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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

Dear Parents,

Given the recent announcement from the Ministry of Education to close all public schools from March 14 – April 5, 2020, we have made the decision to also close our school for those dates. As these developments are still unfolding, we will closely monitor updates from the government, public health, and Edvance Christian Schools Association.

In the next number of days, we will create and share a clear plan for how we can partner with you in learning support for students during the school break.

We'll communicate more detail about our plans as soon as we're able to do so. We know that there are a number of questions you may have. You're welcome to send those questions to us for consideration in our school plan. Please recognize we may not be able to respond to each of your emails individually.

Thank you for your patience and collaboration as we continue to support your children and their learning.

At this time, the Spring Membership Meeting will still be held as scheduled for March 30, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. Unfortunately, our ice time at Norwest Arena has been cancelled for our annual Skate-a-thon. We are researching ideas for how we can continue this very important fundraiser and will inform you as soon as possible. Again, thank you for your patience and continued prayers as we navigate the situation.

Sincerely,
Thunder Bay Christian School

Looking Ahead:

March Break	March 16-20
Spring Membership Mtg	Monday, March 30 8:00 p.m.
School Closed	March 23- April 3
First Day Back	Monday, April 6

From Our School Community:

Soccer League Survey: Thank you for those that responded to the survey regarding soccer. The Promotion Committee has decided to postpone the soccer league until next year. There is a lot of interest, however, we feel that more people are required to successfully run a league. We are still looking for members to join our committee as well. Please consider this and speak with Tina Schelhaas for further information.

Twice as Nice: Most of the shifts at TAN are currently completely un-manned! Ken is planning to hold a bag sale next week, as the clothing racks are busting at the seams and we NEED to make room for new items. With these sales, we are always busier, and we need to make sure we are fully staffed. Please come help out! The needs for the week (basically every shift, every day, so take your pick!):

Monday: 2 for am, 2 for pm

Tuesday: 2 for am, 1 for pm

Wednesday: 2 for am, 2 for pm

Thursday: 2 for am, 2 for pm

Friday: 2 for am, 2 for pm

Saturday: 1 for am, 2 for pm

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

Great job this term, Kinder Kids! I am so proud of everything you have accomplished thus far. To keep our learning going over our extended break, please be on the lookout for extra activities that are being sent home today.

Grade 1 – Mrs. Bolt, Mrs. Bakker

Mrs. Bolt:

We had a busy week!

Language Arts: We took a look at fairy tales and even had two surprise guests come in to help us write a class fairy tale. The students had a chance to write their own fairy tales and they were full of imagination! We have been reading a lot of Dr. Seuss books in our classroom library.

Math: Students have been comparing numbers to find out which one is more or less than a number.

Gym: We had fun skipping and playing tag games in the gym this week.

I hope you all have a fantastic March break and enjoying spending time with your family!

Mrs. Bakker:

This week in Bible we are continuing our study of the Judges. We finished up with Gideon, and are spending time learning about Samson. Due to March break we are going to only work on verse three of our memory work. Psalm 18:3 "I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies."

In our science classes we are looking at ways we can be caretakers of God's world. We are looking at ways we can reduce, reuse, and recycle. Students have been tallying things that we have been able to recycle from our lunches.

Today we discovered matter can change. We looked at what happened to popcorn seeds when they have been exposed to heat. We practiced using all five senses to describe the changes.

Mrs. Wiebe: Music- We had some lovely classes this week, filled with singing, actions, and rhythm listening games. We have been using our creativity and imaginations while listening to instrumental music and look forward to creating our own "musical art" next month!

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

Mrs. Bakker:

During Grade Two math we have flown through our patterning unit. Identifying growing, shrinking, and repeating patterns, as well as working with our classmates to find mistakes in patterns. Students have all been very successful with this concept. The class eagerly wants to get ahead in our workbooks so we have also managed to get into our study of 3D shapes. Friday we took a break from our books and build 3D shapes.

This week during Bible we have been looking at the first four commandments, how they were applied in the New Testament, and what they mean for us today. Next we will look at the remaining commandments.

In our Language studies we have finished our research of the provinces of Canada. Work has been hung proudly in our classroom. We continued to practice writing complete sentences, and adding details in our journal writing. When we come back after the break the class will begin a novel study.

