



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

*"The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes"
Psalm 19:8*



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From the PrincipAL's Desk,

"Just as a body though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12)

With highlighting Community-Building as our first Biblical Throughline for the year, we are being very intentional in continuing to build a school community where all the parts need to work together. One of the clearest and best known Biblical metaphors compares Christian community to a body which is made of many parts. We all know that maintaining a healthy body isn't something that just happens by itself. Students and staff need to know and experience that community-building just doesn't happen; it takes work to be active and eager examples of peaceful, shalom-filled communities. However, it is work that we are called to and which leads to the building of shalom which God intended for us to experience and enjoy.

Learning Target: Students will be active pursuers and builders of communal shalom. Our classrooms will be communities of grace where students will walk and work together in a spirit of shalom.

Note: Everyone is welcome to join the students and staff for our Wednesday morning assembly when Mr. Bron is in town. He will be here this Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

Looking Ahead:

Sept 16-20	Mr. Bron in Town	
Sept. 16	By-Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	Board Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 18	Theme Assembly	9:00 a.m.
Sept 23	Twice As Nice Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Fun Day	1:45-3:15 p.m.
Oct. 11	Picture Day	

From Our School Community:

Fall Hot Lunch Form is attached to today's journal. Please fill out and return by **Friday, September 27**. Please make cheques out to the Booster Club.

Address Forms: Please send in completed address forms by **Monday, September 23** if you have not already done so. If the office does not receive a form, the address information that was in last year's phone book will be repeated in this year's phone book. The school phone book will be sent home next week.

MOM'S Pantry Fundraising: Students in Grade 8 will be raising money for their trip to Toronto by selling MOM's Pantry Products. If one of them calls you, please look over the order form of high quality baking supplies, soup, gravy bases, spices and frozen products. All orders and payments need to be in the office by **Thursday, October 17** and expected delivery date is **Thursday, November 7**. Forms will also be available at the school office and orders can be placed on line. Payment can be cash, cheque (payable to TBCS Student Fund), or by Visa/Mastercard, American Express-fill in the portion on the form. Thank you for your support!

Library News: The Library is open for another year as some of you may have noticed when your children came home with books this Wednesday. We have continued with the Birthday Book Program this year as it is an excellent way to add new books to our library. This week we covered birthdays in July and August. Next week will be September and then we will carry on with it on the first library day of each month. If your child came/comes home with a birthday bag/book please take the time to read the enclosed note, look through the book with your child and return the book, note (and payment if you are interested) the following week. Your child will be the FIRST to be able to check out this book. This year I will encourage everyone to once again take care of your books. Put them somewhere safe in your home out of reach of younger siblings and pets. Consider placing library books in a plastic bag before putting them in back packs...this will protect them from leaky water bottles and wet clothing (during the winter months). FYI the cost of a damaged or lost book is \$15. If we all work together we can keep our library books looking great for many years! :) Thank you once again for letting me serve you in the TBCS Library. D. VanderWees

Bus Reminder: Please remember to notify the school office if there are any bussing changes regarding your children.

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 19, 2019 at 8:00pm

Mini-Minutes

Executive meets prior to meeting.

1. Opening Devotions and prayer were done by Jolene M.
2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous board meeting (June 3, 2019). Carried.
3. Correspondence
4. Leadership Team Report

-Allen Bron reports on everything that has been done as the start of the school year is fast approaching! Update given on the theme for the year: "God's 20/20 Vision: Open Our Eyes to See"

5. Committee Reports

-Scott and Angela Wiebe are returning to TBCS enrolling their three children for September 2019.
Welcome back Wiebe family!

6. Next meeting

-Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 8:00 p.m., d.v.

7. Motion to adjourn. Carried.

8. Closing prayer – Jolene M.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We learned more about the third and fourth days of creation, began working on fine tuning our fine motor skills and began working on printing and recognizing our names.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday: Library Day

Grade 1 – Mrs. Bolt

Language Arts: We've looked at the chunks 'an' and 'in'. It has also been fun chanting our friend's names and interviewing them.

