

JUMP Math is the new curriculum being implemented in Grades 1 through 8 this year. While a workbook accompanies the lessons, its main purpose is for assessment and practice to achieve mastery of the concepts taught. If mastery is accomplished, some pages may not be completed in their entirety. We thank you for your support as we navigate through this new program.

Scholastic flyers went home earlier this week. For those who wish to order, please send in your orders with payment before Wednesday. Thank you!

Chocolate Bar Sales will begin soon. This is the biggest fundraiser for student fund resources which goes directly back to each student for various activities. Two thirds of the boxes will contain nut products. These will be safely stored unopened in the principal's office.

Immunization Forms for Grade 7/8 students were sent home today with your child. Please read through the information attached to the forms, fill out and return to the school office by **Friday, September 16**. All forms need to be handed back in. A health unit representative will be picking them up.

T.B.C.S. Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (T.R.I.P.): This is an easy way to reduce your tuition by purchasing gift certificates to pay for your everyday shopping. The gift certificates are purchased at a face value but the school purchases them at a lower percentage. You accumulate the percentage throughout the school year and it is paid out to you to apply to your 1st post-dated cheque for the 2017-2018 school year. You can also apply it to your last payment for the 2016-2017 school year if you will be finishing at T.B.C.S. The average family earns between \$300-\$1000 dollars. The more family and friends you have helping you, the faster your earnings grow. ANYTIME ORDERS are available any school day. T.R.I.P. "IT TAKES A WEEK" orders will start September 12 at 9 a.m. sharp. Order forms and re-registration forms are attached to today's journal.

Bus Etiquette: Please call your bus driver in the morning if your child will **not** be on the bus. You can also call the family who is picked up before yours, so those children can inform the bus driver not to wait at your stop. Bus driver phone numbers are as follows: City (Tiger)-Vicki Wassenaar-cell 631-8815, Slate River (Cow)-Jenny Groenheide- cell 620-6489/home 475-3138, and Kakabeka/Murillo (Giraffe)-Jeannette Meijaard-cell 629-0322/home 475-8325. Please call the office during the day if your child will not be on the bus after school and a message will be left for the driver. Thanks.

Paper Journals are coming home today for the families who requested them last year. If anyone else would like one sent home with their oldest child on Fridays, please contact the office. Paper copies of the announcement portion of the journal are also available in several churches each week.

Hot Lunch Forms for the Fall Term are attached to today's journal. If you would like your child(ren) to participate please send in the completed form with payment to the school office by Friday, September 16. Cheques are to be made out to T.B.C.S. Booster Club. If you have any questions contact Erin Voortman. Thank you.

Three Cheers for Playground Volunteers! You provide a valuable service to the students of T.B.C.S. You help keep them safe on the playground, give teachers extra time to help students catch up on work, and allow staff time to set up for special activities. Your assistance is invaluable. Thank you for your willingness and time. **Please call the volunteer coordinator, Sherri Brown, at 346-5445 if you are able to help out.**

Gym T-Shirts: Students in Grades 5-8 are asked to wear T.B.C.S. T-Shirts (navy blue/white school logo) for gym. Prices: Youth \$5.00 and Adult \$8.00. We have various sizes in stock. Indoor shoes required for class and gym. Please ensure all indoor shoes are **NONMARKING**.

Reminder to Committees: Please send a copy of minutes/reports from committee meetings to the office **Thursdays** before Board meeting dates.

Fall Membership Meeting takes place in November. Committee reports from all committees (eg. Transportation, Maintenance etc.) are due in to the school office the **Thursday morning** before the October Board meeting.

September Calendar is attached to today's journal.

Advanced Notice: Picture Day will be held on Friday, September 23.

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 16, 2016 at 8:00 pm
Mini Minutes

Executive meets prior to meeting.

Roll call – Absent with notice Gerrit C. and Kevin M.

1. Opening devotions – Bram D. reads Genesis 26:18-25 and opens with prayer.

2. Adoption of minutes of previous board meeting held June 14, 2016.

3. Correspondence

-Review letters received.

4. Leadership Team report.

- **Motion** "That Elizabeth Boyes be added to the supply teacher list" – carries.

5. Committee reports

(a) Twice as Nice

- \$10,000.00 transferred to TBCS for month of June.

- \$ 137,000.00 transferred to TBCS between June 2015 and June 2016.

- **Motion** "That Ken Paulusma be hired as a manager of Twice as Nice as per Twice as Nice committee recommendations" – carries

(b) Twice as Nice purchase discussion

-It has come to the attention of the Board that in order to comply with the *Corporations Act*, TBCS must add the role of President to the duties of Board of Directors Chairman. This needs to be done to protect the charitable status of TBCS and Twice as Nice. This is a title requirement and does not add any powers or additional roles to the Board Chair.

