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God's 20/20 Vision: Open Our Eyes to See

*"The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes"
Psalm 19:8*

From the Princip**AL's** Office:

One of the wonderful blessings of celebrating the Christmas season is through the gift of music. For centuries our communities have enjoyed the carols and hymns which focus on the true meaning of Christmas. During this month I will be sharing some songs which may or may not be familiar, but they all will highlight the beautiful, meaningful message of our Saviour's Birth.

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

*Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is Near", we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness, all you children of the day!"
See, the Lamb so long expected comes the pardon down from heaven,
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all, to be forgiven.
Honour, glory, might, dominion to the Father and the Son,
With the everliving Spirit while eternal ages run.*

(William H. Monk, 1850)

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, Dec. 10	Board Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 13	Christmas Dress up Day Pizza Hot Lunch	
Monday, Dec. 16	Piano Recital	2:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 19	Christmas Program at Hope CRC	7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20	School dismissed at noon	

Bazaar 2019: The Bazaar committee would like to thank everyone for the amazing support received at this year's Bazaar. This event could not be possible without our wonderful volunteers and everyone who made a donation to the Bazaar. We had an extremely successful event and we are so thankful for the ongoing support for our school. This year we made **\$85,020.00!!!** We will be transferring **\$92,000** to the school (the remaining funds are coming from our reserve fund). A big thank you to the members on the Bazaar committee, your hard work is very much appreciated. **Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

School Emails: If anyone is not receiving emails from the school they are asked to check their junk mail and then call the school if they are not receiving them. Thank you.

From Our School Community:

Christian Sympathies are extended to Joel & Crystal Veurink and Richard & Cassee Veurink and their families at the sudden passing of their grandfather and great grandfather, John Vandembroeke. John was the bookkeeper for the Twice as Nice Thrift Store and will be greatly missed. We pray that God will comfort the family in their sorrow and that you may rest in the hope of the promise of life eternal.

Our Christmas Program will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 7:30 p.m. at **Hope CRC**. The students will be going to Hope CRC on Thursday morning for a program practice. The buses will be picking your children up as usual, but **travelling directly to Hope CRC NOT the school**. If you drive your children to school, please bring them **directly to Hope CRC (1315 Crawford Ave.)** for 9:00 a.m. The buses will bring the children to school following the practice.

Teaching Opportunity at Thunder Bay Christian School: Thunder Bay Christian School is inviting applications from qualified French teachers to join our dynamic staff. Details of the position are as follows:

1. Part-time Term Contract from January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020 @ 30% of FTE.
2. Daily Schedule: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. (9:30am-12:30pm)
3. Salary based on qualifications and experience.
4. Deadlines for applications is Monday, December 16th, 2019. Only those candidates to be interviewed will be contacted.

Please send your resume to office@tbaychristianschool.ca (attention Mr. A. Bron, Principal)

The Recess Rink: The Recess Rink is operational. Please remember that hockey/safety helmets (not bicycle) must be worn on the ice. When travelling on the bus, skates must have skate guards or be in a sturdy bag for safety.

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.

The needs at TAN for next week: Saturday (tomorrow): 2 for pm
Monday: 1 for pm
Tuesday: 1 for pm
Thursday: 2 for pm
Friday: 1 for am, 1 for pm
Saturday: 1 for am

Please email Courtney Henny at tanvolunteers@gmail.com or text at 630-3631 to volunteer for a shift!

Report Cards: Please return the envelopes to the school so we can reuse them again next term.

Piano Recital: There will be a piano recital on Monday, December 16th at 2:00 p.m.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We began working on our Christmas assembly material, stories, books and crafts. Thanks for all the report card envelopes that have been returned thus far. If you still have yours, please try to send it in next week. Thank you!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Bolt, Mrs. Hamilton

Mrs. Bolt:

It was great to meet and chat with you this week. Thanks for coming in!

Language Arts: Students have learned the reading strategy 'flippy dolphin'. While students were busy writing in their journals they stretched out the moment and tried to fill their stories with lots of details.

Next week's spelling words will be: make, came, lake, game, shake, ate, tape, and come.

Math: Students have been investigating the differences and similarities between different shapes.

Gym: The gym was a busy place with a lot of hula hoops moving this week.

December's reading logs went home today.

Mrs. Hamilton:

Bible: We have followed the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and are now learning about their time wandering in the wilderness. We've reflected on how easy it would be to complain like them!

Social Studies: We are starting a new unit which will have us look at some Christmas traditions in various countries around the world! We had a plane ride yesterday and are on our way to learning more about how Christmas is celebrated in Holland.

Art: This week we're putting together Christmas cards to send to a class of kids at a school in Holland. Next week we'll look at how to add texture when painting!

French: We reviewed some more colours and body parts this week. We'll take a look at some Christmas material in French too!

Grade 2 & 3– Mrs. Bakker, Mrs. Himanen

Mrs. Bakker:

In Bible this week we studied Joseph being sold into slavery and Joseph in Potiphar's house. We have new memory work for December. It was sent home Monday.

In Math we looked at fact families and finding the missing facts in addition and subtraction questions. This was a bit tricky for some of us.

For Language Arts we are looking at the Nativity Story and using a Venn diagram to compare and contrast different story books that are written about the Christmas story. We also coloured and put together our own

Christmas story book. We are continuing with word work for the next week and then we will take a break the week before Christmas. Lists went home Monday and words are up on spelling city.

