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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

3rd Week of Advent

*"Light the Advent candle, three; Think of heav'nly harmony;
Angels singing "peace on earth", at the blessed Saviour`s birth.
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light."*

Looking Ahead:

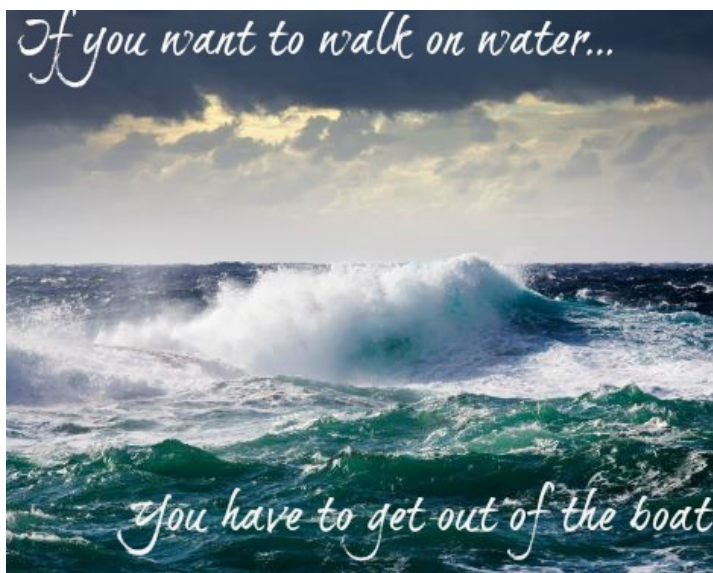
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| Monday | Dec. 15 | - TRIP Any time orders only - Piano Recital | 2:00 pm |
| Tuesday | Dec. 16 | - Gr. 5/6 Victorian Tea | 1:30-2:30 pm |
| Wednesday | Dec. 17 | - Library - Gr. 5-8 Carol Singing at Jasper Place | |
| Thursday | Dec. 18 | | |
| Friday | Dec. 19 | - School Dismissal | 1:00 pm |

From Our School Community:

From the Leadership: The Thunder Bay Christian School community enjoyed a great evening of carol singing and enjoying the talents of the students at Hope Christian Reformed Church during the presentation of the Christmas program last evening. The students did a fantastic job in singing their songs, playing their instruments, and saying their lines. It was a great way to start the Christmas season, and to remind us about the real reason we are celebrating this Christmas. May God bless all of us with a safe and joyous Christmas. A special thank you needs to go out to all the people that helped make the Christmas program a success. Thank you to Margaret Hawkins who planned and organized the program, to Jennifer Drost who played the piano at the program, to the staff for all their efforts in their classrooms, to Sandra de Haan and Patricia Kaemingh who looked after the sound system and Powerpoint presentation during the program, and to Hope Christian Reformed Church for allowing us to use their facility. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Canadian Test of Basic Skills: The results of the Canadian Test of Basic Skills have arrived at the school. The school will be reviewing the results and looking for areas of both strengths and weaknesses that may exist in our curriculum. We are always looking for ways that we can improve the education of our students. If there are any parents interested in looking at the results of the tests for their child, or children, an appointment can be scheduled by calling the office.

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



Student Life: Thanks for the Get Out of the Boat donations that have come in thus far. New Life Ministries (www.newlifeministriesthunderbay.org) is still 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.

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

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.

Playgroup is without a coordinator and the room is not set up right now. We will keep you informed of any changes to the program in the new year.

Twice As Nice needs for next week, Dec. 15-20. Please consider helping out in the store for the following shifts or for pickups and deliveries on Tuesday. Needs are – Monday afternoon – 2, Tuesday morning – 2, Thursday afternoon – 1, Friday afternoon – 2, Saturday – 2. Contact Jenny Mol if you are available – 475-6995, jhmol@tbaytel.net, text 626-0442.

Milk Crates: If you brought a milk crate home with your chocolate milk from the Bazaar, please return it to the school as the committee returns them for a refund. Thank you.

Thank you to our Hot Lunch Ladies for serving us a delicious pizza hot lunch on Thursday.

Lost and Found: Please check out the lost and found items next week. They will be on display on a table by the library. All items not claimed by early January will be donated to TAN.

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: 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.

January Milk Form is attached to today's journal. Please fill out and hand into office by **Wednesday, Dec. 18.**

The Recess Rink: 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. **If you are willing and able to help out with snow removal from the rink this year, please call Paul Voortman at 252-0860.**

TBCS Board of Directors Mini-Minutes December 10, 2014

1. OPENING DEVOTIONS: Peter Kaemingk reads 2 Corinthians 4:1-7 (Servants Heart) and opens in prayer.
2. Roll call – Peter Kaemingk, Ryan Jaspers, Fred Van Elburg, Kevin Mol, Dan Breukelman, Gerrit Cramer, Bram Drost, Jonathan Bakker, Peter Himanen Absent with notice: Richard Veurink,
3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA by Bram Drost and Jonathan Bakker. Carried.
4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – none
5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING November 11, 2014 by Jonathan Bakker and Kevin Mol. Carried.
6. Twice As Nice is having a hard time getting volunteers to the store. Please consider volunteering some of your time. Everyone benefits from the store, so please make an effort to contribute.
7. Bram Drost will be joining the Leadership team. The members of this team are: Peter Himanen, Sandra de Haan, Patricia Kaemingh, Grace Boyes, Peter Kaemingk and Bram Drost.
8. The next Board of Directors meeting will be on January 13th, 2015 at 8 pm.
9. Jules de Jager of the OACS will be meeting with the Board on January 12th, 2015.
10. Motion to adjourn by Gerrit Cramer and Jonathan Bakker.
11. Gerrit Cramer closes in prayer.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

It was great to see so many smiling and happy faces singing and reciting a memory verse and poetry last night as we celebrated our Saviour's birth. Well done, Kinder Kids!

