participated in introductory activities.

Grade 5-6: Students reviewed reading notes on the staff and participated in introductory activities.

Grade 7 Band: The band has been chosen! I was able to give the majority of the students their first pick of instruments. We're still looking for a basic drum kit for the band. Please call me if you know of anyone wanting to sell their kit. This year students were asked to bring in \$20 to help cover costs for the band program. These funds are greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you for sending in your fees.