



WE ARE SECOND TO THE ONE

*"He must become great;
I must become less."
John 3:30*

Advent Peace

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6*



Monday	Dec. 5	TRIP orders due JK/SK Day TBCA Jungle Book	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Dec. 6	Board meeting	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 7	Library SK Day Parent/Teacher Conferences	3:30-8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Dec. 8		
Friday	Dec. 9	TRIP Pick up JK/SK Day Pizza Hot Lunch	3:00 p.m.

Report Cards: The report cards for JK to Gr. 8 went home with the students today. Please return the envelopes to the school so we can use them again next term. Parent/teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, December 7 from 3:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Advance Notice: The Christmas program will be held on **Thursday, December 15**, at Hope CRC at 7:30 p.m. The last day of school before Christmas holidays is December 23. School will be dismissed at 12:00 on the last day.

Congratulations to Arend and Liz Janssens & Family on the birth of a baby boy, Ryan Arend. May the Lord bless you all as you welcome this covenant child into your hearts and home.

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From our School Community:

SQAP: The School Quality Assurance Program (SQAP) survey has been sent, via e-mail, to each of the families by the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS). The school is asking everyone to please take the time needed to complete the survey and send it back to the OACS. The OACS will compile the results and then send a full report to the board. Thank you for your assistance in helping make Thunder Bay Christian School the best school it can be for our students.

Jasper Place: The grades 5-8 classes are once again planning to visit Jasper Place to play guitar and sing some Christmas carols for the residents that live there. The residents have enjoyed our visits in the past, and our students have had a good experience meeting the residents there. This activity has been planned for the afternoon of Wednesday, December 14.

Student Electives: During the cold winter months in the new year the school is planning to take some time during a number of Friday afternoons to offer the students some different electives. The students will be able to select an activity that they will be able to learn about, and participate in, for a number of weeks. The possible activities may include sewing, knitting, woodworking, small motors, painting, crafts, etc. The school would like to get the school community involved and is asking for volunteers who would be willing to volunteer their time to teach the students a particular activity. If you have any ideas for an activity that the students might enjoy and/or would be able to teach that activity please contact the school.

Part-Time Teacher Assistant Position at T.B.C.S.: Thunder Bay Christian School is seeking to fill the position of a part-time teacher's assistant in the Grade 1-2 class, commencing January 2017. This position will be for Monday to Friday mornings and may decrease slightly as the year progresses. We are asking that applicants submit a letter of application and a resume, including a brief statement of faith and pastoral reference (Attn: Sandra de Haan) to the school by 3 p.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2016. Applications may be emailed to office@tbaychristianschool.ca, faxed to (807) 939-2843 or dropped off at the school at 37 Cooper Road.

TBCA Performance: The classes from JK through Grade 8 will be attending a performance of *Jungle Book* in the afternoon on Monday, December 5, 2016. The presentation is put on by students in the Eleanor Drury Children's Group and is comprised of students from Thunder Bay. This play has been adapted to Northwestern Ontario/Canada and will feature animals from Canada, including the Boreal Forest.

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.

Chocolate Milk Crates: Please return your empty milk crates promptly to the school so the Bazaar Committee can be reimbursed their deposit. Thank you.

Poinsettia's For Sale!! The coupons are no longer for sale but there are still four poinsettias at the school that you can purchase for \$12.00 each. First come, first serve! Please contact the school. Each poinsettia is full of colour (red, pink or white). Proceeds go towards the high school trip.

Thunder Books: The high school students will be selling Thunder Books for \$10.00/each in order to raise money for their school trip this year. The students receive \$5.00 for each book sold. Thank you for your support. *The sale ends on **Friday, December 9.*** Students please hand in your money and extra books by Monday, December 12.

TRIP News: There are only two more TRIP "It Takes a Week" order forms before Christmas (December 5 and 12). The shipment of coupons is guaranteed for "It Takes a Week" orders placed by December 5. Anytime orders can be filled any school day up to and including December 23. TRIP orders will not be filled during the Christmas holidays, but will start up again on Jan. 9.

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.

December Calendar is attached to today's journal. Please make note of the changes of dates for JK/SK students due to the various events in December.

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 8:00 pm
Mini-Minutes

Executive meets prior to meeting.

1. Roll call: Ryan J. Absent with notice

2. Opening devotions

- Bram reads Psalm 100 and opens with prayer.

3. Adoption of minutes from previous board meeting (October 18, 2016)

4. Review outstanding issues coming from membership meeting minutes.

5. Welcome to new board members Devin B. Jolene M. Arend J.

Thank you to Peter K. Ryan J. and Gerrit C. for their years of service.

6. Board executive election

Chairman – Bram Drost

Vice-Chair – Joel Veurink

Treasurer – Jonathan Bakker

Secretary – Eric Bron

7. Leadership team reports

-Christmas program to be held Thursday, December 15 at Hope CRC.

Motion: "To approve attendance of students at a production of *The Jungle Book* put on by local public school board students" – carries.

