



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*



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

One of our goals at TBCS High School is, "**Learning is for Service, in the Light of God's Word**". Over the past week three high school students-Tessa Bakker, Glenn Dykstra, and Faith Knight; along with two TBCS alumni-Elise Bakker and Jesse Haveman; and myself are traveling to Cristo Rey Village, Belize. Our Thunder Bay team is being joined by three alumni from Trenton Christian School. This HANDS (Help Another Nation Develop Schools) team is partnering with EduDeo Ministries to assist Presbyterian Day School with their major construction project. Our team will be working with locals to assist in building two classrooms and an office. Also, we will be spending time with both the elementary and secondary schools that are actively preparing the next generation of leaders and transforming culture.

Mission/Serve trips, such as this trip to Belize, clearly build upon the Biblical Throughlines we are celebrating this year at TBCS. Each one of the participants will witness the way other cultures express their love for God through: Beauty Creating, Servant Working, Justice Seeking, Image Reflecting, Creation Enjoying, Earth Keeping, God Worshiping and Community Building. Each member of the team has selected a Life Verse which they will be able to reflect upon during this journey.

Thanks so much to all those who have supported us, prayerfully and financially. We look forward to sharing our stories when we return.

Looking Ahead:

Monday, March 2	Gr. 2/3 Bowling at Mario's Bowl	1:30-2:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 4	Library	
Thursday, March 5	Grade 3 First Aid Course Gr. 5-10 Skiing Field Trip	1:30 p.m.-end of day
Friday, March 6	P.A. – No school.	

"Children are a heritage from the Lord." We rejoice with Walter & Joanne Schep and Joel & Crystal Veurink and their families as they both were blessed with the safe arrival of a baby boy last week.

No school this Friday, March 6, as it is a Professional Activity day for teaching staff.

From Our School Community:

Phone number change: Please change Dave and Shari Lowe's number in the school phone book to 707-3177.

Scholastic: Flyers were sent home on Friday last week. If you wish to place an order, please return to the school no later than Wednesday, March 4. (Please remember to note the prices in the ONT column as they are occasionally higher.) Online ordering is available if you prefer to order this way. Our city is Rosslyn and Miss de Haan is the teacher. Book orders are still accepted at school as well. Please note: Some flyers are going to be digital only soon. You can always check out the flyers at the Scholastic Canada website. :) Thank you.

2020 TBCS Skate-a-thon is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 25** at the NorWest Arena at **3:00 p.m.** with a supper to follow in the TBCS gym until 5:00 p.m. Each student received a sponsor sheet last week. There are more in the office if you did not get one, or if you need more lines for all those sponsors. Also, please feel free to take one for a relative or friend who might like to participate. Please note on your form that cheques are to be made payable to: Thunder Bay Christian School, memo: skate-a-thon. There are 3 ½ weeks left to get as many sponsors as you can. If everyone does their part we can reach this year's budgeted goal of \$25,000.00. All money raised goes directly to the school. Go T.B.C.S. students!

Twice as Nice If you have any half-used cans of stain, TAN would love to take them off your hands! We need various shades of stains for repairing scratched and damaged furniture. Please drop off at TAN! We are also looking for some handy-men/women with a gift for creativity who might want to make benches from headboards! Please contact Ken if you are interested in this project. Thank you!

The needs for TAN next week:

Monday: 1 for am, 2 for pm

Tuesday: 2 for am, 1 for pm

Wednesday: 2 for am, 2 for pm

Thursday: 1 for pm

Friday: 2 for am, 2 for pm

Saturday: 2 for am

Advance Notice: March Break is Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 20, 2020.

March Calendar is attached to today's journal.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

Thanks for all the skating helpers! We had another great time out on the rink.

March is upon us, so please look for the new package coming home today outlining everything in store for us next month.

Up & Coming:

Wednesday: Library day

Last day to return JK February Reading sheet

Grade 1 – Mrs. Bolt, Mrs. Bakker

Mrs. Bolt:

Fantastic job on your assembly today, grade ones! I'm so proud of you!

