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GET OUT OF THE BOAT

"Come", he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus." Matthew 14:29

1st Week of Advent

"Light the Advent Candle One, now the waiting has begun. We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas Day. Candle, candle burning bright, shining in a cold winter's night. Candle, candle burning bright, guide us to the Christmas light."

Looking Ahead:

Monday	Dec. 1	- TRIP orders due	9:00 am
Tuesday	Dec. 2	-	
Wednesday	Dec. 3	- 7/8 Volleyball Tournament at Confederation College Bubble - Library - Playgroup	9:00 am 10:00-12:00 am
Thursday	Dec. 4		
Friday	Dec. 5	- TRIP pick up	3:00 pm

From Our School Community:

Bazaar and Auction 2014: The fun is over for another year! Measuring by the comments, smiling, laughing faces, squeals of delight and full bellies, we feel it was a success! **Thank you** to everyone for all the donations of time, goods, services and monetary donations. We do not have a total yet but it looks like we have raised around \$43,000.00. The exact number will be announced as soon as we have one.

Varsity Volleyball Tournament: The Grade 7 & 8 boys and girls volleyball teams will be playing in the annual Thunder Bay Catholic Varsity Volleyball Tournament on Wednesday, December 3. An information sheet outlining all the details, parking and the schedule went home today with your son or daughter.

Thank you so much to our lovely Hot Lunch ladies who so generously gave of their time and talents once again to provide us all with a delicious Sloppy Joes Hot Lunch.

Twice as Nice really needs to have some more volunteers coming from the TBCS community. Remember, each family benefits by about \$3000 per year in savings on tuition costs. The store can only function with everyone pitching in a little. Please consider coming in for a shift next week; morning shifts are from 10am to 1:30pm, afternoons 1:30 to 4:30. There is always someone in the store who knows how to manage the till so experience is not required. Next week we need volunteers every shift except Monday morning and all day Thursday. Please call Jenny Mol 475-6995, email jhmol@tbaytel.net, text 626-0442 to volunteer.

Hockey Sticks: The snow has arrived and the students are ready to move from playing soccer to hockey. It is wonderful that the students wish to use hockey sticks during recess time but we ask that once they bring a stick to school it remain at school until the end of the season. This way, it is safer for students on the bus.

The Recess Rink will be operational and ready to go starting **Monday, Dec. 1**. Hockey/safety helmets (not bicycle) must be worn on the ice. When traveling on the bus, skates must have skate guards or be in a sturdy bag for safety. Our deepest thanks to the volunteers for all their hard work in getting the rink ready. **If you are willing and able to help out with snow removal from the rink this year, please call Paul Voortman at 252-0860.**

Christmas Program: The program, "Time to Celebrate", will be held on **Thursday, December 11**, at Hope CRC at 7:30 p.m. **Advance notice:** The students will be going to Hope CRC on Thursday morning for a program practice. The buses will be picking your children up as usual, but **travelling directly to Hope CRC NOT the school**. If you drive your children to school, please bring them **directly to Hope CRC (1315 Crawford Ave.)** for 9 a.m. The buses will bring the children to school following the practice.

Piano Recital: There will be a piano recital for all of Tara Rea's students on **Monday, Dec. 15**, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Advance Notice: The last day of school before Christmas holidays is Dec. 19. School will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m.

Report Cards: The report cards for JK to Gr. 8 went home with the students this week. Please return the envelopes to the school so we can use them again next term.

TBCS TRIP [News](#): There are only two more TRIP "It Takes a Week" order forms before Christmas (December 1 and 8). Anytime orders can be filled any school day up to and including Dec. 20. TRIP orders will not be filled during the Christmas holidays, but will start up again on Jan. 5.

March Break: Recently the office was made aware of the fact that on our school calendar and on our website the dates for our March Break were different than that of the public school system. Our dates were March 9- March13 and the public schools dates were March 16-March 20. Thunder Bay Christian School has always had the same March Break as the other public schools in Thunder Bay so we will be changing the calendar and our website so the dates coincide with each other. Therefore, TBCS will be having its March Break from March 16 to March 20.

Cold Weather Reminder: With the cold weather coming upon us, just a reminder that the office checks the internet weather forecast before each break. A temperature of -20 to -30 degrees Celsius with the wind chill is considered a penguin recess (children can go outside and come back inside if they are cold). Below -30 with the wind chill is an indoor recess. If you are on yard duty, please check the weather forecast or call the office before coming to school. The office uses Environment Canada website: www.weatheroffice.gc.ca.

Mom's Pantry order: There is still a garlic spread at the school. If anyone is missing one from their order, please contact the school office.

Board and Committee Members Booklet was sent home today with the oldest child in every family.

December Calendar is attached to today's Journal.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

It was great talking with everyone last night during parent- teacher interviews. Thanks for taking the time to come in for them. I hope you found them useful and insightful too.

We may look a little sleepy today since we are coming home in our jammies but we sure didn't sleep! We were busy wrapping up our November theme and our parts for the Christmas program.

The December calendar & newsletter outlining next month's activities went home today.