Grade 3's have chosen a novel this week to read for an in depth book report that is due when they come back. This will count as part of their language mark. Please encourage your child to read their novel during the break.

Mrs. Himanen:

This week we began our booklet on Magnetism. Students in grade 3 continued to work on dictionary skills in grammar and students in grade 2 continued refining their penmanship skills. We continued to work on our geometric art project. Students played basketball in P.E. and learned about golf from two professionals from Whitewater Golf Course. Winter art projects and the tree booklets that students completed in term 2 were sent home.

During library time, students carefully picked out novels to read during the Spring Break. They were taught how to review the back of a book and perform a five finger check to see if a book is at the right reading level for them. Students really benefit from being encouraged to read every day for 15 minutes at least/day. The benefits are far reaching and will help in future grades with spelling, punctuation, comprehension etc.

I finished reading *Stone Fox* to the class. On Thursday/Friday of the first week after we return to school, we plan to watch the movie of that book. We decided to celebrate by enjoying an ice cream party while we

watch the movie. If you can send in **NUT FREE** toppings, I will provide the ice cream! (We will share all the toppings that are sent in)

Once again, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to teach your children. They are a blessing to me each day. Enjoy a wonderful March Break!

Miss deHaan: Math Grade 3- We started and completed a quick unit on data management. We had a quiz today as well! 😊 **HOMEWORK:** The new unit on perimeter and area is coming home to be completed at home.

Mme. Bunn: French- This week we listened to a new play that we will be studying more after the break. We also practiced a lot of oral language this week. Everyone is doing so great. Keep it up.

Mrs. Wiebe: Grade 2 Music- We had some lovely classes this week, filled with singing, actions, and rhythm listening games. We have been using our creativity and imaginations while listening to instrumental music and look forward to creating our own "musical art" next month!

Grade 3 Music- We had another great week of recorder playing, singing, and fun games involving music theory. If any students would like to do a fun activity over the long break, choose a classical piece of music and draw/colour what comes to mind, following the patterns and moods of the music!

Grades 3 & 4 – Miss deHaan

Miss deHaan:

Work folders come home today along with a separate yellow folder with homework to complete over the next few weeks. Please return the completed work on April 6th. Thank you so much!

REMINDER: Don't forget about reading for the book report project! Projects are due the day we return in April. It might also be a good idea to start reading your next book for the April book report! 😊

Highlights this week:

- **Bible:** The Israelites have left Mt. Sinai in order of their tribes so that all could be cared for. The Israelites continued to grumble and complain and faced God's anger. Spies were sent into the land of Canaan to give a report. The Israelites responded unfaithfully to God's promise to bring them to Canaan so God punished the people by sending them back to the wilderness for 40 years. Only Caleb and Joshua from the 12 spies would be allowed to enter Canaan because of their faithfulness to God.
 - **HOMEWORK:** Read through Numbers 13, 14, 16, 17, 20-23, 25, 31 and Deuteronomy 31. Complete worksheets being sent home.
- **Word Work:** Tic Tac Toe sheets are coming home for two weeks.
 - **HOMEWORK:** Please use the same tic tac toe sheet but do different activities for the two weeks. If you want an extra activity, please write sentences using word wall words!

- **Journals HOMEWORK:** Please write two-three entries – remembering grammar rules that we have been learning! (I have been encouraging students to write stories where quotations are needed.) Please also remember to proofread!
- **Cursive HOMEWORK:** Grade 3’s complete two more letters. Grade 4’s follow the checklist page on the back cover.
- **Math Grade 3:** We started and completed a quick unit on data management. We had a quiz today as well! 😊
 - **HOMEWORK:** The new unit on perimeter and area is coming home to be completed at home.
- **Literature:** We completed the movie and enjoyed seeing some differences and similarities. We all said there were some things we wished they had included from the book!
 - **HOMEWORK:** There are some sheets on being greedy and grateful. Please use a character from any book to complete the sides.
 - **SOLAR SYSTEM:** Please complete the unscrambled sentences and crossword. Also, do the research to complete the list of planet characteristics.

Coming Up After The Break:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
*Please return emptied Friday folder. *Return completed homework. *Book reports due! *Week 21 Test Word Wall		*Library books due *Tic Tac Toe homework due for Week 22.	*Spelling Tests

Mrs. Voortman: Grade 4 Math- We have mastered all our times tables from zero to six times twelve. When we return from break we will focus on reviewing the sixes and move on to the sevens. Great work! We learned how to read and make pictographs this week in our data management unit.