Language Arts: We did activities using our spelling words and continued reading books about being beauty creators.

Next week's spelling words will be: fast, last, nest, must, most, step, stamp, still.

Math: We have been counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s.

Gym: We're going to try to use the rink Tuesday and Friday before it melts.

Please send in February's reading log, if you haven't already done so.

Mrs. Bakker:

For Bible this week we reviewed the cycle that brought new judges to Israel as well as, looked at two new judges, Ehud, as well as Deborah and Barak. We continued practicing our memory work and students are doing really well with this difficult verse. Exodus 31:3-5 "I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft."

In science we learned about the parts of our tongue and how they work. We also tried a variety of flavours (bitter, sweet, sour) and decided what flavours we liked and what ones we did not.

Mrs. Wiebe: Music- This group had more fun this week singing some songs together, playing some games that tested their recognition of rhythm patterns, and making a joyful noise with some rhythm instruments!

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

Mrs. Bakker:

This week in Bible we looked at the Israelites battle with the Amalekites. We saw that they needed to trust in God in order to achieve a victory. We also studied Moses and Jethro. Keep practicing your memory work as it is due next week.

In Language Arts we worked with words and practiced various reading strategies. We also looked through non-fiction books and researched polar bears facts. We used these facts to dress up a polar bear we created ourselves. Please keep reading at home.

For our Grade Two math classes this week we looked at the tricky concept of regrouping when subtracting. This was a tricky concept for most of us so we really took our time with it. Have a great weekend!

The grade 3's will be learning First Aid through St. John's Ambulance "We Can Help" program on Thursday, March 5th for the entire day. Please wear comfortable clothing for this day (taking place at the school).

Mrs. Himanen:

We had a wonderful time visiting Giant Gymnastics to participate in a session for one of our winter electives this week! The children were able to jump on the trampoline floors, do gymnastic circuits, swing on the bars,

balance on the beams, jump in the foam pit, and climb the Tarzan rope! Our next elective will be bowling on **Monday, March 2, from 1:15-2:45 at Mario's Bowl.**

We were also blessed by the visit of Mr. Wiebe, who came today, to teach the children more about forestry! Thank you for all the activities you did with the children!

We are beginning a new unit on Magnetism! It will be fun to learn about this special gift God has given which benefits us in life so much!

I have been working with the grade 3 class a little each week on lessons in the grammar workbook. We have been currently working on alphabetical order and the use of guide words in a dictionary.

Miss deHaan: Math Grade 3- We worked with multiplication using brackets and continued to see many patterns! We also started using a multiplication chart to help us find products (answers to multiplication questions). We will complete this unit with a test on Wednesday.

Mrs. Wiebe:

Gr. 2 Music-This group had more fun this week singing some songs together, playing some games that tested their recognition of rhythm patterns, and making a joyful noise with some rhythm instruments!

Gr. 3 Music- We reviewed all the vocal selections for the Link Up program, with a special focus on the dynamics of our voices – piano, forte, etc. We also practised having the group split into two parts for one of our songs. Great attitudes and efforts are making these songs come together beautifully!

Next Week:

Monday: Bowling at Mario's Bowl **1:15-2:45**

Wednesday: Grade 3 math test

Thursday: Grade 3 First Aid Course

Grades 3 & 4 – Miss deHaan

Miss deHaan:

Work folders come home today with new Word Wall Word.

REMINDER: Book Report projects are due again next month on Mar. 31st. Some have already brought in their books for approval – well done! ☺ Please send in a book for approval a.s.a.p. if you have not already done so. Thank you!

Advanced Notice:

*Our class will be learning First Aid through St. John's Ambulance "We Can Help" program on Thursday, March 5th for the entire day. Please wear comfortable clothing for this day (taking place at the school).

*Our class will be curling for our winter electives at Kakabeka Curling Club on Monday, March 23rd and Monday, March 30th. The bus will leave at 1:15 and we will arrive shortly thereafter. All students must wear helmets. If you wish to come by, please feel free! An email reminder will be sent home as well.

