



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 Second Sunday in Advent

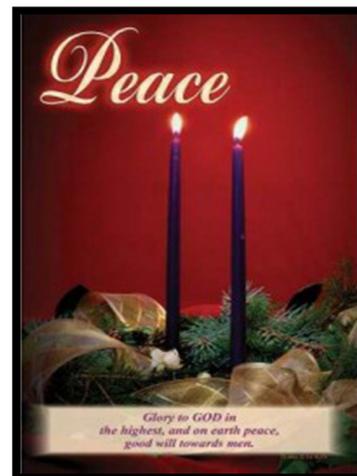
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*"Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee."*

*Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*By thine all eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne."*



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Monday	Dec. 11		
Tuesday	Dec. 12	Singing at Jasper Place Gr. 5-8 Board Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 13	Library	
Thursday	Dec. 14		
Friday	Dec. 15	Pizza Hot Lunch Piano Recital	2:00 p.m.

From our School Community:

Bazaar 2017: The final numbers are in and again our school has been blessed by this wonderful event. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the bazaar such a success again this year. It is so great to see how the Lord has blessed TBCS with a Christian community that continues to support our school events and enjoys fellowship with one other. The bazaar raised **\$70,000.00** this year. Thank you to all the teachers and students who helped set up and prepare for this awesome event. Thank you to the Board members and the custodian, Mrs. Karen Staal, assisting in restoring rooms back to the way they were. Thank you to Mr. Himanen for helping set up, shoveling in between the bazaar days and for helping to clean up afterwards. Thank you to the bazaar committee for all of their hard work behind the scenes making the bazaar run smoothly. The Lord has definitely blessed our school with many talents and an amazing ability to work together. See you all again next year!

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.

Donations for Gathering Place: Students' Council is collecting donations for the Gathering Place just in time for Christmas! They are especially in need of (new) socks and underwear, toques, mitts, winter coats, snow pants and non-perishable food. If you have any gently used winter gear that you no longer wear (or that your children have outgrown but not worn out), or can donate some food or a pack of new socks or underwear, please send it with your child to the school. We will have bins set up underneath our Christmas tree in the front foyer to collect any donations. We are challenging the whole school to fill as many totes as possible!

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11

Jasper Place: The Grades 5-8 classes are once again planning to visit Jasper Place to play guitar and sing some Christmas carols for the residents that live there. The residents have enjoyed our visits in the past, and our students have had a good experience meeting with them there. This activity has been planned for the afternoon of Tuesday, December 12.

Congratulations to Jessica Strydhorst and Ian Friesen on their engagement. We wish you the Lord's blessing as you look forward to and prepare for your upcoming wedding day.

Hockey Sticks: The snow has arrived and the students are ready to move from playing soccer to hockey. It is wonderful that the students wish to use hockey sticks during recess time but we ask that once they bring a stick to school it remain here until the end of the season. This way, it is safer for students on the bus.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Twice as Nice needs volunteers for every afternoon shift next week except Thursday. Also, we need one more volunteer for Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings. Please consider taking a shift, let Jenny Mol know how you can help out. 475-6995, jhmol@tbaytel.net, text 626-0442, store 622-7575.

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

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, November 21, 2017 at 8.00pm
Mini-Minutes

Roll call: Arend J. absent

Executive meets prior to meeting.

1. Opening devotions

-Bram D reads James 2:1-13 and prayer.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous board meeting (October 10, 2017)

Adoption of the minutes of Fall Membership Meeting (November 6, 2017)

3. Election of new board executive

-Chairman/President: Joel Veurink

-Secretary: Eric Bron

-Treasurer: Shawn Jaspers

-Vice-all: Jolene Makkinga

4. Outgoing member's reflections

- Kevin Mol, Jonathan Bakker and Bram Drost reflect on their time on the board and encourage new board of directors. Thank you very much for your dedication and service!

5. Leadership Team Report

Motion: "That the board accepts recommendation to hire Arlene Veurink as a supply PSW"

-Carries

5. Correspondence

-Review letters received

-Received a letter from TAN committee with regards to trouble finding volunteers.

6. Committee reports

a. Maintenance

-LED lighting upgrade is complete

-light being added at road

-old well has been decommissioned

b. Thrift Store

-**Motion:** "To approve Courtney Henny and Marion Makkinga as members of the Twice as Nice committee"

-carries

-Welcome Courtney and Marion!

-\$15,000.00 transferred to TBCS for month of October

c. Bazaar-Bazaar was successful, figures to follow at a later date.

d. Booster Club -Spaghetti dinner coming up (December 1)

7. Next meeting - December 12, 2017

8. Closing prayer -Jolene M.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

With the new month of December upon us, we have moved into discussions of what peace as the third Fruit of the Spirit means for our lives and our daily walk.

We are singing Christmas songs, repeating Bible verses, studying many Christmas stories (while learning about the different points of view or perspectives the narrator may have) and making a wide variety of crafts. It's been great acquiring more details about our Jesus' birth intertwined into every single one of our subject areas.

Grades 1 & 2 – Miss Boyes, Miss Strydhorst

Miss Boyes: Grade 1/2

Bible: This week we started learning about the judges. The Israelites again were unable to keep their faith in God so He sent the judges.

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..."

Social Studies: We looked at the different types of houses and flowers in Holland this week.

Grade 2: Language Arts: We started a unit this week in poetry. We kicked it off with alliteration. The students really enjoyed the various activities and making alliteration poems this week.

