



THE MESSENGER

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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE:

Several times now we have encouraged ALL of our high school students to keep their lockers locked at all times. Despite taking several approaches to show that we require compliance concerning this, a number of students have refused to cooperate. As a result, starting Monday, November 30, we (the administration) will put our own locks on the open lockers. Students who need to retrieve their belongings will need to contribute a toonie to our MuFu fund before we will open their lockers for them.

Students: Remember that when you attend class without your books, etc., you will be assigned an "unprepared."

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GENERAL NEWS:

1. Attention Grade 12 Consumer Math students and parents: The grade 12 Consumer Math Standard's Test: The Project will be written on November 30, December 2 and December 3 during Math class. These 3 – 1 hour sessions must be attended in order to meet the requirements of the Standards Test.

2. Safety Patrols: Patrols work hard to help keep their schoolmates safe, and to thank the grade 5 and 6 patrols for their hard work they may receive a number of rewards including McDonalds and 7-11 coupons and skating at Wheelies. For more information on these and other rewards, parents and students can go to www.winnipeg.ca/police/SchoolPatrols/rewards.stm.



3. News from the Covenant Canadian Reformed Teachers College – Once again the CCRTC opened its door to 20 enthusiastic students this past fall. We give thanks that the Lord has provided our school communities with individuals interested in becoming reformed school teachers. These students have been busy in the college classrooms and have also completed two practicums. Not only is the college busy instructing future teachers, but it continues to enhance and build services for those already teaching our covenant children. We are thankful that the work of the college can carry on despite a significant drop in donations and a deficit of almost \$30 000 last year. As the 2009 calendar year nears its end we ask that you consider the financial needs of the college. Please make cheques payable to CCRTC and pass on any donations to Mr. Will Gortemaker. Above all we ask that you remember the work of the college before our Heavenly Father in prayer.

4. From the Missions Team:

Operation Christmas Child: We collected 45 boxes from our community! Thank you for your support!

Poinsettia Sales: Please call Erin Slaa (222-2880) or Regan Veenendaal (661-6351) if you would like to order a poinsettia: a 6” red, white, or red plant for \$15.00 This is a fundraiser for Cornerstone Christian Care Society. Plants will be available after the Christmas Assembly on December 16, 2009.

MUFU: The next MUFU collection will be on Wed. Dec. 9

5. ProFund: Thanks to the community for your continued support. We will be processing orders two more times before the Christmas break: Dec.7 and Dec. 14. If you are planning on placing an order with ProFund and require a substantial number of vouchers, perhaps you could give one of the ProFund workers a heads up to make sure we have the required stock on hand at that time. Thanks again!

6. A Reminder to parents and students: That the date of the Christmas Assembly has been changed to WEDNESDAY, December 16 in order to allow the kindergarten students to participate.

7. Causes for Creativity (talk to Jeff Dykstra)

1. Write or e-mail the media, its ad sponsors, or your MLA or MP.
2. *Teen Ink* has a decent poetry contest online.
3. See Mr. Dykstra for short story, essay, and/or poetry contests.
4. Click on the tag *activism* on delicious.com/literatureman.

8. If you are an ICS student with sweet writing you want to get published, send your work to ICSthefalcon@gmail.com, talk to **Amy** (editor-in-chief), or put it in the “School Newspaper” folder on the **studentshared** drive. **Get your stuff in to us:** poems, puzzles, games, articles, interviews, whatever!

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY . . .



Non-Fiction for Young Canadian Military History Buffs: available at our school library. Among others, Pierre Berton has written a series for young readers interested in military history called **The Battles of the War of 1812**, including *The Capture of Detroit*, *The Death of Isaac Brock*, *Revenge of the Tribes*, and *Canada Under Siege*, narrating each account from the perspective of a teenaged volunteer in the forces defending Canada from our (now) friendly southern neighbour but former enemy. Current library hours: **Tuesday and Thursday mornings.**

A Big THANK YOU to the anonymous donor whose donation enabled the library to purchase many new books with CDs for our younger readers – such classics as *The Billy Goats Gruff*, *The Little House*, *One Snowy Night*, *The Little Red Hen*, *Rumpelstiltskin*, *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*, *The Story about Ping*, *The Runaway Bunny*, and *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*.