Math: Students have been reviewing numbers from 0-10.

Social Studies: We've started our unit on mapping and discussed why it's important to know where we are in God's world. Thank you for taking the time to teach your child their address (a sheet went home yesterday).

Bible: We are taking a look at the beginning of the Bible.

Next week's spelling words will be; can, pan, man, cat, and sat.

Memory Work: Psalm 19:8 "The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."

Mrs. Hawkins:

Music: Students learned about beat in music. We also played name games and sang children's Christian songs.

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

Mrs. Bakker:

This week was super busy learning routines and making changes as needed. :)

In Language we worked on our spelling words in many different ways! I have set up a group for our class in spelling city if you wish to have your child practice their spelling words using this tool. In Google type in spelling city and search schools. Type in Thunder Bay Christian School and select, then click on my name (Deanine Bakker). Select either games for Grade 2 - List 2 or Grade 3 - List 2 as required. We continued reading and making conclusions this week. The class really seemed to enjoy this, which was great to see. The students also spent some time with compound words and trying to remember capitals and periods when writing sentences.

Next week we will begin a type of show and tell on Monday. Students will bring in an item but can't tell anyone what it is! Writing on sentence strips, we will ask/write the presenter questions to try and guess what was brought in. Through this we will work on writing proper questions (complete, proper punctuation, capital at the beginning etc.).

Up first for Monday is Hayden, Levi, and Addison. Please bring in your secret item and keep the class guessing.

Grade Two math we worked on adding and subtracting zeros and adding tens. The students did great!

Our Bible work this week consisted of The Fall, Cain and Abel, and we began the Flood. We are talking about God's promises to those back then and also how they are meant for us today. Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Himanen:

We had a terrific week settling into new routines, trying new activities, and learning more about trees. We "adopted" a deciduous tree which we named "Mable" and a coniferous tree which we named "Ryan". (The class brought forth the names and voted on them) We enjoyed playing fun games in the gym and even had a "skating party" and a "snowball fight"!

Thank you to those who have been able to bring in tree books and items! We have been having fun collecting and pressing leaves and will soon learn how to identify the trees they came from.

Library books came home today. The grade twos are allowed to take out 2 books each week and the grade threes are allowed to take out 3 books. Please remember that library is on Wednesdays, so books need to be returned that day.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Music: Students sang worship songs and wrote about their favourite songs.

Grades 3 & 4 – Miss deHaan

Work folders come home today with new Word Wall Words. A Memory Work sheet was sent home last week and will be due this Wednesday (testing is completed orally). We have been practicing it faithfully at school all week and it is coming home for reinforcement.

NB. Please get in the habit of asking your child if they have any unfinished work in their backpacks at the end of the day. If they did not complete an assignment, it will be sent home to avoid getting behind. Please help them to be responsible and return the completed assignment the next day.

Highlights this week:

- Bible: We continued to learn about the beginning of creation with sin entering the world and the effects it has had in the world. We also discussed how God used Noah as a second beginning after the flood. Despite being a person who loves God and tries to serve Him, he is still sinful and made some bad choices
- Social Studies: We are continuing to learn about Canada. We began reviewing the region of the Appalachians in the Maritimes.
- Math Grade 3: We have continued to strengthen our skills of addition and subtraction in sequences. We began to learn about pattern rules.
- Literature: We read a story, pudding Like a Night on the Sea. Two boys disobey their father and eat all the pudding made for their mother. They discover that they must make amends by fixing the problem they created – they must make a new batch immediately before mother comes home!
- Computers: We have been practicing our spelling words and typing skills. Usernames and passwords have come home for both spellingcity.com and typing club.

Coming Up:

Monday: Please return emptied Friday folder.

Wednesday: *Memory Work due

*Tic-Tac-Toe homework due – please staple or paper clip all the pages together before returning

Thursday: Spelling tests: We have begun to do our words at spellingcity.com

Request: We hope to make pudding next week to go along with our literature study. If anyone is willing to donate milk, please let me know!

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 4 Math: We're almost finished our first unit in number sense. There will be a quiz next week.