Spelling words: less, tell, well, will, still, off, letter, little, silly, happy

Next spelling test is on Friday, December 15.

Math: This week in math we learned about the line of symmetry. We identified shapes and learned that not all shapes have a line of symmetry. With the shapes that do have a line of symmetry we identified them.

Miss Strydhorst: Grade 1

- What a short week! In Grade one we did not quite finish with our spelling words yet, but sometime next week we will begin to practice our next group of words: *girl, boy, was, talk, make, quiet, loud*.
- In Math we are learning about numbers larger than 20, counting by tens, and using our hundreds chart.
- Reading Logs are due on Monday! I will be sending out the next one tonight - the last one that will be sent out before Christmas!
- This week (Dec. 11-15) will be my last week teaching Grade One at TBCS and while I will be very sad about saying goodbye, we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs. Hamilton back!

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students sang their song for the Christmas program and started to learn about "The Nutcracker".

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

Work folders come home today with new Word Wall words and Math homework. Three chapter summaries have come home this week and last. These are to be used collectively for the book report for December using one book. Please complete one for a chapter at the beginning, one at the middle and one at the end. Thank you for assisting your child.

Highlights this week:

- Bible: We continued the story of Moses as he grew up and had to flee Egypt.
- Math Grade 4: We completed a test on place value and regrouping (addition, subtraction, multiplication).
- Math Grade 3: We completed a test on multiplication and began a unit on regrouping.

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 a song for Link Up and completed a note reading activity.

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

Wow! It was a short week due to the ice and snow days but we sure packed a lot in and had fun learning his week!

Our election results are in! After successful campaigning by all three parties (Blue Bears - bear, Night Howlers - wolf, and the Stonefoxes - fox) and a school wide vote that began last Wednesday and Friday with advanced polls and continued this past Wednesday with the rest of the student body visiting the polls...I am pleased to announce that the winner of our election, with 49% of the vote, was the Night Howlers! When students were asked what made them vote for any particular group they cited things such as liking the speech, colour, song, or mascot that the parties used while campaigning. Congratulations to all three parties on a job very well done! Your posters, campaign speeches, meet and greets, commercial, flyers, and all around general efforts on this project were amazing!

The class was able to experience firsthand the election process from start to finish and this week completed the experience by giving acceptance speeches and thanking their constituents for voting. Posters were taken down and any election promises acted upon. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank my colleagues for their patience and participation in this endeavour! We interrupted your classes many times during this event, but you were so encouraging and supportive towards us!

Now the students are working on their next project: Christmas Around the World. There is a lot of excitement about what is being learned regarding how other countries celebrate Christmas.

I finished reading The Best Christmas Pageant Ever this week and the students enjoyed watching the movie today in class.

A unit grammar test was written this week with good results.

We only have a short time until Christmas holidays...we will be enjoying craft making, listening to project presentations, and hot apple cider next week. If anyone is able to send in a litre of apple juice, it would be greatly appreciated.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Christmas program lines and music

Monday: math test - grade 6, rescheduled from last week

Thursday/Friday - Christmas projects due

Mrs. Hawkins:

Music- Students practiced their songs for the Christmas program and learned a new chord progression.

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

Mrs. Voortman:

Math: Grade 8 completed a lengthy unit on number sense. We are beginning a unit on patterns. Grade 7 is "excited" to begin working with fractions.

Geography: We continue to study the coniferous forest biome. This week we learned about different methods of cutting.

Book reports were due this past Monday and the results are awesome! I will display them in our classroom for all to see.

Mrs. Mol:

Wow, what a crazy mixed up week we have had! Here's what we did manage to get done...

Bible- We read some more of The Singer, finding him being tempted by World-hater, and also discussing with his mother his calling and the Song he must sing.

History- Students wrote the unit 1 test this week. Next week, we continue on with Canada's history after the War of 1812.

Writing- We continued working on the students' fables this week. A reminder that a final storyboard including illustration ideas/rough sketches, and final revised text NEEDS to be completed by Monday. Next week, we will be having peer conferences, self-editing time, and teacher conferences before we begin putting the final copy together (finally!). The finished fables are due on Friday, December 22 (the last day of school before break).

Grade 8 Guitar- The grade eights continue to get better with more practice! Good work, everyone! Next week we will be playing at Jasper Place, with the grade fives, sixes, and sevens singing along.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 7 Band- Please practice "Jingle Bells" for Monday's playing test.

Grade 7/8 Art- Students finished their water colour paintings and worked on Christmas ornaments.

Mrs. Mol:

Grade 9 Math- We continued learning about direct and partial variations this week.

Grade 10 Math- The students played Battleship to practice factoring trinomials.

English - We continued working on the final essays for To Kill a Mockingbird. A reminder that the three body paragraphs must be completed (rough draft) by Tuesday so we can learn to write introductions and conclusions.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- Next week the students will be beginning their study of the Periodic Table of Elements. We will be looking at how the table is organized and how the elements fit into their specific categories.

Technology- The students will be putting the finishing touches on their woodworking projects next week. We will be beginning our next project based on the theme of transportation in the coming weeks.

Bible - The students are continuing their study of the Old Testament with a study of Moses and the plagues that were placed on Egypt prior to the Israelites being released from slavery.

Mrs. Hawkins: Civics- Students chose a Canadian Civic issue to study this week.