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NEW FROM THE SPORTS CORNER . . .

As mentioned last week, the volleyball season has finished, and we are now moving towards basketball. Some of the basketball teams have already had their first practices, while the rest are gearing up to begin.

The Junior Boys Volleyball team, coached by Scott Maclaren, had an abbreviated season, with their only game action being a tournament in Steinbach. It was a young group, consisting mostly of Grade 7s, with a few Grade 6s and 8s mixed in. We would like to thank Mr. Maclaren for working with these boys, especially since at the same time he was coaching another volleyball team.

The Junior Girls team was coached by Lauren Raap. There were some comments from the coach in last week's Messenger, so I will not repeat them. Thanks again to Lauren for coaching the girls this season.

The JV Girls also had a young team this year, with 10 of the 12 players being from Grade 9. The highlights of the season were the tournament in Teulon, where they finished 2nd, and the game against the parents, where they defeated the parents 3 sets to 2. Congratulations to the parents for putting up a good fight, and for not making it too obvious that we were letting the girls win (☺). Thanks again to the coaches, Shane Van Veen and Ashley Toet, for their hard work with the girls this season.

The Varsity boys were coached by Justin Raap this year. The team was essentially the same as last year, with a few new players. Having lots of guys on the team certainly had its challenges, but the guys certainly improved as the season went on, playing their best volleyball at the Morris tournament in the middle of November and in the interzone game. Congratulations, guys. The majority of the players will graduate this year, and we are looking at which team we will have next season. Thanks again to Justin for his work this year.

The Varsity Girls were coached by yours truly and Cheyenne Bergsma. The girls also showed improvement during the season, but had some challenges with consistency. A highlight of the season was finishing third in our home tournament, and another was playing a very competitive match against one of the top AA teams in the province, Morris.



Thanks as well to all the parents who devoted time to driving the team members to games and practices, cheering for the teams during their games, and in general supporting what we are doing in our sports program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with one of the Athletic Committee members (Marilyn Toet, Rob Dewitt, and Dave Nienhuis).

The Athletic Director

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ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM NEWS:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Nyhof

We had another week of new activities in Kindergarten. We made our first big book based on the story “Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?” by Bill Martin, Jr. We made a special craft to use on our Teddy Bears’ Picnic Day. We have a new way of finding our classroom helpers for the day. Mrs. Raap came to teach us on Wednesday again while Mrs. Nyhof was away. She will also be here next Wed. morning while Mrs. Nyhof goes to the last of a series of workshops on “Early Literacy”.

Check your child’s agenda for a special note about the picnic on Monday.

Here is what’s planned for this coming week:

Monday: Library and Teddy Bears’ Picnic

Show and Tell: Please remind your child to **bring only one item** for show and tell. We like to have time for each child’s turn. M- Everyone’s bears! ; W- Melissa, Drew, Benjamin.

Bible Stories: M-Joseph’s Dreams Come True (Gen. 42); W- The Angel Visits Mary. We’ll begin learning the Bible stories about Jesus’ birth. I’ve made a booklet with the pictures of the stories to use until Christmas break.

Memory work: **Please keep practicing the songs and the text for the assembly.**

Kindergarten doesn’t have that many days in school until then. Songs: Hymn 59:1 and Christmas assembly songs

Text: Matt. 1:23

Language Arts: Every week we review the letter sounds we have learned and various activities that are related to literacy skills. Also this week we will learn the “S” sound for Sadie Seal. Each student may bring in one item that begins with the “SSS” sound on Wednesday.

Math: We will be measuring our bears using unifix cubes and making a graph of teddy bears. We will also work with the number 2.

Theme Unit: We will complete our unit on bears and begin our new unit on winter. Will we have some signs of winter by then??

Music: We are working on distinguishing between high and low sounds and using different

volumes with our voices. Of course we will continue learning our Christmas Assembly songs.

