



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**AL's** Office:

In the past weekly journals I posted some responses to the question, Why Christian Education? Recently I came across another interesting response from a colleague; Christian Schools are not (or at least they shouldn't be) just about Bible classes. While affirming that the Bible is a wonderful resource and we're blessed to be able to use it, to be clear the equation for Christian school is NOT simply Public School + Bible = Christian School. Rather the Christian school grows out of the affirmation that "Jesus is Lord". This affirmation affects EVERYTHING. The entire school culture, curriculum and programs should be shaped and nourished by faith in Christ.

For TBCS parents, staff and supporting community; Christian education requires us to make a significant time and financial investment. Ultimately, as Christian schools intentionally deliver curriculum and programs that are focused on shaping disciples of Jesus as ambassadors of His purposes, they remain a wise and worthy investment.

May we continue to invite and welcome new families, students, and supporters into the Thunder Bay Christian School community.

Looking Ahead:

Monday, Feb 3	
Tuesday, Feb. 4	
Wednesday, Feb. 5	Library Cheese Fundraiser orders due
Thursday, Feb. 6	
Friday, Feb. 7	Gr. 7/8 Assembly 9:00 a.m.

Thank you! Thanks for all the coffee cans that were given to us in Kindergarten! It was great to receive them so quickly.

Scholastic: Flyers were sent home earlier this week on Monday. If you wish to place an order, please return to the school no later than Wednesday, Feb. 5. (Please remember to note the prices in the ONT column as they are occasionally higher.) I have also now enabled online ordering if you prefer to order this way. Our city is Rosslyn and Miss de Haan is the teacher. Book orders are still accepted the old-fashioned way as well. :) Thank you.

From Our School Community:



REGISTRATION & OPEN HOUSE

FOR NEW STUDENTS IN JK THROUGH GRADE 10

Thunder Bay Christian School would like to welcome everyone to come visit the classrooms, take a tour of the school, meet the teachers and enjoy some refreshments, and see all the different things that Thunder Bay Christian School can offer.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00AM - 3:00PM
OR
6:00PM - 8:00PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00AM - 3:00PM

**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT
MONDAY FEBRUARY 10 AT 7:30PM**

Both the parents and students of Grade 8 or 9 students are invited to attend.

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Thank you to Tara Gilbert for donating a keyboard for our music room. It is greatly appreciated!

High School Registration Intention Forms: Forms were sent home to all parents of Grade 8 and 9 students. Please fill out and return to the office by **Friday, February, 7**. We would like to be able to give the finance committee projected enrollment numbers for the budget that will be discussed at the Spring Meeting. ****The administration assumes that all other students in JK-7 will be returning to T.B.C.S. unless notified otherwise. If you are not returning, please contact the school office.***

Thunder Oak Cheese Fundraiser. This is the last week for this fundraiser so get your orders in now! Orders are due by **Wednesday, February 5th**. Please include payment with the orders and cheques can be made out to T.B.C.S. Student Fund. More forms are available in the office. A 30% profit on each item sold goes directly to the Student Fund.

The needs at TAN for next week: Email Courtney Henny at tanvolunteers@tbaytel.net to pick up a shift!

February Calendar is attached to today's journal.

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 13, 2020 at 8:00pm
Mini-Minutes

1. Opening devotions based on 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 and prayer were done by Rob M.
2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous board meeting (December 10, 2019). Carried.
3. Correspondence
4. PrincipAl's Report
 - Open House and Registration for the 2020/2021 school year will be held Monday, February 10 and Tuesday, February 11, 2020
 - Spring Membership Meeting set for Monday, April 6, 2020 at 8:00 p.m., d.v.
5. Committee Reports
6. Next meeting: Monday, February 10, 2020 at 8:00 p.m., d.v.
7. Motion to adjourn. Carried.
8. Closing prayer – Randy Cramer

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

The February newsletter and calendar was sent home on Wednesday along with a reading chart for JK or a sight word chart (s) for SK. Please let me know if you did not receive something and I will send home another.

Also, a note about your Kinder's extra clothes bag is coming home today.

This week was jam packed being creation enjoyers, hibernating, skating, doing science experiments and telling time. Thanks for all the skate tying and skating help today.

Grade 1 – Mrs. Bolt, Mrs. Bakker

Mrs. Bolt:

It was fantastic to see all your character costumes on Tuesday!

Please return January's reading log if you haven't already done so.

