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

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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counselor,
The Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

Monday	Jan. 9	TRIP Orders Due TAN Meeting	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Jan. 10		
Wednesday	Jan. 11	Library	
Thursday	Jan. 12		
Friday	Jan. 13	Bake Sale & Moustache Day TRIP Pickup	3:00 p.m.

Warmest Holiday Greetings to all of you from all of us at TBCS. We wish you a blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year! May God's blessings rest upon each and every one of us as we celebrate the gift of His precious Son.

Reminder that school begins again on Monday, January 9, 2017.

Congratulations to Pastor Joe and Diana Hamilton on the safe arrival of an early Christmas present. Little Ainsley Elsa was born last Wednesday. Congratulations to you both and may God bless you and your baby daughter.

The Winter Newsletter is being sent home with the oldest in the family today.

January Calendar is attached to today's journal.

From our School Community:

Thank you so very much, grade five and six parents, grandparents, and special friends 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 helping your son/daughter to find a costume! Thank you, also, for your generous donations! We collected \$55.05 which has been given to support Lifewater in its efforts to build wells in less developed countries. May you all be blessed this Christmas!

Also, thank you so much, grade fives and sixes, for the amazing surprise birthday party that you held for me this week! Thank you for the treats, movie, gifts, and especially for your love and good wishes! I am blessed!
Mrs. Himanen.

Welcome: Thunder Bay Christian School is pleased to welcome Alex Baxter to the teaching staff beginning in the new year. Alex will be taking over the grade 1 class for the half days, as well as the grades 3-6 French program in the afternoons for the remainder of the school year. Alex has previously taught at the school, and it will be great to work with her again in January. Welcome back!

TRIP News: TRIP orders will not be filled during the Christmas holidays, but will start up again on Jan. 9.

Twice as Nice Serving Opportunities: Blessings and best Christmas wishes to all the faithful volunteers at Twice As Nice. We're open just Wednesday and Thursday next week and could use a few hands extra - if you can help out, let me know, thanks. Jenny 475-6995, text 626-0442, jhmol@tbaytel.net

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.

Phone Number Change: Please update the phone number for Adam and Charmaine Zachary in your copy of the school's address and phone book. They do not have a landline phone number anymore but can be reached on their cell phone numbers. Adam's number is 620-9844 and Charmaine's is 630-6387.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

The January classroom information was sent home Wednesday 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 Christmas season celebrating our Saviour's birth with your family and friends and the Lord's richest blessings in 2017!

Miss Boyes: Grade One and Two

Bible: We learned about the shepherds and the wise men who got to see young Jesus. We talked about how these things were prophesied and how they came true at Christmas!

Social Studies: We continue learning different things about Costa Rica. We learned about the different food, plants and animals that live there. We also saw some similarities between Costa Rica and Canada.

Memory work: Matthew 4:19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Have a wonderful holiday grade 1/2! See you in the New Year. 😊

Grade Two

Language Arts: This week we have written about New Year's resolutions, memories of 2016 and our excitement for Christmas. We also read the *Quilt Makers Gift* and learned it is much better to give than to receive.

Spelling words. New words did go home. Next test will be January 13.

Math: We have finished up with patterning! Our knowledge was tested and at the end of the week we got to make snowflakes out of patterns.

Mrs. Drost: Grade One

We had a fun week in grade one. We practised the word wall words come, with, me, boy, girl. We read stories and wrote stories in our journals, and we each wrote a letter to Mrs. Hamilton.

In Math we finished the *Patterns* unit and we made ornaments for our bulletin board tree, decorating them with patterns of our own!

Have a wonderful Christmas break with families & friends!

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students watched the *Nutcracker* this week.

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone. I have so appreciated your support in the form of prayer, kind words, cards and gifts. "I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." Ephesians 1:16

Work folders come home today. New word wall words will come home our first week back in January. Please tuck the folder back in your child's backpack so that it doesn't get misplaced over the holidays. 😊

**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

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and many of God's blessings in the coming year!

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students watched the *Nutcracker* this week.

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

Thank you all for the lovely Christmas gifts, cards and good wishes that were given to me this week. I am humbled by your thoughtfulness and generosity! It is a privilege to teach your children, and that really is the best gift... to be part of their lives every day. May you experience God's peace and love and feel His presence in a special and close way as you celebrate the amazing gift God gave us in His son Jesus. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs. Hawkins:

Music- Students played games and completed puzzles this week.

Computers- Students worked on typing skills and formatting assignments.

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

Mrs. Mol: Thank you to those of you who brought me gifts! It was so thoughtful and very much appreciated. I'm lucky to be your teacher!

Grade 9 Math- This week we played a board game to solidify how to find the slope of a line, and learned how to find first differences to determine if a relation is linear or non-linear.

Bible- We continued with our *Words From Wise Guys* unit on Proverbs by diving right into the book and looking at what is so unique about this book. A reminder that students should be doing some journal entries for the Journaling Through Proverbs assignment over the break!

History- We finished looking at Augustine and his life, and a project was assigned. These projects are done either in pairs or independently, and there will be some but not much time to work on it at school. Much of the work will be completed at home. Due date TBD (sometime near the end of January-start of February).

Geography- A final project on a specific region of the tundra was assigned. These will be completed in groups of 3 (which were chosen by drawing names). Most of this work will be done in class, and we will have lots of time to work on it at school. Students will still be expected to do some work at home, however.

Mr. Himanen:

Gr. 8 Guitar- Students are reminded to take their guitars home to practise their chords and strumming over the Christmas break.

Science- Students will be completing their Chemistry unit in the first several weeks after the students return to school.

I hope everyone has a safe and blessed Christmas season with their families and friends. Let's all remember the reason we are celebrating Christmas.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 7 Band- Students played games and completed puzzles this week.

Mme. Tempelman: French- This week students watched "Les Choristes" an award winning French film with French subtitles written and directed by Christophe Barratier. It is an amazing story set in the French countryside in 1949. Students attentively appreciated the changes made as M. Mathieu arrives, as the new supervisor. He forms a choir, as a disciplinary measure in an unruly boy's boarding school. Enjoy a blessed Christmas and see you, DV, in the New Year!

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

Mrs. Mol: Thank you to those of you who brought me gifts! It was so thoughtful and very much appreciated. I'm lucky to be your teacher!

Grade 10 Math- This week we learned how to factor perfect square trinomials and difference of squares. Advanced notice: There will be a chapter 5 test on the first Wednesday back to school in January. We will be doing review all class on Monday.

English- We read chapter 9 this week in *Lord of the Flies*, and have seen the boys sink completely into savagery with the killing of Simon. The students also worked on articles for the Eagles Eye this week.

Bible- The students finished presenting their Matthew exegesis projects this week and we looked at a series of 160 paintings by William Kurelek, *The Passion of Christ According to St Matthew*. When we return from break, we will be starting a unit on Paul's Letters.

Science- This week we learned about feedback loops and the albedo effect, and the students did some research on El Nino.

Mr. Himanen: I hope everyone has a safe and blessed Christmas season with their families and friends. Let's all remember the reason we are celebrating Christmas.

Mrs. Hawkins: AVI10- Students finished their Christmas card projects this week.

Mme. Tempelman: French- Students worked on reading phonetically correctly and building vocabulary. Students watched "Les Choristes" an award winning French film with French subtitles written and directed by Christophe Barratier. Students attentively appreciated and followed the changes made as M. Mathieu arrives as the new supervisor. He forms a choir as a disciplinary measure in an unruly boy's boarding school, and uses it to create significant transformations. It is an incredible story set in the countryside of France in 1949. Enjoy a blessed Christmas and see you, DV, in the New Year!