Grade 1: Miss Harke

Memory Work Song: Hymn 16:1 (know for Friday, Dec. 4)

Memory Work Text: Luke 2:13-14 (know for Friday, Dec. 11)

Word Wall Words: get, have, big, small (know for Friday, Dec. 4)

Show & Tell: M – Summer, T – Carson, W – Alicia, Th – Jordan V., F – Mallory

Bible: We will be studying the following stories: Crossing the Red Sea, Food and Drink in the Desert. We will soon be having a test – watch your child’s agenda for more information.

ELA: Our next Animated Literacy sounds are: Farley Fox’s sound “f,” spelled “f” or “ph”; and Woody Woodchuck’s sound “oo.”

Math: We will continue to work on skip-counting by 2s, 5s and 10s.

Science: We will continue our discussion of the needs of living things (people, animals and plants).

Gym (K&Gr.1): We are working on movement skills. Recently we learned about skipping, galloping and side-stepping.

Grade 2: Miss Vandermeulen

Memory Song: Hymn 8:1 (due Dec 4)

Memory Text: Romans 8:31b-32 (due Dec 4): If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Bible: Kings and Prophets of Judah: Manasseh, Josiah, Jeremiah, Captivity

Devotions: Leading Little Ones to God: Chapters 39-41

Health: We will continue exploring behaviours that keep kids from having friends (the opposite of a good neighbour).

Math: Continuing with Place Value. We will also continue with some review of the math skills we have practiced so far.

Mental Math: Doubles plus one continued (also called near doubles). When necessary, these will be coming home for some extra practice time. Please try to find a bit of time to help your child go over these.

Science/Social: This week we learned about some specific features (places, buildings, environment, weather) of the city of Winnipeg. In the coming week we will focus on the community of Transcona. We will also talk about helpers in our community.

Grade 2&3 Gym: Gym Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays. Throwing and catching skills continued.

Spelling: Lesson 11: rule, use, tune, mule, due, true, grew, few, you, cute (due Dec 4)

Word Wall Words: favourite, have, gym, played, stop (due Dec 4)

Show and Tell Schedule: Dec 4 – Joshua, Morgan, Naomi, Megan, Shayna. Dec 11 – Kazia, Benjamin, Brianna, Aiden, Kirsten. Dec 18 – Taryn, Serena, Katy-Beth, Emily, Nicole.

Grade 3: Miss VanDoornik

Memory Work: For Dec. 4 – Hymn 14:2

Memory Work Text: For Dec. 4 - text for assembly: *“So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.”*

Math: We have started a new unit about measurement.

Spelling Words: For Dec. 4 – must, clean, eating, along, near, could, mean, lunch, being, year, began, would

Word Wall Words: For Dec. 4 – discover, don't, wouldn't, right, write

Social Studies: Currently, we are discussing how to be a good citizen which includes dealing with bullying and promoting peace. We plan to finish this unit next week and will have a test on Dec. 3

Grade 4: Mr. den Hollander

Bible: Well, by now our test should be behind us. Our unit ended with the death of Saul, which opens the way for David to become king. Our next unit will deal with the kingships of David and Solomon. The students are doing very well with taking the details of the story and drawing out the main theme. We are learning to find lessons for today in the stories rather than just memorizing the details.

Math: Early in the week we'll finish up our second unit and have a test. Next up we'll start working on our multiplication and division facts. For this unit we will move away from the math textbook and start working on handouts. This does mean however that some students may soon need extra practice on their multiplication facts.

E.L.A: Our poetry unit will soon be over. Our next unit we will be reading a variety of different types of stories, articles, poems etc. For this we will be using the cornerstone series that we have in our classroom. In the meantime, we will explore different types of writing.

Science: This past week we worked on a 'zookeeper' assignment. Students used their knowledge of habitats and the needs of animals to design their own animal exhibits for the Winnipeg zoo. We will keep on studying habitats, animal adaptations and food chains over the next week.

Memory Work: Psalm 96:1; **Text:** We will start working on texts for Christmas.

Grade 5: Mrs. Heidema

Yes, our hamster has a name. The class voted for: 'Fluffanutter butter'. Don't worry about this tongue twister; it's ok to call him Fluffy or Fluff...