February's reading log and a class list for Valentine's cards is coming home in today's Friday Folder.

Language Arts: A lot of our language arts activities have been about the Chinese New Year and Australia Day.

Next week's spelling words will be: go, so, no, home, note, robe, do, and you.

Math: We have been doing a lot of addition and have moved on to subtraction.

Mrs. Bakker:

In our science unit we spent some time learning the parts of the ear and their functions. Students really impressed me with their ability to understand and remember this. We also listened to different objects and using only our ears tried to guess what they were. Next week we will look at our sense of touch.

During Bible we read about the 12 spies and how most of them didn't put their trust in God. We read about the death of Moses and who God chose to replace him. We also spent some time reading about Rahab. Memory work for January was Joshua 24:15 *"But as for me and my household we will serve the Lord."* Students have mastered this verse.

Our new memory verse for February is Exodus 31:3-5 (ESV) *"and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all 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."*

Mrs. Wiebe: Music- We are learning lots about the instrument families in the orchestra, and identifying the names and recognizing their unique sounds.

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

Mrs. Bakker:

This week in Bible we have finished discussing the 10 plagues and also have been reading and working on the Passover and the Exodus. Memory Work is due Monday so if students aren't confident have them practice this weekend. (Psalm 105:1-2 - found on January's word list sheet)

A new memory work for February was sent home today.

In Language we are continuing to delve into non-fiction books and are looking at all the different things we can find in them. We have also worked on our weekly words and continued to practice word strategies to better understand what we are reading. We are also working on a new creative writing project and students have impressed me with their sentence skills! A new word sheet, reading log, and book review sheet were sent home today, please have students return January sheets on Monday if possible.

A class list was sent home today for students wanting to send Valentine's to their classmates on February 14. Please remember to include everyone so no one feels left out :) Thank you!

During our grade two math periods this week we worked with fact families and changing both sides of addition facts in a way that keeps the answer the same. We also spent some time with odd and even numbers.

Mrs. Himanen:

Owls in the Family is proving to be a very fun book to read and listen to. This week the students were entertained by the description of the pet parade and what happens after Bruce's box with a pet rattle snake is opened!

Students in grade three are stringing letters together in cursive and getting very good at reading words written in cursive!

This week we had great fun holding a "treelympics" session where students became parts of the trunk and practiced acting out each part's function. They learned about the function of the bark, roots, xylem, phloem, leaves, and heartwood.

We enjoyed the great weather and skating on the rink. Our session outdoors during chapel was also very fun!

Students are finishing their doodle art and learning how to use contrasts of pencil (black and white drawings) and colour. Next, they will work on a paper cut and looped snowflake.

Miss deHaan:

Math Grade 3- We completed a test on Tuesday that went home yesterday. We began a new unit on skip-counting. We learned how skip-counting is really repeated addition and multiplication all at the same time!

Mrs. Wiebe:

Gr. 2 Music- We are learning lots about the instrument families in the orchestra, and identifying the names and recognizing their unique sounds.

Gr. 3 Music- This week I saw some fantastic progress on the songs we have been singing (including that tricky Latin one, "O Fortuna!") as well as their recorders.

Grades 3 & 4 – Miss deHaan

Work folders come home today with new Word Wall Words.

We are starting a new month of book reports! Please bring in a book to get approved for this month's choice! Thank you to all who continued to send in empty cereal or tissue boxes this week. 😊

Highlights this week:

Bible: We spent some time comparing the Old Testament Commandments to Jesus' teachings in the New Testament. We learned that we are often guilty of breaking the commandments and discussed how we have

to be aware so that we can do better. We are also thankful for a Saviour who forgives us! We will be wrapping up this unit next week and having a test on Wednesday.

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Grammar: Gr. 4 We completed a review. We are looking forward to writing in our journals and applying what we have learned next week!

Grammar: Gr. 3 We learned how to proofread sentences, looking for spelling mistakes, capitalization errors and missing punctuation.

Literature: In Chapter 4 of *Stone Fox*, a voice yelled and Searchlight barked at it. A man stood in the doorway holding a small gun at Searchlight with his hand shaking. They went into Grandfather's bedroom. Little Willy opened the money box finding out they owed \$500 in taxes to Clifford Snyder. They either had to sell the farm or find another way to pay the taxes. Chapter 5 shows a worried Willy. After asking several people for help, and all of them agreeing the farm should be sold, he remembered what Grandfather said, "If there's a will there's a way." Willy plans to enter into a dog sled race to get the money.