Next week, we will be wrapping up our Christmas activities and the 2014 school year. See you on Wednesday afternoon! (*Check the December calendar for all the particulars.)

Grades 1 & 2 - Miss Rekman

Reading: Many students have read a lot of minutes already this month! Please keep this up in the next week and hand in the reading log on December 19.

Word Work: The quiz is Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Math: Students wrote a quiz on place value this week. Look for these coming home today. Next week we will study measuring capacity and weight.

Science: We are learning about different Canadian holidays, and the key people that are behind each one, like John A. McDonald and Queen Victoria. In the new year we will be looking at Canadian animals and landscapes. If you have any old calendars that would fit this topic, please send them to school so that we can use them for activities in science and writing.

Board games: As part of our Christmas morning on December 19, students are welcome to bring in their favourite board games to play with their classmates.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students worked hard at learning their song for the Christmas program this week. The students sang their song "Away in the Manger" well and remembered all their words. We also sang some Christmas songs and played rhythm instruments.

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

A review sheet of word wall words from the last six weeks will come home today. The test next week will also include some word wall words with prefixes and suffixes added.

Grade 3's have completed a Math review and will have a test on Tuesday. Grade 4's had one review sheet sent home yesterday and the second part will come home today. The test will be either Tuesday or Wednesday.

| Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| *Math review *Math tests | *Library books due | *Spelling Tests | *Reading Log check |

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students worked hard at learning their songs for the Christmas program and sang beautifully last night. We also worked on our Link-Up repertoire. In Grammar and writing the Grade 3's honed their dictionary skills while the Grade 4's learned about compound subjects and predicates. Students also worked on Christmas writing activities.

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

Congratulations, class, on doing such a wonderful job speaking, singing, and playing violin at the school's Christmas program! God was praised and glorified through your efforts!

Thank you for sending apple juice and crock pots in for our Victorian Christmas tea! Invitations went out this week, so if you have not received yours, please check your child's folder. We have been working hard on our Victorian Christmas booklet and have learned a lot about how the Victorians in the 1800's joined together many traditions to make Dec. 25 a special day for rich and poor alike. It was the Victorians, who also made Christmas an official day of rest in England in 1871. Next week we will put our book together and do some calligraphy work on the front of it.

The Victorian Christmas tea is almost here! Once again, it will be held on Tuesday, December 16th between 1:30p.m. and 2:30p.m. in the grade five/six classroom beside the library.

A silver collection will be taken and the money will be put towards school program initiatives for those in need this Christmas. We look forward to hosting you next week!

Next week we also hope to try to finish the math unit on addition and subtraction so it will be done before the holidays. We will also be traveling to Jasper Place on Wednesday afternoon with the grade 7/8 class to sing for the residents. We will close the week with some fun activities and games (parlour games and Christmas movies and a party with the left over baking and cider).

Next Week:

Wednesday/Thursday - Math test both grades

Thursday - Spelling test - Unit 15

Mrs. Hawkins: 5/6 Music- Students completed their printmaking projects in art and worked on origami. In music students worked on their ukulele skills and their song for the Christmas program. They preformed their song well. It was also great to hear Leah and Sydney on their violins. In computers students worked on their Google classroom assignment.

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

Mr. Himanen:

Bible-The students are working in small groups creating a short skit to teach the students about a theme found in the book of Proverbs. Students are taking the theme and applying it to a real-life situation that they might experience. We are hoping to learn that the book of Proverbs is very practical and can teach us a lot about how we should live each day.

Geography-Next week the class will be continuing their study of the tundra. We will be looking at how it is a very fragile ecosystem, and how we need to protect it from further damage.

History-Next week the class will begin its study of the Crusades. The class will look at the efforts of the church to prevent the loss, or disappearance, of Christianity in areas that were now under Arab control.

Music-The grade 7/8 class, along with the grade 5/6 class, will be going to Jasper Place on Wednesday, December 17 to sing Christmas carols to the residents there. The grade 8 students will play guitar while the grade 5-7 students will sing the carols. We look forward to a great experience as we share our talents and our faith that day.

Mrs. Voortman: The grade 7 and 8's were fabulous last evening in our Christmas Program! Wow what a talented bunch! We will be having a small Christmas party on Friday.

Bring a snack to share if you'd like. Also we will be doing a small gift exchange for those interested in participating. Please bring a boy gift if you're a boy (labelled BOY) or a girl gift if you're a girl (labelled GIRL). Limit \$5. No pressure to participate at all.

Spelling unit 11 this week. Test will be Friday morning.

Mrs. Hawkins: The Grade 7 Band performed wonderfully at the Christmas program. In art students finished their snow globes and worked on Origami Christmas stars.