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

4th Sunday of Advent



2016-2017

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Monday	Dec. 19	TRIP Anytime Orders Only Piano Recital	2:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Dec. 20	Victorian Christmas Tea- Gr. 5/6	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 21	Library	
Thursday	Dec. 22		
Friday	Dec. 23	Last Day of School 2016	12 noon dismissal

Bazaar 2016: The Bazaar Committee would like to pass on a huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this year's Bazaar! We raised \$70,000 for the school this year. Your efforts and the generosity and prayers of so many people in the school community helped us far surpass our goal and the budgeted amount this year. We have such a wonderful community that surrounds T.B.C.S., and we are so very blessed to be able to serve and together help raise the much needed funds for our school. If you have any suggestions, comments (both positive and negative) or would like to join our committee, please let any Bazaar Committee member know. We have a few people who have served their 3 year term and we are looking for a few more people to join this fast, fun committee. 1 Samuel 18:14 – "In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him."

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.

Last Day of School 2016: The last day of school before Christmas holidays is December 23. School will be dismissed at 12:00 on the last day. Buses will be taking the children home on their usual routes.

From our School Community:

Immunization forms for students in Grade 10 are due in to the office by **January 19, 2017**. The immunization will take place on **February 6, 2017**.

Milk Crates: Please remember to return your empty milk crates to the school, if you have not already done so, before the end of the year. The Bazaar Committee receives a return on their deposit. Thank you.

TRIP News: 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.

January Milk Form is attached to today's journal. Please fill out and hand in to the office by **Wednesday, December 21**.

Twice as Nice has opportunities to help out at the store next week. There are openings for Monday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon and all day Friday. Also, we need some helpers with pick-ups and deliveries on Tuesday. If you can help out, please contact Jenny Mol 475-6995, jhmol@tbaytel.net, text 626-0442.

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.

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.

Poinsettia's For Sale!! 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.

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.

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 8:00 pm
Mini-Minutes

Executive meets prior to meeting.

Roll Call – All present

1. OPENING DEVOTIONS – Bram D. Reads Jeremiah 14:7-9 and opens with prayer
2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING (November 15, 2016)
3. OLD/NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - Discussion regarding families with special needs students.
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 - Review letters received.
7. LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS
 - Discuss upcoming vacancy due to maternity leave.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. Human Resource /Program
 - Discussion regarding the Bible translation used in the school.
 - b. Thrift Store
 - Working well with new management set up.
 - \$12,500.00 Transferred to TBCS for month of October.
 - Debt retirement campaign currently at \$61,500.00
 - c. Bazaar/Skate-a-thon
 - Welcome Courtney Henny as new member of committee.
 - Very good Bazaar with final dollar amount to follow.
 - d. High School
 - Welcome Aaron Breukelman as new member of committee.
9. NEXT MEETING – January 17, 2017 d.v.
10. CLOSING PRAYER – Joel V.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We had our 40th day of school, heard the Christmas story through a couple different perspectives, used our problem solving and engineering thinking, compared and contrasted more gingerbread stories and practiced for our Christmas program. We also experimented to find out why the gingerbread man couldn't swim across the river! Well done, KinderKids, you worked extremely hard this past week.

A list of all our popcorn words (sight words) that we have studied to date went home on Wednesday with the SK class. Hopefully, this will assist in reviewing our words next week.

We are back to our usual days next week.

Up & Coming:

Wednesday: Library Day- try to remember your book to get a new one to enjoy over the holidays

Grades 1 & 2 – Miss Boyes, Mrs. Hamilton

Miss Boyes: Grade One and Two

Bible: This week we have learned about Zechariah, Elizabeth and their son John. We learned that he would one day baptize Mary's son Jesus.

Social studies: We talked about seasons in Costa Rica versus Canada this week. We learned that Costa Rica only has two compared to Canada's four seasons. We also learned that they don't have winters like we do here.

No memory work this week! Great job on the Christmas program grade 1/2!

Grade Two

Language arts: We have continued working on our 'infer' ending skills this week. We looked at different shoes and talked about who we think would own these shoes and what kind of work they might do.

Spelling words: New spelling words went home this week. The next and final spelling test of the year is Dec. 23.

Math: We have been working with patterns this week. Looking at the core and saying how many times it is repeated. We also learned how to describe these patterns.

Mrs. Hamilton: Grade One

The grade ones did a wonderful job at the Christmas program last night!

We will be adding the following words to our word wall: come, me, with, boy, girl. Please practice reading and writing these words with your child. Also, please return reading logs again on Monday and watch for a new sheet coming home today.

In math we continued working with patterns.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students participated in a lot of musical activities this week including working on music for the Christmas program.

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

Work folders come home today. No new word wall words will come home until our first week back in January. A Math columns worksheet is coming home today. Please do one column per day and on the last day, complete the timed test on the back. Just record the amount of time taken to complete it.

Highlights this week:

- Bible: We saw how quickly Saul disobeyed God's command. David has been anointed as the next king but his time has not come yet.
- Social Studies: We learned about Christmas traditions in Italy.
- Math Grade 4: We began reviewing how to round to the nearest ten, hundred and thousand.
- Math Grade 3: We continued practicing our subtraction regrouping. We have been trying to learn our math facts a bit better as well.

Coming Up:

Monday: Please return emptied Friday folder and signed behaviour charts.

Wednesday: Please return all Library books.

Thursday: Columns due.

