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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*

#### 2nd Week of Advent

*"Light the advent candle, two; Think of humble shepherds, who Filled with wonder at the sight of the child on Christmas night. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light."*

#### Looking Ahead:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 8</b>	- TRIP orders due	9:00 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>	- Board Mtg.	8:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 10</b>	- Library - Playgroup - Maintenance Mtg.	10:00-12:00 am 7:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 11</b>	- <b>JK/SK Day</b> - <b>Christmas Program at Hope CRC</b> - <b>Pizza Hot Lunch</b>	7:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>	- TRIP pick up	3:00 pm

#### From Our School Community:

**Eagles Nest:** The Grade 7 & 8 girls and boys who represented T.B.C.S. this past Wednesday at the Separate School Varsity Volleyball Tournament played very well. There were numerous comments from many coaches and other parents who were very impressed with our athletes' talents, abilities and conduct. Great job, athletes! The girls team placed 6<sup>th</sup> and the boys team placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the round robin. See the December newsletter for photos and more details! If you haven't already done so, please get your jerseys back in ASAP. Thanks.

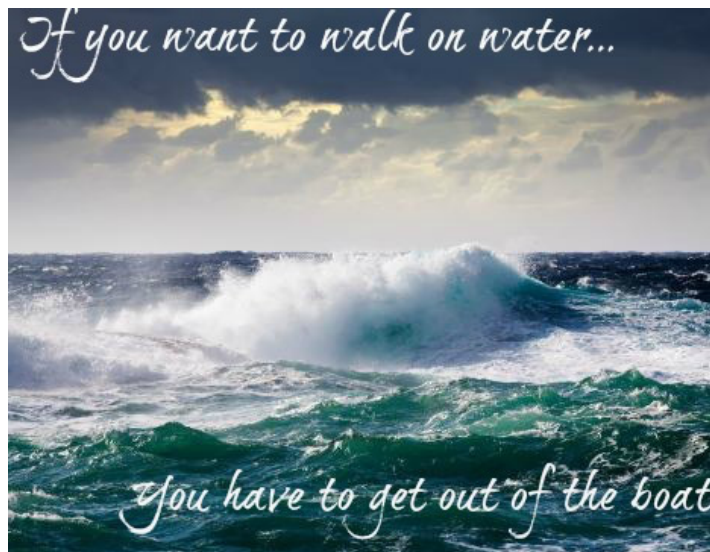
**Christmas Program:** The program, "Time to Celebrate", will be held on **Thursday, December 11**, at Hope CRC at 7:30 p.m. **Advance notice:** The students will be going to Hope CRC on Thursday morning for a program practice. The buses will be picking your children up as usual, but **travelling directly 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 Gilbert'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.

**Student Life:** Our boat has temporarily been replaced with a Christmas tree for the month of December, however, our collections are continuing on. A second bucket has been emptied of the aluminum can tab tops! The empty ink cartridges and the trial or hotel size bottles are still welcomed as well. Thanks for your support! New Life Ministries ([www.newlifeministriesthunderbay.org](http://www.newlifeministriesthunderbay.org)) is in need of some supplies to help their ministry so if you and your family wish to donate one or more of the below items, they can be placed under the tree at the front foyer of the school and will be delivered to the Hope House before the holidays.

- ❖ Toilet paper
- ❖ Paper towels
- ❖ Grocery store gift cards
- ❖ Journals
- ❖ Pens
- ❖ Markers
- ❖ Paper
- ❖ Puzzles
- ❖ Board games
- ❖ Hockey sticks
- ❖ Prayer support



**School Sportswear:** The date for ordering the TBCS sportswear has been extended until next Friday, December 12 due to the fact that another option in the hoodies has been made available. The pullover hoodie is presently \$32 with a digital imprint on the front. It is now possible to get the same pullover hoodie, but have the twill/embroidered logo put on the front. The price of this option would be \$47 (taxes included) rather than the \$65 for the higher end Upper Armour type pullover hoodie. If you have already ordered and would like to change your order please contact the school as quickly as possible next week so the changes can be made.

**The Recess Rink** is ready to be utilized. 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.**

**Photo Retake Packages:** All photo packages have been received from LifeTouch and distributed to students. If there are any questions about your photo order, please contact LifeTouch directly at 1-866-443-9652.

**Twice as Nice** needs a few shifts covered in the store next week. We need 2 volunteers for Tuesday afternoon, 1 each for Wednesday morning, Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and Friday afternoon. Please let me know if you can help out. Call Jenny Mol 475-6995, [jhmol@tbaytel.net](mailto:jhmol@tbaytel.net), text 626-0442 or call the store at 622-7575. Morning shifts are from 1045 to 1:30, afternoons 1:30 to 4:30.

