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

Advent Joy

*"And the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."
Isaiah 35:10*



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Monday	Dec. 12	TRIP orders due SK Day	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Dec. 13	TAN Meeting at the store	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 14	Library JK/SK Day Singing at Jasper Place Gr. 5-8	
Thursday	Dec. 15	JK/SK Day Christmas Concert at Hope Church	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Dec. 16	TRIP Pick up	3:00 p.m.

Immunization forms for students in Grade 10 were handed out earlier this week. Please hand in the signed consent forms by **January 19, 2017**. The immunization will take place on **February 6, 2017**.

Christmas Program: The Christmas program, "Gifts for All", will be held on **Thursday, December 15**, at Hope CRC at 7:30 p.m. 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 9:00 a.m. The buses will bring the children to school following the practice.

Advance Notice: The last day of school before Christmas holidays is December 23. School will be dismissed at 12:00 on the last day

From our School Community:

Piano Recital: There will be a piano recital for all of Tara Gilbert's students on **Monday, December 19**, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Sportswear: Thunder Bay Christian School Sportswear is now on sale. An order form was sent home for each of the families earlier this week. An email version of the order form was also sent. Please check out the order form for the different items and options that are available. Please complete the order form and send it back to the school. Make any cheques out to the TBCS Student Fund. Please have the order forms sent to the school by Wednesday, December 14.

Poinsettias: The coupons are no longer for sale but there is still one poinsettia at the school that you can purchase for \$12.00. Please contact the school. Proceeds go towards the high school trip.

Thunder Books: The sale has ended. Students please hand in your money and extra books by Monday, December 12.

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. 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.

TRIP News: December 12 is the last date for "It Takes a Week" order forms before Christmas. However orders cannot be guaranteed. Anytime orders can be filled on 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 January 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.

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.

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.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We had a great week! The Jungle Book play was thoroughly enjoyed by the class and it certainly sparked a great deal of discussion about the animals we enjoy in our Canadian forests. I enjoyed the interview time we had and discussing your child's growth, success and challenges. Today we had a wonderful gingerbread afternoon that was chock full of large smiles, great memories and creative house/landscape designing. Thanks for sharing this time with us! 😊

Please refer to our December calendar for the changes to our usual weekly schedule due to the Christmas program practice on Thursday.

Grades 1 & 2 – Miss Boyes, Mrs. Hamilton

Miss Boyes: Grade One and Two:

Bible: We finished learning about God's prophets and have started learning about Zechariah and Elizabeth. We learned how Zechariah could not speak for an entire year as that was his sign from God that his wife Elizabeth would have a child.

Social Studies: We have started a new unit! We got a new blue friend in the class and named him Harry. Harry will be "travelling" to Costa Rica. We will get to follow his journey there in the weeks to come.

Memory Work: 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 the people.' "

Grade Two:

Language Arts: We started talking about inferencing this week and how we use what we have in our head plus the evidence in the text to come to a conclusion.. We will be driving further into this next week.

Spelling Words: New spelling words went home this week. The next spelling test will be Dec. 16.

Math: We started patterning. We know how to identify the core, the different features of a pattern and how to continue a pattern.

Mrs. Hamilton: Grade One

Please continue to read with your child daily. Don't forget to send last week's reading log back to school on Monday, and look for another one to come home with your child! We will be adding the following words to our word wall this week: house, him, was, said, us. Please practice writing and reading these words with your child. We will share the poems that we wrote about ourselves with the class this week and then we'll have a new class book with all of our poems!

In math this week, we'll continue our work with patterns. We'll be looking at how we can write patterns in different ways, matching patterns that follow the same rule, and learning how to fix mistakes in patterns.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students played games and worked on their carol for the Christmas program.

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

Work folders come home today with new Word Wall words. We are working on our Memory Work (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7) for the Christmas program and learning the words for our song.

Thank you to all that have returned the report card envelopes. A few are still outstanding. Please send them in this week so we can wrap this up. Thank you.

Highlights this week:

- Bible: We continued with the story of Samuel's life and the Anointing of Saul as king.
- Social Studies: We worked on completing our final assessment booklet. We began a unit on Christmas Around the World.
- Math Grade 4: We reviewed our unit at the approximate mid-point and completed a test.
- Math Grade 3: We began regrouping subtraction numbers and are trying to remember the steps we have learned.
- Language: We re-read "Snow Day" and completed some vocabulary and summarizing 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 reviewed note names and played a game of "Slides and Scales".

Mme. Hamilton: French- Students have been introduced to a French Christmas song, written from a shepherd's perspective. This week we'll finish identifying the vocabulary that we already know in the song and we'll be exploring some of the new words it introduces.

It was a fun and full week of work, activities, and learning! We enjoyed traveling to the Community Auditorium to watch *The Jungle Book* performance. We thought the costumes were really neat! Thank you, Miss deHaan, for organizing this theatre experience for us!

It was a pleasure to meet with you, parents, to discuss your son/daughter's progress in the first term. It was a fantastic first term in grades five and six! I look forward to continuing to be part of the learning in the second term!