Mrs. Himanen:

It was so wonderful to meet so many parents during parent/teacher conferences this week to discuss the progress your child has been making in class! It has certainly been a privilege and honour to teach your child and watch him/her progress!

Completed Remembrance Day booklets were sent home for you to look at. The students learned a lot about why we have Remembrance Day each year. We have returned to our study on trees and learned more about the characteristics of leaves. Next week we will learn about the importance of the trunk.

We are working on some fun Christmas art pieces. The creativity of the students has really been shining through!

Miss deHaan: Math Grade 3- We completed our measurement pages in our workbook pages. They are coming home this week to help us study for our test on Tuesday.

Mrs. Hamilton: French- We have started taking a look at French vocabulary from '*le premier noel*', the first Christmas.

Grades 3 & 4 – Miss deHaan

Work folders come home today with new Word Wall Words (including Tic Tac Toe homework). We have been practicing the lyrics for "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" and have almost mastered the second verse. I am also sending home lyrics for "Beautiful Saviour" which is another song we are singing. Any extra singing at home will help your child be prepared! Thank you so much!

**The rink is ready! Please bring skates, helmet, and a hockey stick (if you wish) by Tuesday so we can make use of it for gym class.

Highlights this week:

Bible: We completed our unit on The Exodus. Tests are coming home in folders today.

Math Grade 3: We completed our measurement pages in our workbook pages. They are coming home this week to help us study for our test on Tuesday.

Grammar: Gr. 4 We learned about onomatopoeia and tried making our own words.

Grammar: Gr. 3 We worked on homonyms which have given us some challenges this year. We are getting better at identifying them and distinguishing their meanings.

Coming Up:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
*Please return emptied Friday folder	*Gr. 3 Math Test	*Library books due	*Spelling Tests

Mrs. Hamilton:

Grade Four Math: Students have started work on their new patterning unit with a focus on multiplication. So far they are off to a strong start! Keep working with multiplication facts at home to increase fluency.

French: We have started taking a look at French vocabulary from '*le premier noel*', the first Christmas.

Grades 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen, Mr. Himanen**Mrs. Himanen:**

It was a privilege and a pleasure to meet with you this week to discuss the progress of your son/daughter. I have enjoyed watching the students' progress and celebrating their successes this first term!

Excitement is in the air for the approach of Christmas! Some students had the opportunity to try out for speaking or acting parts in our Christmas program. Those who were not interested in those parts will be part of the choir. This week we had a chance to begin singing some of those songs together. The students sounded terrific!

We have almost completed another unit in grammar. There will be a unit test on Wednesday next week.

Time was given in class for students to work on book reports. Several students are finished, and their work is proudly displayed on the tables outside our room.

Remember that book reports are due the second week of December (Dec. 14). Students who did not bring their work to school to work on will have to catch up at home. No more class time will be allotted next week to work on this as we proceed with our novel study.

Mr. Himanen:

Social Studies: Next week the class will be learning about the early efforts of the Europeans for settlement in the New World. We will study the voyages of Jacques Cartier as well.

Science: The class will be continuing its study of electricity and begin to look at how circuits work.

Math 6: The class will be working on a new section dealing with Estimation next week.

Mrs. Hamilton: French: We have started taking a look at French vocabulary from '*le premier noel*', the first Christmas.

Next Week:

Wednesday: Grammar test - Units 7-12

Thursday: Grade five math test - multiplying and dividing

Friday: Spelling test - Unit 14

Grades 7 & 8 - Mrs. Voortman, Mr. Himanen**Mrs. Voortman:**

Grade 8 Math: We've finished our unit dealing with number sense. This week we looked at greatest common factor and least common multiple. We will review Monday and have our unit test on Tuesday.

Bible: Our games we created dealing with journeys were presented and played this week. Well done grades seven and eight. We are starting to look at *The Pilgrim's Progress* next week.

Writing: We've been comparing and contrasting fables and children's novels. We were able to share our favourite children's novel this past week which was fun. We are starting to determine what lesson or moral our fable will teach.

The rink is ready! Please bring skates, helmet, and a hockey stick (if you wish) next week so we can make use of it for gym class.

Mr. Himanen:

History: The students have finished their section on the War of 1812 and will be continuing their study of Canada by looking at the effects of the war on the colony next week. We will look at both the positive and negative effects.

Science: Next week the students will be looking at Work and how the amount of work completed is calculated using different activities to help us. We will also be learning about the different forms of energy.

Math 7: The class will be working on their next unit on Fractions next week. We will be learning how to complete the different operations using fractions.

Mrs. Hamilton: French: We have started taking a look at French vocabulary from 'le premier noel', the first Christmas.

Next week:

Tuesday: Grade 8 math test

Wednesday: Library

Thursday: Spelling lesson 13 due, spelling test

Grade 9/10 – Mrs. Voortman, Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Wiebe

Mrs. Voortman:

Bible: We have been looking at four Biblical truths woven throughout the Scriptures. Students are working on a creative antithesis project using their choice of poetry, symbol, collage, or various other techniques. Project due on Tuesday.

Mr. Himanen:

Science: Next week the class will be learning about the structure of an atom, and how the scientists completed their experiments in order to develop the Atomic Theory.