8. Committee reports:

(a). Human Resource/Program

-Search continues for remaining maternity leave position.

(b). Transportation

- Martin Bolt to continue with bus maintenance.

(c). Maintenance

-Thank you to Lambert Posthumus for many years of service.

-Lead test has been completed for water system.

(d). Twice As Nice

-\$59,000 has been received for debt reduction drive so far.

- Donations continue to be accepted.

9. Next meeting:

- December 6 2016 (dv)

10. Jonathan B. closes in prayer.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We had a great week! Please refer to our December calendar for the ***BIG*** changes to our usual weekly schedule due to the Jungle Book play.

Up & Coming:

Monday: Please remember to bring your library books and we will exchange them on this day as opposed to Wednesday. Thanks!

Grades 1 & 2 – Miss Boyes, Mrs. Hamilton

Miss Boyes: Grade One and Two:

Bible: This week we have looked at some of Israel and Judah's kings who were close to our age (7 & 8 years old). We talked about responsibilities that we have versus responsibilities that a king or our parents would have.

Science: We have come to the end of our science unit! It is bitter sweet, well, mostly sweet as we got to ice some cookies. In baking we get to see how solids and liquids interact with one another and combine to make something delicious. We also learned about safety this week and signs that we need to look out for. Great work scientists!

We are starting to memorize our lines for the Christmas play so our memory work will be Luke 2:10 "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.' "

Grade Two:

Language Arts: We learned that many words have double letters for example, will or happy. We got to work with these words this week. Remember to hand in your reading logs for November.

Spelling words: New words went home this week. The next spelling test is on Dec. 9.

Math: 10 has been the number of the week this week. We learned how to make 10, how to subtract 10 and how to add 10. We also learned some tricks to add and subtract 10 using the 100's chart.

Mrs. Hamilton: Grade One

Please ensure that we have a spare set of clothes for your child at the school. With the weather being rainy/snowy students sometimes get wet at recess and having a change of clothes is very handy!

Students wrote poems about characters from *The Jungle Book* this week! We'll be sharing them with the class on Monday and starting to write a similar poems about ourselves. This week we'll be adding the following words to our word wall: because, fun, not, go, her. Please practice reading and writing these words with your child. Please return reading logs again on Monday and watch for a new sheet at that evening. During our guided reading times this week we'll begin to explore some books about the holidays and snowy weather.

In Math, students will continue working with patterns. We have continued to practice identifying the core of a pattern and the number of terms a pattern has, as well as completing patterns. Continue to practice these concepts at home too.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students participated in a lot of action songs. Students are also learning about note values and tempo.

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

Work folders come home today with new Word Wall words and a new monthly Reading Calendar. Memory Work will be Isaiah 9:2, 6-7.

Highlights this week:

- Bible: We continued with the story of Samuel and the Ark of the Covenant being captured.
- Social Studies: We worked on our final assessment booklet.
- Math Grade 4: We continued to work with multiplication and regrouping into the hundreds.
- Math Grade 3: We began regrouping addition numbers with the tens and hundreds.
- Language: We read "Snow Day" and completed some visualization and sequencing activities.

Coming Up:

Monday: Please return emptied Friday folder and signed behaviour charts.
Tuesday: Please return chunk papers.
Wednesday: Please return all Library books.
Thursday: Spelling Tests
Friday: Please return Reading Logs for a weekly check.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students worked on reading notation using Boomwhackers, xylophones, and marimbas.

Mme. Hamilton: French- Grade threes will be wrapping up their unit on buildings in French this coming week. We'll then begin looking at some Christmas material in French.

Grade Four has wrapped up their *Mon ecole* unit now and will begin working with Christmas material in French.

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

The week just flew by! Students worked very hard this week to cram 5 days of work into 4! Way to go! Book reports were handed in and look great! December's book reading will be 1 book on which an oral book report must be done.

In Social Studies we did a study on the provinces and territories in Canada and what resources each province is able to bring to the world of trading. We also learned that many Canadians have contributed to their country and the world with their inventions, discoveries, and achievements! Students did some research on some famous Canadians and presented their findings to the class. We learned that such things as the jolly jumper, Pabulum, instant potatoes, snowmobile, and insulin were innovations which came from Canadians!

Both classes are proceeding well in math and learning a lot about number sense. The grade sixes will be ready for the section B test next week. The grade fives have been working on various mental math strategies for multiplication.

Thank you to those who have sent in apple juice for our Victorian tea. We still need a whole lot more. We appreciate your contribution! We began to learn about where many of the Christmas traditions came from that we have as part of our celebrations. Students were surprised to hear that Christmas was outlawed for a period of time. The Victorians during the time period of 1839- 1901 revived many of the traditions we carry out today. Students should begin to think about what costume they will wear to dress up in for the tea which will be held on Tuesday, December 20 from 1:30-2:30.