- **Motion:** "To elect Abraham Drost as President of the Corporation effective November 9, 2015 to hold such office during the pleasure of the Board." - carries.

-There will also be amendments to the TBCS by-laws concerning the addition of the title of president to the chairman role that are needed to ensure compliance with the *Corporations Act*. These amendments will be presented at the next two membership meetings with a ratification vote occurring at the third meeting in keeping with by-law requirements.

- Discuss anticipated kickoff of debt reduction campaign.

6. Admissions- **Motion** "To accept Brandon & Natalie Postuma and Adam & Charmaine Zachary as members of The Thunder Bay Christian School society and accept attendance of their children"
– carries
7. Next meeting – September 20, 2016.
8. Bram D. closes with prayer.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We are off to a good start learning the school expectations and classroom routines! Keep it up!

An introductory newsletter and September calendar went home with your child on Tuesday. If you did not receive it, please let me know and I will send home another. Thanks!

Chirp magazine forms were sent home today. Please complete and return (even if not interested) so we can receive free items for our classroom. Thank you!

Grades 1 & 2 – Mrs. Bolt, Mrs. Hamilton

Mrs. Bolt: Grade 1/2- We had such a great first week! It was great to see so many smiling faces 😊 this week, we learned the story of creation and sin coming into the world. We also discussed how Adam got to name all the animals and how words are a gift from God. We've also been talking about how to 'fill each other's buckets'. Ask your child to tell you more. 😊

Grade 2- This week we worked on fractions. Next week we will begin Writer's Workshop. Friday Folders are going home today with some of the things that we did this week along with the new spelling words for next week. Please take some time to review these words with your child. September's reading log has also been sent home. Please, return this as soon as it is finished. Our memory work is Psalm 105:1 "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done."

Mrs. Hamilton: Grade 1- In the mornings, Grade Ones have been settling into routines very well! Everyday we'll be picking a student to interview and write about and then we'll be adding our names to the word wall. We've been practicing tracing numbers and writing missing numbers into patterns for our introduction to math unit. We're also practicing 'catching' numbers with our hand and we'll start to add using this strategy. What a great first week Grade One! I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

Welcome to a new school year! We have been busy getting back into the swing of things this week and have already made great progress!

Every Friday, a work folder will come home containing completed work on the right side and homework/study sheets on the left side. This week, the left side will contain Word Wall words and new Memory Work.

In the Parent letter that was sent home Tuesday, I had written about an online program that I could sign up for on your child's behalf. I have since learned that by enabling home contact you are simply given a month free trial (after which a fee would apply). I apologize that this was not clear. Now that I am aware, I wanted to let you know that your home use will be temporary. Should you still be interested, please feel free to still submit your email to me next week. Thank you!

Coming Up:

Monday: Please return emptied Friday folder.

Tuesday: Please return list attached to Word Wall sheet with a minimum of 10 words in the word chunk. This sheet will be sent home again after the homework portion is reviewed.

Thursday: Spelling tests

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students learned about steady beat keeping and how to play the kazoo!

Mme. Hamilton: French- Students have started off well! We're doing a brief mini-unit which will finish early next week on why it is important to learn French. Next week we'll begin to review basic vocabulary and create our own dictionaries to use as a reference throughout the rest of the year.

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

Welcome to grades five and six! It's been a FABULOUS week in our classroom, and the classes have enjoyed reuniting with their friends back at school again. The grade fives moved over to a new section of the school and are having fun with their grade six friends again. They are also having fun getting used to using locks and lockers, writing homework assignments in agendas, and changing for gym class!

Routines are developing well. Of course the grade six class is feeling very comfortable with the routines. They have been a great help in guiding the grade fives, but the grade fives have certainly settled in very nicely. The grade sixes saw some changes to our room as all of the novels were sorted into buckets according to their genres. Both classes are experiencing the change from the Nelson math program to the new Jump Math program.

In our class this week we enjoyed many introductory activities and have plunged into the curriculum as well. We had fun sharing descriptive adjectives to describe what makes each of us "super", began learning about gaps and

patterns in math, read some stories about learning how to accept others who are different than we are, started the first spelling unit, and played fun games in the gym.

Some information to pass on to you:

-The following teachers will also be teaching parts of grades five and six: Mrs. Hawkins (music, computers, art) and Mme. Hamilton (French). Should you have any questions regarding those subject areas, please feel free to contact the respective teacher.