Coming Up:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
*Please return emptied Friday folder *Grade 4 math test	*Gr. 4 math sheet due *Gr. 3/ 4 skating- please bring skates and helmets	*Library books due *Memory Work due **BIBLE test	*Spelling Tests

Mrs. Voortman:

Grade 4 Math- Most students have mastered their three times tables. We practice these every day in class and a math sheet will be coming home which is due Tuesday. We worked on estimating as well as tried some word problems this week. We will have a test Monday on multiplying two and three digits by one digit numbers and multiplying by multiples of ten. We have been doing a lot of practice on this and some completed worksheets will come home today.

Mrs. Wiebe: Music- This week I saw some fantastic progress on the songs we have been singing (including that tricky Latin one, "O Fortuna!") as well as their recorders.

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

Mrs. Himanen:

We totally enjoyed chapel this week where we were able to get outdoors to enjoy God’s creation and spend time in the gym completing a variety of activities celebrating the works of the Lord and our unique qualities as image bearers of God. In our classroom the grade five and six students did a wonderful job leading devotions and special duties this week. We also had a deep discussion regarding Philippians 4:8 and how we can live this verse out in our lives.

Congratulations is extended to Tristan who completed reading a strip of 25 books! Hooray! He was able to enjoy a treat of his choice.

Another month has whizzed by, and students were asked to read one book for January. A 1-2 page report is due on Monday. (Main characters and descriptions, short plot synopsis, favourite part of the book)

We continue to read Frozen Fire. Matthew's father and Charlie are lost in the Arctic Tundra and Matthew and Kayak set out to try to rescue them.

Mr. Himanen:

Bible: The class is studying the four gospels of the New Testament. We will be looking at how they tell the same stories, but the stories are told from a different perspective.

Social Studies: Next week the class will be finishing their study of the fur trade and look at some of the other trades that were needed in the colony.

Math 6: Next week the class will be beginning a section on geometry. We will be learning about angles and the different types of quadrilaterals.

Mrs. Wiebe: Music- The students learned several simple strumming patterns on ukuleles, and put them into practice with some fun new songs. We also spent time reviewing note names on the staff as well as dynamics.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Psalm 121

Monday: (or after lesson 7) Grade 5 math test

Wednesday: Quotation Mark quiz (both grades)

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

Mrs. Voortman:

We had a wonderful week with a highlight being working alongside the PAIS team from the Urban Abbey in leadership skills and organizing our Grow Groups. Ask your child about the various activities they planned and led dealing with Creation Enjoying this past Wednesday. We invite you all to join us for our assembly next Friday at 9 a.m. continuing in our Creation Enjoying theme.

The rink has continued to get a lot of use so bring your skates Monday and we will plan to go out again!

Grade 8 Math- We completed our review of our LONG geometry unit. Today we reviewed in class in preparation for our test Monday.

Bible- We continued our study of Dangerous Journey by reading Vanity Fair and completing our summary form. Students should have six sheets complete now.

Writing- We worked on editing dialogue and how the way a person speaks can reveal a lot about their character.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- The students will be completing their Rube Goldberg creations and presenting them to the rest of the class. We will also be learning more about how pulleys work and how they can be used in different configurations.

History- After the rebellions the government realized that some changes needed to happen so another rebellion could be avoided. Next week we will be learning about the Act of Union which was an attempt to solve the problems the government was facing.

Math 7- The class will be learning about rates and unit pricing during the week and there will be a quiz on solving ratios at the end of the week.

Mrs. Wiebe:

7/8 Band- Another week of progress on instruments, as students are gaining confidence and adding notes to their range. The students are still encouraged to bring instruments home; putting in that practice time will bring noticeable results.

Next week:

Monday: Grade 8 math test, bring your skates

Wednesday: Library

Thursday: Spelling lesson 20 due, spelling test

Friday: Assembly

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

Mrs. Voortman:

Bible- Looking forward to seeing you well rested and ready to continue studying Genesis next week!

Mr. Himanen:

Science- Next week the class begins its second semester and we will be beginning our next unit on Astronomy.

Mrs. Wiebe:

Art- There were no classes this week, but students are reminded to put in sketching time over the weekend! I'll be checking sketchbooks on Tuesday for the mid-term report.

English- Students successfully completed the long-awaited Mid-term exam! All that studying and hard work was put to the test, and students should feel proud of their efforts.