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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*

#### **4th Week of Advent**

*" Light the Advent candle, four; Think of joy forevermore;  
Christ-child in a stable born, gift of love that Christmas morn.  
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>Jan. 5</b>	- TRIP orders due	9 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan. 6</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan. 7</b>	- Library	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan. 8</b>	- Maintenance Mtg.	7:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 9</b>	- TRIP Pick up	3 pm

#### **From Our School Community:**

**Warmest Greetings** to all of you from all of us at T.B.C.S. We wish you a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year. May God's blessings rest on each one of us as we celebrate the gift of His precious Son. **Reminder** that school begins again on **Monday, January 5.**

**Piano Recital:** The piano recital for Tara Gilbert's students has been postponed until Monday, January 12 at 2 pm.

**Twice As Nice** needs for the next couple of weeks. The store has a few vacancies during this Christmas season, please let me know how you can help out. Tomorrow (Saturday), Dec. 20, there are no volunteers scheduled, please can 2 people step forward, thanks. Next week Monday (22<sup>nd</sup>), we need 2 volunteers in the morning, one volunteer for the afternoon. Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> we need 2 volunteers for the morning. Then on the 30<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) we need 1 volunteer for the morning and 1 for the afternoon. New Year's Eve day (Wednesday) we need one volunteer for the morning. Jan. 2 and 3 (Friday and Saturday) are completely open for all shifts. Call Jenny 475-6995, [jhmol@tbaytel.net](mailto:jhmol@tbaytel.net), text62-0442. Store 622-7575.

**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:** "It Takes a Week" and "Anytime" TRIP orders will not be filled during the Christmas holidays, but will start up again on Jan. 5.

**T.B.C.S. Student Life:** Many thanks for all the donations that came in and were placed under our tree as well as the silver collection from Mrs. Himanen's Grade 5 & 6 Victorian Tea. These donations will go a long ways in assisting the lives of these women at the New Life Ministries Hope House. What a wonderful opportunity to share Christ's love in our community!



Up & Coming Events:

Team Player Day – January 23

Wacky Tacky Crazy Hair Day – February 13

Ugly Shirt & Tie Day – March 12

**Playgroup:** Thunder Bay Christian School is still in the need of a playgroup coordinator. The playgroup has not been operational for the last several months because there has been no coordinator to organize the schedule. If you are willing to take on this role in the new year please contact the school. Your assistance in this area would really help the playgroup get back on its feet and be an opportunity for parents of younger children to meet together once again.

**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.

**The Recess Rink** is operational during the Christmas holidays unless temperatures go above zero. Please do not use the rink if this happens as it would ruin the ice. Thank you. **If you are willing and able to help out with snow removal from the rink this year, please call Paul Voortman at 252-0860.**

**January Calendar** is attached to today's Journal.

**Winter Newsletter** was sent home with each family today.

## From the Classrooms:

**JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh**

We had a wonderful turn out for our decorating afternoon! Thanks so much for taking the time to come. If you borrowed a kitchen tray for your base please return it to the school as soon as possible in the new year. Thank you.

I hope you enjoy the present your Kinder Kid made for you! The students were very excited to bring them home this week to either hide until Christmas or to put them under the Christmas tree to surprise you. (I just wanted to put this in here to avoid anyone hiding the present and then it goes missing or forgotten about completely.)

The January classroom information was sent home today with your son or daughter.

Thank you **very** much for all the love, prayers, cards, gifts and support given to us this week and since school has begun. What a blessing! ☺ I wish you a wonderful holiday season celebrating our Saviour's birth with your family and friends and the Lord's richest blessings in 2015!

### Grades 1 & 2 - Miss Rekman

Wow! It is the last day of school in 2014! A sincere thank you for all the generous gifts and encouraging words given to me this week. I wish all the students and their families a Merry Christmas! May you have a rich and blessed time celebrating the birth of our Saviour and King!

**Mrs. Hawkins: Music-**In music, students learned about dotted half notes and participated in Christmas musical activities involving the Nutcracker and other Christmas songs. Have a wonderful Christmas Grade 1/2!

### Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

Work folders come home today with Math and Spelling test results. There are also several Christmas items to decorate your home with!

I would also like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone! I appreciate all the kind words, gestures and gifts that I have received. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas with your families! See you in the new year! ☺

**Mrs. Hawkins: Music-**In music students reviewed songs learned to date. In writing, students worked on Christmas creative writing. Have a wonderful Christmas Grade 3/4!

### Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

It has been such an eventful week! THANK YOU so very much for joining us at our Victorian Tea! We loved serving you Victorian style and singing and visiting with you. Thank you for providing juice and dainties for this event and for your generous donations! We collected \$100.00 with which grocery gift cards were purchased for Hope House. Wonderful!

We also had an opportunity to visit Jasper Place with the grade 7/8 class to sing and play guitar and violin for the residents there. They were so appreciative of our efforts and the time taken to visit personally with them! Thank you, Ken, for driving bus and taking pictures while we were there.

We learned how to do calligraphy this week, too! We used real calligraphy pens, nibs, and ink and practised until we were ready to put our names on our special Victorian Christmas coffee table book. The books look terrific and explain many of the traditions that we participate in today which came from the Victorian era.

Both classes wrote tests in math this week. Way to stick it out, class, and wrap up this unit. Our next unit is on multiplication and division, so brush up on those 6,7, and 6 times tables!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my students for the amazing surprise party that they held to celebrate my birthday this week! Thanks for the treats, movie, gifts, and decorating! Thank you Miss deHaan and Mrs. Hamilton for helping the students to pull this off!

And last, but not least, thank you for the lovely Christmas gifts, cards, and good wishes that you have blessed me with. It is a privilege to teach your children, and that really has been the best gift... to see them growing, learning, and maturing... and to be a part of that growth. May your families enjoy a blessed Christmas spending time together and marveling at the amazing gift God gave us in His son Jesus. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Mrs. Hawkins: 5/6 Music-** In music we played a few Christmas carols with ukulele. In computers students worked on their formatting assignment. Have a wonderful Christmas grade 5/6!

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

**Mr. Himanen:** The grade 5-8 students traveled to Jasper Place once again this year to sing Christmas carols to the residents there. The grade 5-7 classes sang and the grade 8 class also played guitar to accompany the singing. The presentation was very well received by the residents who also enjoyed meeting the children after the singing. Thank you to all the students for their efforts.

Science-The students will need to complete their research on the particular chemical that they were assigned over the Christmas break.

I hope that everyone has a safe and blessed Christmas season as they spend time away from school with their family and friends. Thank you also for all the gifts, cards, and well wishes that have been given to us as teachers. Merry Christmas and have a great New Year as well!

**Mrs. Hawkins:** Have a wonderful Christmas!

### **French- Madame. Hamilton**

Students spent the last few weeks being introduced to the Christmas story in French. We finished this week by watching a video about the true Christmas story in French and picking out words we recognized. We also watched a cute French Rudolph video for fun too. I wish all of you a Joyeux Noel and I hope you have a wonderful break! See you again in 2015!