



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*



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Monday	Sept. 11	Board Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Sept. 12		
Wednesday	Sept. 13	Library	
Thursday	Sept. 14		
Friday	Sept. 15	Fun Afternoon	

From our School Community:

Immunization Forms for Grade 7 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 **Monday, September 18**. All forms need to be handed back in. A health unit representative will be picking them up.

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.

Hot Lunch Forms: Today the oldest child in each family will be coming home with a hot lunch form. This form covers all the hot lunches until Christmas break. Forms need to be returned no later than Friday, September 15th. Cash or cheques made out to "TBCS Booster Club" are acceptable forms of payment.

Please record the dates and what you ordered for your child on your calendar at home.

Library News: Well here we are again at the start of another school year. I am pleased to be serving you and your children once again in the Library at TBCS. A few quick reminders to families for the school year. We will once again be having the Birthday Book Program. I will be starting that this coming week with the summer months of July and August so watch your children's backpacks for that all familiar birthday bag. As always the price of birthday books remains at \$10.00. I would ask that when the book comes home that you take a few moments to look at the book with your child, read the instruction sheet that comes with the book and return it the following week. This year the cost for damaged and lost books remains at \$15.00. As rips and water damage seem to be our biggest culprits, please ensure that your child's water bottle does not leak....and please keep library books in a safe place away from younger siblings. We are a small library with a small budget and we all need to work together to keep our books in good condition for everyone to enjoy. Also, please do not try to fix tears yourself, please place a note on the book and let me repair it as I have the proper supplies for doing the job. Thank you and I look forward to once again being able to provide your children with books to read and enjoy. ~Debby VanderWees

Scholastic Reminder: Flyers were sent home this week. If you wish to place an order, please return to the school no later than Wednesday, September 13. (Please remember to note the prices in the ONT column as they are occasionally higher.) 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.

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)-John Meijaard-cell 629-0344/home 475-8325, 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.

Twice as Nice welcomes everyone back for this school year. Welcome to new and returning families. Twice as Nice is owned by TBCS and the funds generated at the store offset tuition costs for all families at TBCS. We need every family to consider spending some time at the store to make it work for everyone. Volunteers are needed to serve customers in the store, help with sorting through donations, help display items in the store, and pick up furniture and appliance donations from various locations in the city. A couple of hours here and there go a long way in keeping the store running smoothly! We need volunteers for every day next week, mornings and afternoons. Please contact Jenny if you are able to help out in any way at 475-6995, jhmol@tbaytel.net cell/text 626-0442.

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**.

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, Tiffany Cramer, at 622-6987 if you are able to help out.**

Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (T.R.I.P.) is not being sold at the present time. The program is currently being reviewed by the Finance Committee.

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 22.

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 8.00pm
Mini-Minutes

Executive meets prior to meeting.

Roll call: Jolene M. absent with notification.

1. Opening Devotions – Bram D. reads Psalm 121, Opens with prayer.
2. Adoption of minutes of previous board meeting (June 13, 2017)
3. Correspondence -Review correspondence received.
4. Leadership Team report-Theme for 2017/2018 is "Got Fruit? Fruit of the Spirit"
 - Discuss SQAP implementation.
 - High School inspection will take place this year.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance
 - **Motion:** "To allow the book keeper begin using online banking" – carries.
 - b. Maintenance
 - Lighting upgrades continue.
 - Looking at changes to security provider.
 - Discuss possible changes needed for phone system in school.
 - c. Thrift Store
 - 20th anniversary celebration to be held September 22.
 - \$20,000.00 for June and \$15,000.00 for July transferred to the school.
 - d. Bazaar/Skate-a-thon
 - \$12,600.00 raised at golf tournament.
 - Charmaine Zachary approved as committee member
5. Next meeting – September 11, 2017
6. Closing prayer - Devin B.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

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

An important introductory newsletter to Kindergarten 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!

Today, a yellow note went home about the magazine Chirp. There is absolutely no obligation to purchase a subscription to this magazine, however, taking a moment to check off the "no thank you" box, sign it and return it to the class will enable myself to order classroom materials for free. Thanks for your help with this program.

Grades 1 & 2 – Miss Boyes, Miss Strydhorst

Miss Boyes: Grade 1/2

Bible: We learned about creation this week. We learned that God created the world in 6 days and rested on the 7th. God created us in his image.

Memory Work: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:14

Social Studies: In social studies we are learning about families. We learned that being a family is not always easy because we are different people but God has brought us together and will always help us.

Grade 2

Language Arts: This week we talked about what the short vowel sound 'a' sounds like. We also talked about what a growth mindset is.

Spelling words: on, not, but, at, had, in, did, get, red, hot

Spelling test: First spelling test will be on Sept. 15.

September reading logs were sent home on Tuesday. If you did not receive one please let me know.

Math: We compared numbers and talked about more, fewer and less.