-Gym classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thank you for sending in shorts and money for t-shirts. Girls need to have a hair tie to wear their hair back for gym class so their hair doesn't always fall in their face during exercise. Athletic socks (rather than thin nylon ones) would be a good idea to wear on these days to cushion the foot and prevent blisters.

-Weekly spelling lessons are due on the Thursday of each week and dictations are on Fridays.

-Library is on Wednesdays.

-Memory Work is recited on Fridays (or earlier). Students generally have 1-2 weeks to practice each passage depending on its length.

-Weekly penmanship (handwriting) assignments are always due on the last day of the week or earlier.

-Agendas are used in grades five and six and are used to record homework assignments and other important messages. We take time each day to write in our agendas, but it is the student's responsibility to ensure he/she has packed the necessary books to do homework. Please help make sure your child uses his/her agenda and that homework assignments are completed on time.

**Thank you for so promptly sending in school supplies - almost everything needed has been sent in! Wonderful!

Next Week:

Memory Work: John 3:31b

Monday: Literature picture due

 "It's All About Me" sheet due

Thursday: Spelling Unit 1 due

Friday: Spelling Dictation - Unit 1 (students have a list in their folders to practice from)

 Penmanship due

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students were introduced to harmony created by a descant.

Computers- Grade Six signed into their Google classroom accounts to answer the question of the week. Both classes started a mini unit on basic computer terms.

Mme. Hamilton: French- Students have started off well! We're doing a brief mini-unit which will finish early next week on why it is important to learn French. Next week we'll begin to review basic vocabulary and create our own dictionaries to use as a reference throughout the rest of the year.

Mrs. Voortman: We have had a wonderful time getting to know each other and how to juggle many different subjects taught by many different teachers. I anticipate a fantastic year with an eager group of students.

Math- We have started a brand new curriculum called Jump Math. Basically the teacher teaches a concept and the students practice it, and then the teacher builds on that concept and the students practice again. It will take some getting used to but so far the class seems positive about it.

Language Arts- We have begun a unit on short stories dealing with decisions. We read, discussed and responded in groups to the story "The Beginning of Wisdom" this week. We also completed spelling lesson one and had our dictation test today.

Mrs. Mol:

Bible- We are starting a unit on the book "Tell me the Secrets" by Max Lucado. We have read the first chapter (introduction) and talked about how secrets can be good or bad, and the secrets we might find in the Bible. A reminder to please bring in a box (shoe box or something similar) to decorate as your "secrets box," which we will be decorating on Tuesday.

History- We are starting a unit on the Roman Empire, and did an activity which made the students realize just how much influence the Roman Empire has on so many aspects of our lives (city design, language, architecture, etc.). A reminder that the list of 5 words with Latin origin (plus definitions and sentences) are due on Tuesday.

Geography- This week we discussed decision-making and factors that influence our everyday choices. The crossword puzzle can be handed in on Tuesday for bonus marks.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- Our first unit this year will be learning about cells and how they are the building blocks from which all living organisms are formed. We will be looking at different kinds of cells, the different parts that make up a cell, and the function of those parts. Next week we will also be learning how to use a microscope as we look at the different cells.

Guitar- The students have learned several chords already in class, and are encouraged to practise moving back and forth between those chords over the weekend.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Art- Students began their first introductory assignment of the year.

Grade 7 Band- Students were introduced to some of the instruments of the band. Next week they will pick which instruments they will learn to play this year.

Mrs. Mol:

Math - This week we have been reviewing concepts and getting back into the swing of things. We have reviewed operations with integers and fractions. Next week we will be doing a bit more review and talking about how our "flipped math classroom" will work for the remainder of the year.

English- We are getting to know each other better while practicing our writing. We each wrote a soundtrack to our lives, where we chose songs that represent us in some way and then wrote a letter to the listener of the soundtrack explaining our choices. We also worked on a priority totem pole assignment. These are due on Monday.

Bible- This year we will be working our way through the New Testament. However, before we start, we are learning a little bit about the intertestamentary period (the time between Old and New Testaments). The students are working on an informational report on various empires and important people of this time period. There will be a work period for this on Monday; reports will be due on Wednesday.

Science- We have started this week by talking about important skills used in scientific investigation. We are also learning how to pull important information from texts we are reading and taking good notes, as part of this introduction.

Mr. Himanen:

History- The students are taking a quick look at the history of Canada around the turn of the 20th century. This will lead us into our study of Canada's involvement in World War 1.

Outdoor Ed. - The class is planning to go on its first hike to Kakabeka Falls on Tuesday, September 13. Students need to remember to dress appropriately and to make sure they have suitable footwear.

Mrs. Hawkins:

AVI10- Welcome back! Students worked on their art folders and completed exercises to develop pencil control.