Students wrote tests in spelling and grammar this week. Please be aware of your child's progress on this test. Students in both grades are learning to apply the grammar they learn to their writing and are progressing well. Students in grade six wrote a math test this week which will be finished on Monday and then returned. Students in grade five will have their next test next week after we are finished learning more about dividing.

The class enjoyed listening to me read to them the novel *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Today they were treated to candy canes and a chance to watch the movie!

We have been working hard on our Victorian Christmas booklets and look forward to sharing them with you at our tea. Thank you to those who have already sent in apple juice. One more thing that I am asking the students to contribute is one dozen dainties (some type of cookie, square, tart, etc. **nut free, please**) which will be plated and served at our tea on December 20. Dainties can be brought in the day before or the day of the tea. Thank you so much for contributing to this!

Congratulations to Lauren K. and Owen for winning the book reading draws of October and November! They will be enjoying a sweet treat of their choosing for their reading efforts.

Next Week:

Memory Work: **for Monday** Matthew 5: 14-16

Monday: Spelling test - Unit 13

Mid-week: Math test - Grade 5

Wednesday: Carol Singing at Jasper Place

Thursday: Christmas Program

Mrs. Hawkins:

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

Computers- Students worked on their formatting assignments this week.

Mme. Hamilton: French- Students have been introduced to a French Christmas song that is written from a shepherd's perspective. This week we'll finish identifying the vocabulary that we already know in the song and we'll be exploring some of the new words it introduces.

Mrs. Voortman:

Math: Grade 8 has finally come to the end of the huge first unit dealing with number sense. Our test on the last third of the unit will be Wednesday, December 14. We will begin a unit on patterns on Thursday. Grade 7 has been working with fractions. We had a quiz on Thursday and I was happy with the results.

Language Arts: We wrapped up our short story unit on *Choices*. Most did well on their test. Book reports were handed in last week and turned out very well. They are displayed in our classroom in front of our windows. Pop in and check them out if you're in the school. We have started the novel study *I Am David*. We just started it and the students seem to be into it already. Spelling unit 15 due on Thursday and dictation test will be on Friday.

Mrs. Mol:

It was so nice to meet so many of you this week at parent-teacher conferences (and touch base with those of you I already knew). We have a wonderful class, and it's great to see all the parental support behind these students at home!

Bible- We have begun a new unit called "Words from Wise Guys" on Proverbs. We started by talking about some people in pop culture that we may admire or look up to. The students are working on posters of these people, and will be sharing them with the class on Tuesday, so make sure these are complete!

History- We did review this week for the Roman Empire test the students wrote yesterday. Next week we begin our next unit on the Middle Ages!

Geography- This week we took a closer look at the landscape and environment of the tundra. We learned some new vocabulary (ask your student what a pingo or esker is!), the different layers of Earth in the tundra, and what effect development has on the tundra.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- Next week the students will be completing several more activities in the lab as they study how compounds are formed. The students will also be researching some of the different elements. They will be looking at the form and function of the elements.

Guitar 8- Students are reminded to take their guitars home and practise the Christmas carols in preparation for the visit to Jasper Place next week.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 7 Band- Please practice for the Christmas program this weekend.

Grade 7/8 Art- Students worked on various Christmas activities this week.

Mme. Tempelman: French- Students have been working hard on their verbs. This week we have introduced some well used, irregular verbs. We continue phonetic practice and reading the bible in French. We are now working at creating sentences that we would use in our daily life. We have also begun to practice for the Christmas program. Continue working on Duolingo French and listening to 89.3 FM.

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

Mrs. Mol:

Grade 9 Math- We started chapter 5 this week and have been learning about direct and partial variations. Next week we dive into the wonderful world of slope of a line!

Grade 10 Math- The students have begun my favourite unit to teach, factoring, and will move from this into quadratics (my second-favourite unit!). This week we learned how to common factor, and factor simple trinomials. Next week we will be learning to factor complex trinomials.

English- We continued work on the anthology projects this week, as well as reading chapters 6 and 7 of *Lord of the Flies*. Next week we will read through chapter 8.

Bible- The students continued working very hard on their Matthew presentations. Presentation dates have been assigned; please make sure you are ready on your assigned date! We have one more work period on Monday, and then presentations start on Wednesday.

Science- This week we started our unit on climate change. We discussed weather and climate, climate zones and the effect of the sun on the Earth.

Mr. Himanen:

History- The students will be having their unit test on Life in the Twenties and Thirties and the Depression next week on Friday, December 16. We will review for the test on Thursday.

Outdoor Education- Our activities next week will depend on the weather and the snow, or possible lack of it. The students will also begin their health unit on the topic of Nutrition which is part of this course.

Mrs. Hawkins: AVI10- Students continued working on their Christmas card printmaking project.

Mme. Tempelman: French- More work has been done with irregular French verbs this week. We have begun to create sentences practical for our daily lives. Phonetic practice and reading the Christmas story from Matthew was also done. We are continuing to grow our vocabulary and have begun to practice for the Christmas Program. Continue moving past the 30% fluency level in French and listening to 89.3FM. Watch a movie in French this weekend!