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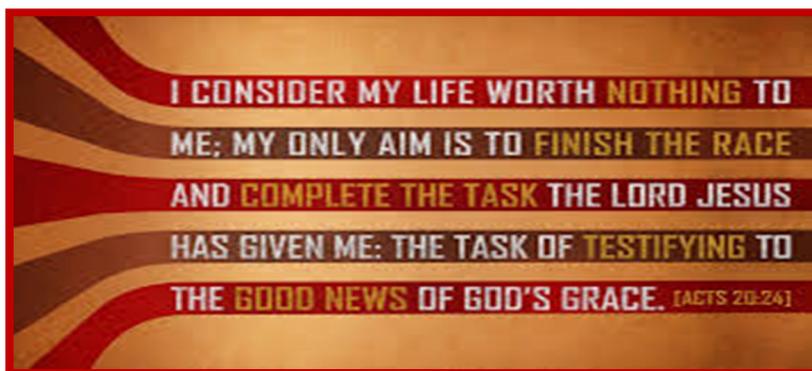
*"He must become great;
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John 3:30*



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Monday	Mar. 27	TRIP Orders due	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Mar. 28		
Wednesday	Mar. 29	Library	
Thursday	Mar. 30	Gr. 10 Literacy Test Mom's Pantry Orders Delivered	
Friday	Mar. 31	TRIP Pick Up Meatball Vegetable Soup Hot Lunch	3:00 p.m.

From our School Community:

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Report cards were sent home with the students on Friday, March 10, before March Break. Please contact your child's teacher directly if you would like to schedule a conference with them. Remember to return the report card envelopes to the classroom teacher so they can be reused next term. Thank you!

Skate-a-thon: Please hand in your sponsor sheets with the money collected by April 12. Some sponsors like to pay directly to the school as they sponsor other students as well and prefer to make only one payment. Other sponsors pay to the student the amount owing with cash or cheque. Please ensure that addresses are included with donators who wish to receive a tax receipt.

Prayer Request: Please remember the high school students and their chaperones in your prayers as they have travelled to Costa Rica and plan to return on March 29.

Intramurals: The Grade 6-8 classes enjoyed participating in a session of 3 on 3 basketball for intramurals the past few weeks. The students were great sports and worked hard to help their team score baskets. Congratulations to all teams for their hard work and encouragement of each other. The winning team was Team 4: Carter, Avery J., Ashlyn, Matthew, Chloe, Elise, and Sydney.

Thank you to the teachers who took time during lunch breaks to referee! (Mr. H., Mrs. K., Mrs. B., and Mrs. H.)

MOM'S Pantry Deliveries: The Grade 9/10's are reminded that they are responsible to deliver their orders to their customers. The orders will be ready on Thursday, March 30 at 3:00 p.m. Please plan to be here to pick up your orders from the school as NO orders will be sent home on the bus because of the frozen items. **1-2 sorting volunteers need to be at the school by 2:00 p.m. Please call the school if you are able to help out.**

Grandparent Addresses: Notes were sent home to new families requesting addresses of out-of-town grandparents. The office mails out letters every year to them with information regarding the Celebration Tea for Christian Education Week. Grandparents/Special Friends who cannot make it to the Tea are given this opportunity to be a part of the celebration by mailing back letters, photos, gifts, etc. to their grandchildren. The Tea is scheduled for April 28. Please send the addresses to the office by **Friday, March 30**, in order for the letters to arrive on time.

Scholastic: Classroom flyers were sent home with your child earlier this week, along with a special flyer, "Spring." If you wish to place an order, please return to the school no later than Wednesday, March 29. (Please remember to note the prices in the ONT column as they are occasionally higher.) Thank you

Twice As Nice Website: The TAN committee would like to update their website and need your help to make this happen. Please contact Ken Paulusma at 767-7150 or 622-7575 for information.