**Attention Committees:** Receipts for donations or refunds must get to the bookkeeper, Trudy Bolt, by the end of the year. Also, please inform her about address changes so all tax receipts can be mailed out correctly. Thank you.

**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.

**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](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca).

## From the Classrooms:

### JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

Please note the change in our schedule next week: Monday (SK only), Wednesday and **Thursday** (JK&SK) due to the Christmas program practice and program that particular evening. There will not be school for Kindergarten on Friday.

### Grades 1 & 2 - Miss Rekman

**Bible:** This week we learned about the parts of the tabernacle. Next week we will be reading the stories of the Promised Land. Students almost have Luke 2: 15-20 memorized for the Christmas program. Way to go! It is a long passage!

**Math:** Students are all growing in their understanding of place value. The quiz has been moved to Wednesday, December 10. Look at the math papers coming home today, or the review paper next week to see the concepts that will be on the quiz.

**Word Work:** Students will receive the new list of words in their agendas on Monday. A few extra review words will also be included next week. The quiz will be on Tuesday, December 16.

**Writing:** Our penpal letters are in the mail and on their way to Wisconsin!

**Reading:** A new reading log was given to students on Monday. Students are asked to keep the log in the front of their agenda so that their minutes can be tallied and used for a special task in class.

**Mrs. Hawkins: Music-** Students worked hard learning their song for the Christmas program.

## Grades 3 & 4 - Miss. deHaan

New word wall words and a Mad Minute pack are coming home today. Grade 3's will likely have a Math review sent home next week some time.

Various sheets with words for our Christmas Program have been sent home recently. Thank you for your assistance helping your child. The program will take place this coming Thursday.

There are still a couple of people who haven't returned the envelopes for Report Cards. If you still have it, please return it next week. Thank you.

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

**Mrs. Hawkins: Music-** In music students worked on their songs for the Christmas program. In grammar and writing students worked on dictionary skills, and punctuation. In writing, students worked on Christmas stories and journal entries.

## Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

The week just flew by! We were so busy preparing and practising for the Christmas program! The students are doing great at memorizing and practising their speaking parts!

We also have started preparing for our Victorian Tea. Thank you for sending in apple juice which we will use to make apple cider for the event. Now the students should begin to think about what costume they will wear to dress up for this event. Our Victorian Tea will be held on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm - 2:30pm. You can come for the whole time or just drop in for some coffee, tea, or cider, and some dainties. I am asking if each child could please bring in one dozen of some type of cookie, loaf, or square (dainties) on Monday, December 15 or the morning of December 16<sup>th</sup> that will be plated and used at our tea. I am hoping that the students themselves will be able to help with the baking so that this is not a big burden on you moms! Thank you in advance for contributing in this way!

We continue to also progress through the curriculum. In our trading unit we have seen a bit of just how many goods and services are traded in the global village and how much we rely on trade. The students will now be looking at the provinces and territories of Canada and researching more about what resources Canada is blessed with to trade.

Congratulations to Alicia who won the reading challenge for November and received a sweet treat for her efforts.

### **Next Week:**

Memory Work: Songs, poetry, and Bible verses for the Christmas program

Friday: Grammar test - Units 7-12 (both grades)

**Mrs. Hawkins: 5/6 Music-** In music, students worked on music for the Christmas program. In art students worked on a printmaking assignment detailing the birth of Jesus according to the gospels of Luke and Matthew

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

**Mr. Himanen:**

**Science** -Next week the students will be investigating different chemicals, learning how they are made, and looking at all the different ways that these chemicals are used in the world around us.

**Bible** -Students will continue reading through the book of Proverbs, and we will really try to look at all the wise and very practical sayings in the book and how they can and should be applied to our lives today.

**Geography**-The class will be looking at the climate and the landscape of the tundra in the coming week. We will look at how the climate affects that landscape as well.

**Memory Work** - Students need to be memorizing their parts for the Christmas program on Thursday. **Grade 7: Luke 2: 2,4-7; Grade 8: Isaiah 9: 2, 6,7**

**Mrs. Voortman:**

**Math** - Unit 4 tests and unit grade sheets came home this week. Look for them.

We have begun unit 5 on fractions this week. We are trying to complete it before Christmas break.

**Literature** - We are into the second half of the book "I Am David". First half tests also went home last week. Overall these were very well done. Spelling unit ten this week with weekly test Friday.

**Mrs. Hawkins:**

In music, students worked on music for the Christmas program. Please practise *Jingle Bells, Ode to Joy, Good King Wenceslas,* and *Jolly Old St. Nicolas*. In art students created snow globes.