**Please remember to return the December Reading Log when you return to school in January.

***We have some upcoming art projects that will require a few items. If you have any of the following, please send them in! Thank you!!

-old CD's

-white tube/sport socks

-emptied water bottles

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students played games and worked on Christmas music activities.

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

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

Wow! It has been a busy and full week! We had an opportunity to go to Jasper Place with the grade 7/8 class to sing for the residents there. We had a marvelous time and were able to visit for a while and share homemade Christmas cards with the people there. We were treated with juice and snacks afterwards which we enjoyed!

We have been busy working on preparations for our Victorian Tea which will be happening on Tuesday, December 20 from 1:30 - 2:30. We have been working hard on our 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. Thank you for sending in apple juice, crock pots, and baking for it! A silver collection will be taken at the door for those who wish to contribute and the money will be put towards those in need such as Lifewater. We look forward to hosting you next week!

Today we learned how to do calligraphy and practiced by putting our names in calligraphy on the cover of our Victorian Christmas booklet! The students enjoyed learning how to work with the calligraphy pens, nibs, and real ink to do this!

This week we enjoyed having a little party with our reading buddies in grade 1 / 2. We ate candy canes while watching *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* cartoon version.

The students in grade five did not progress as far as I had planned in math due to the busyness of the week. There will be a test after we finish to the end of NS lesson 43.

Next Week:

Monday: Spelling test - Unit 13

Tuesday: Victorian tea!

Friday: Spelling test - Unit 14

Mrs. Hawkins:

Music- Students worked on music for the Christmas program this week.

Computers- Students worked on formatting lessons this week.

Mrs. Voortman:

Math- Grade 7 is nearing the end of a unit on number sense dealing with fractions. We will have a test on Tuesday. We will begin a unit on geometry on Wednesday. Grade 8 FINALLY finished a really long unit on number sense, most recently dealing with decimals. We have begun a unit on patterns.

Language Arts- We dove into our novel study on *I Am David* this past week.

David is a twelve year old boy who escapes from a concentration camp. The students have really seemed to enjoy it thus far. In spelling we will be working on unit 16 next week (due Thursday) with dictation test Friday.

Mrs. Mol:

Bible- This week the students shared their pop culture hero's posters, and we started talking about our Christian heroes. I must say that our student's answers and reasons for choosing their heroes really warmed my heart...a lot of you were mentioned!

History- We started our unit on the Middle Ages by looking at how the Roman Empire came to its end. We started reading a book called *Willy Jay Roams The Middle Ages* which will bring us on an adventure back in time with a young boy.

Geography- We continued with our tundra unit by researching a plant or animal (flora or fauna) that lives in the tundra. We also watched an episode of *Planet Earth* on the tundra.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- Next week the students will be continuing to research the elements found in the Periodic Table. The students will have their own element and look for the form and function of their element. What are all the different ways we use this element that God has created?

Guitar- Students need to take their guitars home and practise the chords we have learned in class. We will be beginning to look at how to play individual notes next week as well.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 7 Band- Students played admirably at the Christmas program.

Grade 7/8 Art- Students made snowflakes and worked on folders this week.

Mme. Tempelman: French- What a uniquely exciting week. We started off Skyping with students in France. They marvel at us as some wear t-shirts in class when it is -20C outside. The students in France wore similar clothing yet they thought it cold at 10C there. Interesting to see them encouraged to speak English, yet very comfortable in French, while we, comfortable in English, did our best with French. The week ended with giving praise to God and sharing His word in French at the Christmas program. Great job, students! Let's continue to work at Duolingo- French and listening to the French radio station 89.3FM this week-end.

Mrs. Mol:

Grade 9 Math- This week we learned about how to find the slope of a line, and how it is used as a rate of change. Next week we will play a game to solidify these concepts and learn about first differences.

Grade 10 Math - We learned how to factor complex trinomials, and then took a day to review and play Factor Battleship to make sure everyone has factoring locked in their memory. Next week we will learn how to factor perfect square trinomials and difference of squares.

English- We read through chapter 8 of *Lord of the Flies* and had a debate about who should actually be chief on the island, now that the boys have split into two tribes. We also worked on the anthology projects and started planning the latest edition of the Eagles Eye (watch for it next week!). Next week we will read chapter 9 (spoiler alert: things start to get crazy on the island!).

Bible- Presentations on Matthew have begun, and so far it seems that we have learned a lot! Presentations continue next week and we will be wrapping up our Matthew unit by finishing watching *Jesus of Nazareth*.

Science- This week we did some station activities to learn about the greenhouse effect and convection currents. Next week we will look at long- and short-term changes in climate.

Mr. Himanen:

History- The students will be having their unit test on the Great Depression and Life in the Twenties and Thirties next week on Tuesday, December 20. We will also be starting our study of World War II next week.

Outdoor Education- Our activities next week are dependent on the weather conditions. Students need to be prepared with a pair of snowshoes and cross country skis for the activities after the Christmas Break. The students will also be continuing with the Health portion of this class.

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

Mme. Tempelman: French-This week we have been working at vocabulary building and creating interrogative sentences using our question words. Students are quite comfortable in using French greetings, thus we are moving forward to confidently gain an ability to make "small-talk" in French. We continue to work at reading and using phonics to help us properly pronounce the words. Good job students, in sharing God's word, bilingually, at the Christmas program, Jesus is the most priceless gift anyone can receive. Continue to work with Duolingo-French and listening to 89.3FM this week-end.