Miss. Strydhorst: Grade 1- It has been wonderful to have the Grade Ones every morning! This has been a week of learning new routines and deciding on what rules we should have in our classroom ("No Hide-and-Seek" was one they were adamant about! ☺). We have been learning about the Fruit of the Spirit and singing a fun song to help us remember them. Every day we have spent time in our Adventure Area reading books that spark our imaginations and ignite discussions. On Thursday we began celebrating each student using our "all about me" bags. We have also just started working with words and putting them up on our wall as well as tracing and identifying numbers 1-10. It has been a fantastic first week and I'm already looking forward to Monday!

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students had fun singing Bible songs this week.

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

Welcome back to a new school year! We have had a busy week getting to know new routines and a new classmate. We welcome Nazar to our classroom and pray that he will feel at home quickly.

Weekly folders went home on Tuesday with some paperwork. A parent information brochure went home as well as a form for Chickadee and Owl magazines. Please return these forms even if the answer is "no". We still receive free items regardless of the answer. Thank you to all who returned the forms so promptly already!

Today the folder is only coming home with new Word Wall Words. Please help your child complete the section for the Word Chunk. Words that have the same spelling pattern should be discovered and written on this homework sheet. These are due on Tuesday and will be returned for studying for the test.

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.

Thursday: Spelling tests

Miss. McCutcheon: Welcome to French! We have begun to learn our first song of the year and learning how to say what we like to do for fun! Grade 3 and 4 are working on Jésus m'aime (Jesus Loves Me).

Looking forward to a great year of adventures in French together!

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students learned about the music staff and reading notes.

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 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.

In our class this week we enjoyed several introductory activities and have plunged into the curriculum as well. We shared about our holidays, began learning about "gaps" and patterns in math, began our Literature unit dealing with peace and how we can maintain peace in our lives, 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 and computers), and Miss McCutcheon (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 the 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 tests are on Fridays

-Library is on Wednesday

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

-Agendas are used in our class 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 assignments are completed on time. The agendas also have devotions in them and a lot of extra information in the back which is useful.

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

Next Week:

Memory Work: Galatians 5:22-23

Monday: math mad minute sheet due

Thursday: Spelling Unit 1 due

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

Miss. McCutcheon: Welcome to French! We have begun to learn our first song of the year and learning how to say what we like to do for fun! Grade 5 and 6 are working on Bénit soit Ton noms (Blessed be Your Name). Looking forward to a great year of adventures in French together!

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students were introduced to the ukulele this week and played their first chord.
Computers- Students started Dance Mat Typing this week.

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

Mrs. Voortman:

We have had a wonderful week getting to know each other. We are excited to be in a leadership role at the school this year and have already begun preparations for Fun Day which will be held next Friday. We have started many areas of our curriculum already. Similar to last year, our weekly spelling lessons will be due on Thursdays with our dictation test on Fridays.

In literature, we have begun a short story unit dealing with decisions. In math we have started to learn all the many things we can do with our 10 number tiles and perhaps do some math learning in a different way. Our school theme Got Fruit? is popping up in all our subject areas already! We are excited for a great year!

Mrs. Mol:

It has been a wonderful first week in grade 7/8! We have spent the week getting to know each other, setting up our routines, beginning Bible and history units, and blowing the cobwebs off of our brains from summertime. Thank you all for returning the information sheets and Class Dojo pages so quickly! I'm excited to use this amazing tool throughout the year to keep you more in touch with what goes on in our classroom. Mrs. Voortman is also linked to our class group, and so she will be giving out points and can post pictures as well. Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Miss. McCutcheon: Welcome to French! We have begun to learn our first song of the year and learning how to say what we like to do for fun! Grade 7 and 8 are working on Brille ô Jésus (Shine Jesus Shine). Looking forward to a great year of adventures in French together!

Mrs. Hawkins: Art- Students started a pinwheel project featuring the style of famous artists.
Grade 7 Band- Students had the opportunity to try different band instruments this week.

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

Mrs. Mol:

Grade 9/10 Math- We have spent our first couple classes reviewing operations with integers, as this is where the majority of high school students make mistakes in math! We will begin coursework next week.

Grade 9/10 English- The students wrote "open letters" to teachers, and I was impressed with the quality of writing shown! Good work everyone! We also began our unit on my favourite novel, To Kill a Mockingbird.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- Our first unit of the school year is looking at the Sustainability of Ecosystems. Next week we will be looking at different ecosystems and how those ecosystems function. We will also look at how everything in the ecosystems relate and depend on everything else.

Bible- The class is presently looking at how the story of the Bible can be separated into the different sections of Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration. The students will be studying the Old Testament in this year's Bible class and looking at how God was always faithful to His people throughout the events of the Old Testament.

Technology- The students are currently working on building their popsicle stick bridges as they learn about different truss designs and the loads that are placed on structures. We will find out how much weight the bridges can hold next week.

Phys. Ed. - Next week the students will be needing a mountain bike as we plan to go for a ride during one of the afternoons.

Mrs. Hawkins: Civics- Students discussed citizenship and how our citizenship is affected by our Christian worldview.