Twice as Nice has the following openings- Saturday (tomorrow) morning no one is scheduled from 11 to 1:30. We can't open the store if there are no volunteers. The store is averaging over \$1000 per day in sales and this offsets your tuition by a substantial amount of money. Please consider coming out tomorrow morning or next week Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning or afternoon, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning or afternoon, Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Call Jenny Mol to sign up- 475-6995, jhmol@tbaytel.net, text 626-0442. Weekday shifts are 0945 to 1:30, 1:30 to 4:30.

Bus Driver Job Opportunity: The Transportation Committee is currently looking for a bus driver for the school. If you are interested in this position, please send a resume to the school or contact Arnold Breukelman at 474-3240 for more information.

Personal Support Worker Position: Thunder Bay Christian School is currently looking for a part-time Personal Support Worker to provide care for a newly enrolled student with special needs for the 2017/2018 school year. The individual should demonstrate ability and interest in providing personal care and support, and be an active member of a Christian church. First Aid and CPR are required. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, statement of faith and references (including a pastoral reference) to Sandra deHaan, Team Leader of Learning, Thunder Bay Christian School. Email: office@tbaychristianschool.ca fax: 939-2843; Phone: 939-1209. Deadline for applications is April 7.

Project Purse: A donation box is available in the front foyer for those who still wish to contribute to this cause.

Spring Hot Lunch Form was sent home today with the oldest child in the family. Please return the completed form to the school by Wednesday, March 29 and have cheques payable to T.B.C.S. Booster Club. Thank you.

April Milk Form is attached to today's journal. Please fill out the form and hand in to the office by **Wednesday, March 29.**

Spring Membership Meeting: The Membership meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, at 8:00 p.m.

Newsletter was sent home today with every family.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We are back into the swing of things after our March break. Some highlights of the week include:

- ❖ We tried our hand at a few more experiments. We have a number of budding scientists on our hands!
- ❖ Congratulations to the many students who participated in the skate-a-thon to raise funds for the school (and wow, have our skating abilities improved!)
- ❖ We studied the lives of Joshua, Rahab and Gideon and reflected on how God can turn our weaknesses into strengths.

Up & Coming:

Wednesday: Library Day

Friday: JK Reading Record sheet due (if not already in)

Grades 1 & 2 – Miss Boyes, Mrs. Baxter

Miss Boyes: Grade 1 and 2

Bible: This week in Bible we started talking about the different parables that Jesus told his followers. We know that he used relatable objects and things so that the people of that time could understand him.

Memory Work: John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Social Studies: We have started learning about Canada this week, specifically the national anthem and about our Canadian flag. We learned that there was a huge debate over what flag to use. We decided that they made a good choice and we love the flag we have today.

Grade 2

Language Arts: This week we focused on making words plural. We learned the rules that go along with making words plural and we got to use them in sentences. We also made crosswords with our spelling words and then switched them with a partner and solved their crossword.

New spelling words went home this week. Next spelling test will be on March 31.

Math: We started our new books this week in math. We are practicing skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. We also looked for numbers that are closer to tens, for example 2 would be closer to 0 than 10.

Mrs. Baxter: Grade 1

We have had a wonderful week together as a class. The students were blessed yesterday to have Mrs. K. teach them in the morning. I was home with my 2 year old son, Lochlan, because he had a bad fall down the stairs in the gym, onto his head, Wednesday evening. The Doctor we saw encouraged me to keep a close watch for any signs of head trauma. Thank the Lord Jesus he is doing well and is his happy self. The students have been continuing to practice their reading and journal writing skills. They are learning to give details about what they have read and to write what it reminds them about in their own life. Keep up the great work class!

Spelling words for next week: FIVE, TIME, LIKE, DIME, RIDE, NINE, MY, and BY.

Spelling test is Friday March 31.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students learned about folk music through singing sea shanties.

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

Thank you to Dan Breukelman for assisting with our curling adventure again this afternoon! Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped out as well!

Work folders come home today with new Word Wall words and Math fact homework.

Reminder: The Booktalk deadline for completion is March 31. Please remember to practice it orally at home several times!

