



GOT FRUIT? Fruit of the Spirit

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."
Galatians 5:22-23*

The First Sunday in Advent



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Monday	Dec. 4	TAN Meeting at T.B.C.S.	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Dec. 5		
Wednesday	Dec. 6	Library	
Thursday	Dec. 7		
Friday	Dec. 8		

From our School Community:

Spaghetti & Caesar Salad Take Out Supper: TODAY is the day! Prices are \$10 for spaghetti and \$5 for Caesar salad, both will be in 8x8 containers. Pick up location will be at United Reformed Church at 23 Hwy 130 from **3:15 to 7:00 p.m.** All funds raised will go towards the Booster Club. Thank you in advance for your support.

Piano Recital: There will be a piano recital for all of Tara Gilbert's students on **Friday, Dec. 15**, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Milk Crates: Please return all empty milk crates to the school so the Bazaar Committee can return them for a refund. Thank you.

Playground Volunteers: Your service is invaluable in helping keep the children of T.B.C.S. safe on the playground and assisting the staff! Thank you for your willingness and time. **Please call the volunteer coordinator, Tiffany Cramer, at 622-6987 to sign up today to help fill the schedule.**

School Phone Book: Please change the phone number listing for Ihor & Ela Tereshchenko to (807) 631-4002.

Congratulations to David & Tiffany Cramer and family on the safe arrival of a baby boy last night. *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."* James 1:17

Advance Notice: The Christmas program will be held on **Wednesday, December 20, at Hope CRC at 7:30 p.m.** The last day of school before Christmas holidays is December 22. School will be dismissed at 12:00 on the last day.

Primary Position for 2017-2018: Thunder Bay Christian School is currently accepting applications for a part time (approximately .4 FTE) primary position. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, Philosophy of Education, Statement of Faith and references (including a pastoral reference) to Thunder Bay Christian School, attention Sandra deHaan. 37 Cooper Road, Rosslyn, ON, P7K 0E2. Email: office@tbaychristianschool.ca; Fax: 939-2843; Phone: 9391209. Deadline for applications is **December 10.**

Twice as Nice needs volunteers for every shift next week except Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday. If you can do even part of a shift, it would be helpful. It is increasingly difficult to staff the store and we can't keep supporting the TBCS to the extent we are now if we don't get enough volunteers. Please consider this prayerfully and carefully - your tuition is reduced considerably by the funds raised at the store. Please get in touch with Jenny Mol if you can help out anytime or if you want more information. 475-6995, jhmol@tbaytel.net, text 626-0442. Thank you.

December Calendar is attached to today's Journal.

DRESSING FOR WINTER

With the winter season upon us and the unpredictability of the weather it is very important that students come to school dressed appropriately.

This includes the following:

- ⇒ Hat and mitts
- ⇒ Winter boots
- ⇒ Winter Jacket
- ⇒ Snow pants



Talk to your child about the importance of wearing these items on the bus. Should the bus break down students need to be dressed warmly. Fresh air and exercise are an important part of each day and all students need to be outside unless the weather is extreme.

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From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

It was great meeting with many of you on Wednesday afternoon and evening. Thanks for taking the time to meet with me. 😊

Many of the report card envelopes and November reading sheets were returned this past week. Thank you!

The December newsletter, calendar and reading sheet went home this past Wednesday. Please let me know if you did not receive any of these items and I will send home a replacement.

I also sent home a note today letting you know if your child's extra clothes bag is missing anything or has shorts instead of pants etc. Please return a labeled bag with a complete change of clothes in case an accident happens during the course of a day.

Up & Coming:

Wednesday: Library Day

Grades 1 & 2 – Miss Boyes, Miss Strydhorst

Miss Boyes: Grade 1/2

Bible: In Bible the Israelites finally have their eyes on the Promised Land. Joshua sent spies into Jericho, who were saved by Rahab. With God's help, the Israelites crossed the Jordan River carrying the Ark of the Covenant and the walls of Jericho fell.

*Memory Work: The next few weeks are going to be a little different in preparation for our Christmas program. The grade 1's and 2's will have different memory work.

Gr.1 Memory Work: "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night."

Gr.2 Memory Work: "An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them..."

Science: We are studying the Netherlands in our class. This week we talked about the weather in Holland vs. Thunder Bay. We learned that on average Holland only gets 24 days of snow! We also looked at traditional clothing in Holland.

Grade 2:

Language Arts: This week we learned about the elements of fiction vs. nonfiction. A way for us to remember the difference is fiction uses imagination and nonfiction uses information.

Spelling words: candy, went, sent, take, like, puppy, time, didn't, by, my

*Please return November reading logs next week. December reading logs went home on Friday.

Math: Our focus in math this week was how to use different strategies to add and subtract. We used circles, blank spaces, our fingers, mental math and a number line to assist us.

Miss Strydhorst: Grade 1

- Grade One has mastered their spelling words this week and that means we get to fill in a few blank spaces on our word wall! Next week's spelling words include a few tricky ones. We will be focusing on some words they have been asking about during their creative writing time on a regular basis: *pull, know, your, our, now, just, and school.*
- In Math we have been becoming master sorters and came up with many creative ways to classify groups of objects. Next week we will start learning about numbers all the way to 100 and counting by tens!
- We read a wonderful story about a quilt maker and the Grade Ones would love to tell you what really made the grumpy King happy in the end.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students sang vocal solos while playing a game this week.

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

Work folders come home today with new Word Wall words and Math homework. A new reading form is also being sent home.

Thank you for all the book report forms for the month. A couple are still outstanding ... please make sure these are in by Monday.