Mrs. Wiebe: Music- We had another great week of recorder playing, singing, and fun games involving music theory. If any students would like to do a fun activity over the long break, choose a classical piece of music and draw/colour what comes to mind, following the patterns and moods of the music!

Mme. Bunn: French- This week we listened to a new play and will continue working with this story after the break. We also practiced some spelling.

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

Mrs. Himanen:

We had an extremely busy and event-filled week! The grade sixes and sevens participated in the St. John’s Ambulance First Aid program designed for their age level. The Urban Abbey crew presented chapel on Wednesday and taught us about Order Creating. Two individuals from Whitewater came to teach our class how to putt, chip, and drive in the sport of golfing. The class had two afternoons of skiing, and we caught up

on the work missed due to the extra day off of school last week! Students in grade five wrote a unit test in math, and the students in both grades wrote unit tests in literature, spelling, and grammar! Wow! Way to go, everyone! Now, beginning at 3:15 p.m., you can enjoy a well-deserved rest!

☺ March Break would be a terrific time to hunker down and enjoy a good book! Also students were given a list of work to complete during the extra two weeks off.

CONGRATULATIONS to Owen who has finished reading another strip of books bringing his total books read to 80! Terrific!

Report cards were sent home today and hopefully did not get lost in transit due to the excitement of skiing.

It has been a pleasure teaching your children during the 2nd term! I have been blessed by them.

Enjoy a wonderful March Break!

Mr. Himanen:

Math 6- The students should take their math workbooks home during the break and complete the pages that were assigned to them as best they can. The pages are marked in their workbooks.

Mrs. Wiebe: Music- This week we sang some songs together, played some rhythm listening games, and the students taught me a fun circle name game where we couldn't miss a beat! I hope everyone can find a way to practise and/or enjoy listening to some music over the break.

Mme. Bunn: French- This week we worked on the verbs 'avoir' and 'être' again.

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

Mrs. Voortman:

We were excited to get in two days of skiing this past week and it always amazes me how quickly students pick it up at this age. Everyone can use the chairlift and ski down the hill without falling already! We have been focusing on order discovery this month and we have been seeing it everywhere, particularly in math. The PAIS team from Urban Abbey has continued to bless us by leading chapel and spending time working on character development with our class. Students are taking great pride in their fable and are being creative in their illustrating. I encourage you to take it home over the break and work on this aspect of the novel as it will be due the Friday after we return. God's richest blessings as you spend time with family and friends over the break.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- The students need to complete their science projects during the break so that they can be presented after the break is over. The class has also started their next unit on Heat and Temperature.

Math 7- The students just completed their unit on Percent and will be beginning their next unit on 3-dimensional geometry. During the break the students should make an effort to review the skills we have students so far this year. Examples of these would be multiplying, dividing, order of operations, exponents, fractions, ratios, and percent.

Mrs. Wiebe: Gr.7/8 Band- We played our instruments together this week and watched a selection from Fantasia. As students headed to Loch Lomond, it was impossible to bring along instruments for the next several weeks at home. So it will be a long break from instruments, but we will look forward to picking up where we left off when we return in April! Please do have students listen to selections from the composer they are researching, as we'll finish up the assignment when we return.

Mme. Bunn: French- This week we worked on our books and continued practicing the passé compose.

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

Mrs. Voortman:

Bible- We learned that many of the ten plagues didn't only affect the Egyptians, but also God's chosen people, the Israelites. We will be looking at the Passover in greater depth.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- Students should work on completing their space exploration PowerPoint presentations during the break.

Mrs. Wiebe:

Art- The Op Art projects are looking amazing! We will complete these in April when we return. In the meantime, students are reminded to be spending 30-60 min. per week on sketchbooks. Please put in the time, and I look forward to seeing your work after the break!

English- We began our study of Romeo and Juliet, learning about the relevance and timelessness of Shakespeare and why it is so important to study his plays. We covered the Prologue and Act 1 Scene 1. During the two weeks following March Break, students will be asked to check their email for Romeo and Juliet reading assignments and questions (Books will be sent home with siblings or others to pass along!)