Highlights this week:

- **Bible:** We worked in groups to learn about the different feasts and offerings that the Israelites observed. Each group presented their information for the class to learn.
- **Math Grade 3:** We worked with multiplication using brackets and continued to see many patterns! We also started using a multiplication chart to help us find products (answers to multiplication questions). We will complete this unit with a test on Wednesday.
- **Literature:** We finished up some of our final activities for the book and hope to watch the movie in the upcoming week.
- **Social Studies:** We continued with our STEM centres learning about the solar system.

Coming Up:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
*Please return emptied Friday folder.	*Gr. 4 Math homework due *Bring skates for gym.	*Library books due *Tic Tac Toe homework due *Gr. 4 math test *Gr. 3 Math test	*Spelling Tests

Mrs. Voortman: Grade 4 Math- We have been busy reviewing our multiplication facts from 0-5 all the way to 12. We have begun working on our six times tables. We have been spending most of our time learning the steps of long division (Dad, Mom, Sister, Brother). We will have a test on Wednesday.

Mrs. Wiebe: Music- We reviewed all the vocal selections for the Link Up program, with a special focus on the dynamics of our voices – piano, forte, etc. We also practised having the group split into two parts for one of our songs. Great attitudes and efforts are making these songs come together beautifully!

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

Mrs. Himanen:

We have finished reading Frozen Fire in Literature. We were excited and surprised to see Charlie rescue Kayak and Matthew when they, themselves, had set out earlier to rescue him and Matthew's father! Next week students will have the 4 days to work on their Arctic project which will be due on Tuesday, March 3.

It is already the end of February! Book reports are due on Monday.

Students have been spellbound listening to me read from *City of Ember*. They have been writing in a response journal for this novel study and have enjoyed making predictions regarding how the plot unfolds. Lila and Doon have found the way out of the underground city of Ember and wonder what awaits them aboveground.

Mr. Himanen:

Bible- The class will be reviewing the gospel writings and begin looking at the ministry of Jesus in the coming week.

Science- The class will be reviewing the electricity unit and having a unit test on Wednesday, March 4. The students will need to remember the information for static and current electricity.

Math 6- The students will be learning how to solve equations next week. We will be learning about variables and how to solve for them in an equation.

Mrs. Wiebe: Music- This week students reviewed the basic strumming patterns and chord fingerings on ukuleles. We began our playing assessments, which we will continue next Monday. The students also enjoyed watching the artistic interpretation of George Gerswhin's "Rhapsody in Blue" from Fantasia 2000.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Psalm 121 (whole psalm)

Monday: February Book reports due

Tuesday: Literature test (*Frozen Fire*)

Wednesday: Science test- Electricity unit

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

Mrs. Voortman:

We had a busy week focusing on being beauty creators as we led our Grow Groups for chapel this week. We also finished our final copy of our writing for our fable and have begun compiling our children's book. Ask your child about their creativity and beauty creating in the huge snow fort they are working on.

Please remember your skates for gym on Monday. We have made great use of the wonderful weather and Recess Rink this year.

We are moving right along in The Hatchet finishing chapter eleven. Brian is realizing that keeping busy keeps his mind busy and helps him keep a positive attitude.

Mr. Himanen:

History- The students will be completing their History projects on Life in the 1800's. The projects will be due on Wednesday, March 4, and each group will be presenting what they researched.

Science- The students are working on their individual science projects next week.

Math 7- The class will be having their unit test on Percent next week on Thursday, March 5. We will review the day prior to the test.

Mrs. Wiebe: Gr.7/8 Band- The students had opportunities to work on their composer research projects as well as to practise in their sectionals. This week and next week I will be doing a performance assessment of each student. Keep up the practising!

Next week:

Monday: bring your skates

Wednesday: library

History projects due

Thursday: spelling lesson 24 due, spelling test, skiing

Gr. 7 math test

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

Mr. Himanen:

Science- The class will be looking at the effect that some of the objects in space have on our earth. We will be looking at the northern lights, ocean tides, and our four seasons as a few of these examples.