Highlights this week:

- Bible: We continued to see God's hand at work as David's time has come to become king. This week we saw David united with Jonathan's son at the king's table.
- Math Grade 4: We started learning about angles and the challenges of using a protractor.
- Math Grade 3: We learned about congruent shapes shown in symmetry and wrote a test on our Geometry unit.

Coming Up:

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

Wednesday: Please return all Library books.

Thursday: Spelling tests – please practice!!
Math fact homework due!!!

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students learned a Spanish song for Link Up this week.

Mrs. Baxter:

French Gr. 3- We have been practicing our French vocabulary for this month by playing games and practicing speaking together. Keep up the good work! Vous etes Formidable!

French Gr. 4- I am so proud of you all! You have been doing a wonderful job with our Seasons unit. We will be doing a few more assignments and then wrapping up the unit at the end of next week and the week after. Keep up the good work! Ask your child to describe the weather or an activity they like to participate in, en français!

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

It was great to see everyone back after the break and ready to get back into the swing of things. We had a great week and were able to zip through lots of material. We also really enjoyed skating together at the skate-a-thon and enjoying dinner!

Congratulations to Lauren K. who finished reading a strip of 30 books! She will soon be enjoying a special treat of her choice.

We have finished reading Sign of the Beaver and are working on some wrap up activities. There will be a book test on Monday and then the students will spend the week having time to work on end of book projects of their choice.

Advance notice: It is our turn next to host an assembly. The date is tentatively set for April 12.

Next Week

Memory Work: We will hopefully start working on material for our assembly throughout the next few weeks.

Monday: Spelling test Unit 25

Literature book test

Tuesday: Math test grade 5 and 6.

Friday: possible science test on the first 3 lessons

Mrs. Baxter: French- I am so proud of you all! You have been doing a wonderful job with our Seasons unit. We will be doing a few more assignments and then wrapping up the unit at the end of next week and the week after. Keep up the good work! Ask your child to describe the weather or an activity they like to participate in, en français!

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students played their ukuleles and learned to play D minor and A major chords.

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

Mrs. Voortman:

I was happy to see so many eager participants at the skate-a-thon this year! Way to lead by example!

Math: Both grades had a busy week writing unit tests. Both are starting units on measurement dealing with ratios and rates.

Language Arts: Both grades finished a grammar unit and had a test. We are over halfway finished our novel Night and students are extremely into it. Ask them about it.

Wednesday-library books

Thursday-Unit 27 due for spelling

Friday-Unit 27 dictation test for spelling

Remember to bring your purses for project purse!

Mrs. Mol:

It has been great spending some extra time with the Grade 7/8 students this week, as Mr. Himanen is in Costa Rica with the grade nines and tens! Please pray for the students and chaperones as they work and explore the country, and travel home next week.

Bible- We finished talking about our families and the differences and similarities between them, and then represented our personal family dynamic with a personally designed symbol. We also answered the question "to whom do I belong?" by looking at various verses in the Bible that tell us we belong to the Triune God, and how God relates to His people and His creation.

History- We learned about the Great Schism, when the Catholic Church ended up with three Popes, and as a result, started losing its power. The rest of the week was spent presenting the student projects on various aspects of the Middle Ages. Again, I was impressed with the creativity and quality of work the students brought to these projects. Well done, everyone - be proud of yourselves!

Geography- We held an inquiry (like an informational debate with a little less arguing) on oil drilling in the 10-0-2 region of the ANWR this week. Each student was given a card telling them who they were (ie. an oil company executive, an Inuit elder, a resort owner near the area) and what their position was on the drilling. They had to put together a three minute speech to make their arguments for their side. At the end, our three commissioners had to come to a conclusion: to drill, or not to drill? These speeches were SO well done, and our commissioners realized that this decision isn't as easy to make as they thought. We also made some "soapstone" carvings, as a fun end to this unit!

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 7/8 Art- Students started a colour study using water colours and cartoons.

Grade 7 Band- Our playing test is postponed until Monday. Please practice 'Join the Parade' this weekend.