Grades 1 & 2 - Miss Rekman

Bible: We are reading the stories of Moses and the Israelites, and next week we will read about Joshua. Students are enthusiastically learning the memory work for the Christmas program which is Luke 2: 15-20. ** We are practicing the scripture, song, and poem for the Christmas program regularly in class, so please do not feel that these items are homework. :)

Math: We are working hard to learn the concepts about numbers and place value. There will be a quiz on Thursday, December 4 on the concepts learned so far.

Science: Students wrote their first test today on "Solids, Liquids, and Gases." Look for these to come home early next week. Our new unit is on Canadian symbols.

Word Wall Words: Look for the new words to be printed in the agenda on Monday.

Reading: Please return any November reading logs to school by next week. For December's reading log we will be using our agendas, so that the minutes can be calculated each day. Look for a note about this next week.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students sang devotional songs and wrote their first rhythmic dictation using quarter notes and eighth notes.

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss. deHaan

Folders will come home today with Spelling tests and new word wall words. A Mad Minute pack is also coming home.

Report cards were sent home on Wednesday. Thank you to those that already returned the envelope to be reused next term. If you have not already done so, please send it in next week. Thank you.

New Reading Calendars will either come home today or Monday. We are getting close to our goal of 100 books by the end of December. One more month to go! Let's do it!

Memory Work was recently sent home (Luke 2:8-14). This will be recited at the Christmas Program. I will be sending various words home for poems and songs that may help your child prepare for his/her part. Thanks for your help at home!

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*Chunks due	*Library books due	*Spelling Tests *Mad Minute packs due	*Reading Log

Mrs. Hawkins: Music - In music students worked on songs for the Christmas program. In grammar the Grade 4's worked on paragraph unity, pronunciation, and helping verbs, while Grade 3's worked on alphabetical order and dictionary use.

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

The "ice day" was a bit of a surprise this week, but I am sure that the students did not mind the extra day of the "weekend" to be at home! We had a wonderful rest of the week beginning new units and getting used to the cold weather! Just a reminder, parents, to make sure that your son/daughter brings appropriate outdoor weather wear to school. (hat, mitts, neck warmer ...) We also had a great time today being able to wear our comfy, cozy clothes to school and watching a movie this afternoon. Thank you Mrs. Kaemingh for arranging another fun day for us.

It was a pleasure to meet with you, parents, to discuss your son/daughter's progress in the first term. I look forward to meeting more of you next week and will call to arrange a time which will be convenient for you. It was a fantastic first term in grades five and six! This week I took some time to discuss with the class some strategies and tips for making the second term even more successful than the first.

In Literature we are several chapters into the novel called *Sign of the Beaver*. Matt has been left alone for 6-7 weeks to guard the cabin while his father returns to get the rest of the family and bring them to the new homestead. Matt is visited by Ben who ends up stealing his rifle and taking away the only protection and mode for hunting food that he had. In Literature, I am also reading a book to the class called *Wonder*. It is about a boy who has a facial disfigurement and describes the struggles he has when going to school for the first time after being home schooled. One of the teachers in the book tries to help Auggie and the other students to learn how to treat each other with respect and shares his first month's precept: *When given the choice between being right or being kind...be kind*. In math we are working through a chapter on addition and subtraction using mental math strategies, estimation, and pencil and paper methods.

Students learned an interesting lesson this week in our Social Studies trading unit about what it is like for some countries who have very few, if any, resources available for trade and how that affects its citizens' well-being.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Luke 12:15

Monday: 2 November book reports due: 1 written, 1 oral

Dear Diary entry due

Friday: Journal entry about confidence due

****Advance notice**** We will be having our Victorian Christmas tea on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 16. It is tentatively set for 1:30pm - 2:30 pm. More information will be given next week. All students are asked to bring in 1 L of apple juice for this event. Thank you!

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- In music students started learning "O Come Emmanuel" for the Christmas program. In art students started a storyboard printmaking project covering the birth of Jesus. In computers, students worked on typing skills and an assignment on text formatting in our Google classroom site.

Grades 7 & 8 - Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Voortman, Mrs. Hawkins**Mr. Himanen:**

Geography-Next week the students will be looking at the climate of the tundra and learning how the people that live in that biome have adapted their lives to live in such a harsh environment.

History-The students will be learning about the fall of the Roman empire and the people that stepped in to take control of those areas. We will learn about several of the leaders of these people, the Goths and the Huns, as well.

Bible-We are continuing to read through the book of Proverbs and will be attempting to write some of our own proverbs next week.

Science-The class has performed a number of experiments in the lab learning how different substances react with each other. We will be performing a number of other experiments looking at acids and bases next week.

Memory Work-Proverbs 9:9- Friday, December 5

Mrs. Voortman:

Math-Students completed unit four and took a test Thursday. Look for those coming home next week. We will be starting unit five on Fractions. A new set of taskcards will begin Monday as well. Students are required to complete twenty before the end of unit five.

Literature-Students took a halfway test on I AM DAVID on Friday. Look for those coming back next week as well. Spelling unit nine is due Thursday with spelling test Friday.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Band- In band students played through page 10 and started page 11. Please spend some time practising at home to prepare for the Christmas program. In art, students were treated to a movie. Thank you, Mrs. Kaemingh for arranging this!