Music: Students sang worship songs and learned about the names of notes on the staff.

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

Mrs. Himanen:

We had another terrific week together learning and setting routines in the classroom! Congratulations to the grade fives for successfully completing their first math test of the year! We continue to study patterns and their use in solving mathematical problems.

In Literature we continued learning about how to maintain peace and read a story about 2 brothers who, in their zeal to outdo each other, caused the destruction of both their kingdoms.

In grammar we studied nouns, sentences, and alphabetical order and will review proper nouns and capitalization next week.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Psalm 19:8 (due Friday or earlier)

Monday: writing assignments due (hand, introduce sheet, peace acrostic)

Thursday: Spelling Unit 2 due

Friday: Memory Work due

Spelling test - Unit 2

Penmanship due

Mr. Himanen:

Social Studies: Next week the class will be studying the structure of our governments. We will look at the municipal, provincial, and the federal governments and how they are similar and/or different in their responsibilities.

Bible: The class is studying some of the last kings of Judah and looking at how they were either faithful or unfaithful kings. We will also study how God judged each of them.

Science: The class will be looking at how light travels and how we can 'turn' light from its straight line path. We will be learning about the Law of Reflection.

Grade 6 Math: The class will be having a quiz next week on Thursday. The quiz will be on Finding and recognizing patterns in numbers.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Music- Students sang worship songs and reviewed note reading.

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

Mrs. Voortman:

Grade 8 Math: We did a review of order of operations including exponents and solved problems with up to five steps. I am amazed at how well the students remembered this from last year. We started a study on integers (positive and negative numbers). We learned a neat trick for subtracting integers and covered addition and multiplication as well. Next week we will work on division and then will try solving order of operations problems including integers.

Bible: We continued to look at God's Story as a big picture. We discussed symbols and how emotions can often be symbolized using weather or by colours. We are choosing colours that will help us remember the big picture of God's story (ie black for sin, red for redemption). I love the enthusiasm of this bunch and the wonderful discussions we have been having. Keep it up! We also finished our Grow Group posters and met with our Grow Groups for the first time on Wednesday. Our class has a big responsibility being leaders of the groups this year and have already met the challenge with energy and excitement.

Literature: We looked at the characteristics of a short story and were able to identify most of them on our own. In Through the Tunnel Jerry made a decision that most of us agreed we wouldn't have made. We will continue to explore the decisions being made in various short stories next week. We had a fantastic time Wednesday with our new reading buddies (the grade one class). We loved having one on one time with these little ones, just being able to read to them.

Writing: We have identified the three main categories for our biographies and have begun compiling a list of interview questions for the classmate we will be writing about. We chose a name out of a hat to see who would be the subject of our biography. Next week we will conduct our interviews and start the rough draft.

Next Week:

Tuesday: Have your interview questions ready (18 of them)

Wednesday: Library

Thursday: Spelling Lesson 2 Due
Spelling Test

Mr. Himanen:

Science: The students will be learning more about solutions next week and growing an alum crystal from their super-saturated solutions.

History: The class is learning about how the British are governing the colony after their defeat of the French in Quebec.

Grade 7 Math: The class will be continuing to review some the skills that were learned in the previous year. We are multiplying and dividing and solving different word problems.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 7 Music: Students reviewed basic theory in preparation for their upcoming instrument instruction.

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

Mrs. Voortman:

Bible: We continued our study of A Case for Faith by Lee Strobel. We specifically looked at the question why does God allow suffering? We delved into Scripture and had some great discussion surrounded this topic. We also had our first experience in mentoring a Grow Group team.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- Next week the class will be learning about the nitrogen cycle and how it works in nature. We will also look at how this and the other cycles are impacted by human activities and the subsequent effect that the cycles have on our environment.

Mrs. Hawkins:

ENG 9/10: We read up to chapter 5 in To Kill a Mockingbird. We discussed the narrator's point of view and learned about Maycomb's townsfolk and economy.

AV1 10: Our class has been hard at work creating wonderful theme posters for our school.