Next Week:

Memory Work: John 8:12 (for Monday)

Monday: Wanted Ben poster due

Spelling test - Unit 12 (review of lessons 7-11)

Jungle Book performance

Tuesday or Wednesday: Math test - grade six

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

Mrs. Hawkins:

Music- Students worked on their music for the Christmas program.

Computers- Students worked on a formatting assignment this week.

Mme. Hamilton: French- Grade five and six have wrapped up their *Mon ecole* unit now and will begin working with Christmas material in French.

Mrs. Voortman:

Math- Grade 7 has been working on fractions and solving fraction operations first using pictures, then numbers. Grade 8 has been working on multiplying and dividing numbers mentally using multiples of ten.

Language Arts- The short story unit test will take place on Tuesday now (postponed from last week). We will then begin the novel study *I Am David*. Book reports were due Thursday. The ones received were very well done. Many did not hand theirs in so to avoid larger deductions these need to be handed in ASAP. Both grades completed a grammar test with much success. Spelling unit 14 due Thursday with test Friday.

Mrs. Mol:

Bible- This has been our last week of *Tell Me the Secrets*, and both the students and I are a little sad about that! The students have been given a checklist of everything that should be in their secrets boxes, as well as a final poster project. Completed secrets boxes and posters are due on Tuesday, when we will start our next unit on Proverbs.

History- The students finished our Roman Empire unit this week by practicing and performing a short play of the Council of Nicea. They worked very hard on this, and it was a great way to really understand what happened at this meeting! Thank you, Ms. deHaan and the grade 3/4s for coming to watch and being such a great audience! Next week, we will be doing review in class and having the test (next Thursday). Students should start looking over their notes this weekend in preparation for this!

Geography- We continued learning about the tundra by studying some climographs and discussing the growing season of the tundra. We also learned about maritime and continental climates, why we have seasons and the concept of the Midnight Sun.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- Next week the students will be looking at how different compounds are formed and how ionic and covalent bonds hold these compounds together. The students will also be learning how the formulas for the different compounds are written.

Guitar- The grades 5-8 classes will be going to Jasper Place on Wednesday, December 14 to play guitar and sing some Christmas carols to the residents. Students need to make sure they practise the Christmas carols that are being learned in class.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 7 Band- Please look ahead this weekend and practice page 10 and 11 of Band Today.

Grade 7/8 Art- Students finished their name sculptures this week.

Mme. Tempelman: French- This week we have been working very diligently on foundational French verbs. Reviewing the conjugation of avoir, être, and aller, irregular French verbs that are necessary to work with the future and past tenses of verbs. We have learned the regular ir verb ending and reviewed the er and re verb endings. The work we have done is instrumental in helping us move forward to correct writing and speech. It

must be solid. Please, have the students listen to 89.3FM daily for 15min. This is so crucial, yet so simple to aid in their advancement in French. Moving forward in oral French requires this and we cannot have success without this component. Keep on working with Duolingo-French. Some have already reached the goal of 30% fluency!

Grade 9 & 10 – Mrs. Mol, Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Hawkins

Mrs. Mol:

Grade 9 Math- The snow day threw off our week a bit, so the grade nines just wrote their chapter 2 test this week. Next week we begin chapter 5.

Grade 10 Math- The grade tens took some time this week to review how to multiply binomials (FOIL) and special products (perfect squares and difference of squares). We played a math version of Connect Four, and did a puzzle and colour by number. Next week, we will be moving on through chapter 5.

English- The students started doing research for their research essays this week. We also discussed chapter 5 in *Lord of the Flies* and how the theme of fear is developing so far. Next week we will continue on with chapters 6 and 7.

Bible- We had a work period for the Matthew presentations and projects. We will continue working on these next week, as well as finishing watching *Jesus of Nazareth*. Presentation dates are December 14 and 19.

Science- We have wrapped up our biology unit with a unit test, and next week we will begin a unit on climate change.

Mr. Himanen:

Outdoor Education- The class will be going to the Boulder Bear Climbing Gym again this week. Students are reminded that they need to find a pair of snowshoes and cross country skis that they can use for our upcoming activities. The class is also learning and playing some Low Organizational Games.

History- The class is continuing to study the Depression and its impact on Canada and the rest of the world. The class will be focusing on the government's response to the Depression next week and looking at how some people were not affected as much as most of the population.

Mrs. Hawkins: AVI10- Students worked on printmaking projects this week.

Mme. Tempelman: French- We are working on comfortably greeting each other in French, and making a little "small-talk". This is progressing. After reintroducing ir verb endings, we have worked solidly on reviewing the re and er verb endings. This with the review on avoir, être, and aller, is preparing us for future work on the past and future tenses of verbs. We have begun working on the Christmas season vocabulary. Please continue listening to 89.3FM, 15 minutes daily. Students are not doing this and we are unfortunately needing to take up valuable class time for this. The focus this year is on oral French, so it is crucial to our success that this be a regular part of student's day. Continue your good work on Duolingo-French.