Highlights this week:

- Bible: We wrote a test and began our new unit. We learned about the gap of time between Joseph and Moses and how Moses was saved from death as an infant.
- Math Grade 4: We continued learning about multiplication with three digit by one digit equations. We found this challenging but are making great progress.
- Math Grade 3: We focused on counting by 3's this week. We practiced various concepts with multiplication arrays and the commutative property ($4 \times 5 = 5 \times 4$).
- Literature: We reviewed "Do Not Open Until Christmas" and completed comprehension activities. We completed our class novel "Because of Winn Dixie" and will start to watch the movie soon.

Coming Up:

Monday: Please return emptied Friday folder.
Tuesday: **Word chunks due**
Wednesday: Library books due
Thursday: **Math homework due**
Friday: Word Wall Tests

Mrs. Hawkins: Music– Students worked on Christmas music activities this week and continued learning to swing eighth notes on the recorder.

Mme. McCutcheon: French- Grade 3/4 are working on the season's unit this week learning about Spring now. They are doing very well with station work and they are using the words and phrases they do know in French in class!

Grade 3 words are the numbers 1 to 20

Grade 4 words are manger / parler / écrire / écouter / lire

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

This week the groups wrapped up their campaigning after presenting commercials and speeches designed to encourage students to vote for their mascot. Advanced polls were set up so some voting has already happened. The big day is on Monday when students will be able to vote for the mascot they think should win to represent our school. So much has been learned in running our campaign!

Students have also begun contributing to classroom devotions and presentations of current events, interesting facts, and a funny story or joke. Throughout the year each student will get several opportunities to do each of these jobs.

It was a privilege and honour to meet with you, parents, during the P/T interviews. I am anticipating a terrific second term teaching your children and look forward to watching them grow and progress.

Students have decided on their countries to research for our "Christmas around the World" projects. Class time will be given next week to work on these projects and presentations will take place during the week of December 11-15 with our culminating feast to happen on Tuesday, December 19. Students have been asked to research the Christmas traditions of a country including the foods enjoyed during the feast. We are hoping each student will make or buy an item of food that can be shared with the class at our party so that we can all experience the culture and tradition of the country. They can also make a craft or ornament or provide display items from that country to enhance their presentation and to add to the information place on their back drop. Examples were shown to the students from previous years.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Christmas program preparation

Monday: grammar unit test - Units 7-12 (both classes)

Wednesday: Math test - grade six - number sense section C (possibly on Thursday)

Mrs. Hawkins:

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

Computers- Students worked on their typing skills this week.

Mme. McCutcheon: French- Grade 5 and 6 are finishing up their unit on adjectives and will be starting a unit on animals next week. We are working on using the words and phrases we do know to communicate in class. Keep up the great work!

Grade 5/6 words are qui, rire, voir, salut, soleil, sud, vélo, vie, ville.

Mrs. Voortman:

Math: Both grades are nearing the end of a unit. Tests for both grades will be on Tuesday. Grade 7 should practice square roots, perfect squares, divisibility rules, factors and multiples. Grade 8 should practice all operations dealing with decimals.

Geography: We continue our study of the coniferous forest biome. We have begun to look at the forestry industry, which is interesting as it is an important local industry here.

Literature: Postcard book reports are due on Monday. I'm looking forward to seeing the finished products. We are beginning a novel study on "The Hobbit".

Monday-book report due

Tuesday-math test (both grades)

Wednesday-library

Thursday-spelling lesson 14 due

Friday-spelling test

Mrs. Mol:

Bible- We began our new unit this week on The Song of Love, which is focused around Calvin Miller's book "The Singer". This book looks at the story of Jesus as told in the Gospels, and uses an allegory to tell the story.

History- We have finished our first unit on Canada's history, ending with the War of 1812. We spent two class periods doing review together; the test will be on Tuesday (those students who were away today and missed the majority of the review will write the test on Thursday).

Science- We did another experiment this week to learn the difference between heat and temperature. The students got to see which heats up faster: a smaller or larger amount of liquid.

Writing- We have some AMAZING fables in the works! A reminder that rough drafts and all revisions need to be finished by Monday. Next week we will continue editing using peer and teacher conferences; then, on to putting these books together!

Grade 8 Guitar- I continue to be impressed with the students' abilities in guitar class, but PLEASE keep practicing at home! The Christmas program will be here before we know it!

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 7 Band- Please practice the new Christmas music over the weekend.

Grade 7/8 Art- Students worked on their water colour paintings this week.

Mme. McCutcheon: French- Grade 7 and 8 are working on building sentences and communication skills. We are working on a big project where they will teach each other about a topic in order to practice their speaking and build their skills in connecting what they know with its daily use.

Grade 7/8 words are autre* avant, bâtiment, avoir besoin de, bibliothèque, bois, boisson, bouche, bras.

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

Mrs. Mol:

Grade 9 Math- This week the students wrote the chapter 2 test and started learning about direct and partial variation relationships. Next week, we dive into the wonderful world of slope!

Grade 10 Math- The grade tens learned how to factor simple and complex trinomials this week and are doing extremely well! Next week we finish chapter 5 by learning how to factor perfect square trinomials and difference of squares.

Grade 9/10 English- We finished watching the movie version of "To Kill a Mockingbird", and we decided that it is not nearly as good as the book! The students have now started the rough drafts of their final essays; we will be learning how to write introductions and conclusions next week and polishing their final drafts.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- The students will be studying the physical and chemical properties of different substances next week. They will also be performing activities to look at how different substances react with each other and learning how to calculate the density of substances.

Bible- Next week the students will be studying the story of Moses and how God used him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and towards the Promised Land. God heard the cries of His people and He answered those cries, just like He does for us.

Technology- The students will be working on their wood projects next week. They have finished the first phase and will now begin to give their project some shape.

Mrs. Hawkins: Civics- Students were introduced to many civic issues affecting Canadian society. Students also received a mark update this week.