With a small class like ours a few absences really make a difference. Last week we missed two or three students a day. Fortunately most of them recovered quickly, so the work could continue. Keep it up Grade 5!

For next week:

Helpers: Ashton & Nate

ISC Safety Patrol: Grade 5 members team 4 – Rebecca & Jared

Memory Work: Text: due Friday Dec. 4 – Names of the Twelve Disciples (recite or sing the song)

Song: Ps 46:1

Bible: Our theme in Church History is still the mission to the Natives in Canada (more specifically Smithers, BC). We use a Carousel Discussion Activity to discuss topics pertaining to this Chapter.

ELA: We are enjoying our Literature Circles! The students made a list of Guidelines for Discussion and they are putting these to practice in their group discussions. There is still a lot to learn, but the effort is great!

Spelling: Unit 11: Vowels with **r** (-er, -ur, -or)

Homework: - p. 51 and p. 52 all exercises (p 52 # 4: use all five words once!), or
- p. 53 and p. 54 # 3, 5 and 6 (with sentences)

Math: Did you know Math also expands your vocabulary? Ask your son / daughter the meaning of words like: product, factor, divisor, dividend, and quotient. It's all in our new unit about Multiplying and Dividing Whole Numbers.

SocSt5/6: We will be discussing the BC Gold Rush and the reasons for BC to join Confederation.

Science: It's time to start our new Unit: Simple Machines. We will discover the working and use for levers, pulleys and screws. Interesting!

Grade 6: Mr. Folkerts

Each grade 6 students will need an ice cream pail lid for Art. If you have any you no longer need please send them along with your child to school.

Industrial Arts: I.A. will be on Thursday next week.

Memory Work: Song: Psalm 83:1

Text: Christmas program selection.

Spelling: Lesson 12 – Looking Back. Remember to make all corrections from lesson 11. Write the list words in alphabetical order. Do page 55-56 #2-8

ELA: Monday we continue with lesson 11 in Peacemakers.

Math: Students should be comfortable simplifying expressions now using the correct order of operations. Next we will have a look at integers.

Science: Next week we'll begin our study of the Solar System.

Church History: Monday we'll begin our study on John Knox; God's Trumpeter For Scotland.

Grade 7/8:

SocSt 7: We will continue with our island projects next week as well as learning about some statistical tools for human geography.

SocSt 8: We've been delving into our textbook this week. Studying the Sumerians and the Semites Ancient Civilizations. We will finish that off next week with a chapter test on Thursday.

Science 7: We enjoyed Mr. Schriemer's presentation on soil, composition and conservation practices. Getting it straight from someone who works daily with this natural resource was great! Thank you again.

PhysEd/Health 8: We begin Unit 2 in health on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009.

Math 7 – Next week: multiplying and dividing decimals and order of operations with decimals. If students are ready we will have a test on Friday, Dec. 4.

Math 8 – Wed.– QUIZ on Dividing Fractions and Mixed Numbers.

French 7: There will be a listening test on Tuesday, and a unit test on Thursday.

French 8: We will continue with our look at clothing vocabulary.

Ref. St. 7: We will read the story version of John Calvin's life in Flame of the Word and extend that with more details and information on Calvin's work with a variety of summary activities.

Ref. St. 8: We are continuing with a Church History unit about Pope Gregory VIII and King Henry IV. We will review some Bible facts at the beginning of every class.

ELA 7/8: Next week we will write and present a talk show based on the poem "My Guilt" which we read and discussed earlier. On Monday we

will also spend time on a grammar activity related to sentences: subjects and predicates. **Remember that your book report assignment is due on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at the beginning of class.** The book report café will be held on Dec.4! Spelling assignments for **Nov. 30:** Grade 7: p. 44 #1, 2, 3 (write the sentences as well), 4 and 5 as well as p. 45#1 and p. 46#1,2. Grade 8: P. 44# 1-4 and p. 46#2 (use the info. On p.45/46 to help you).

Band 11G: We will continue to “make a joyful noise” with our learning of “Ere Zij God” (Glory to God) in preparation for the Christmas Assembly. Work at it every day and continue the practice of the Standard of Excellence pages done in class, and perhaps end with Jingle Bells ... playing at a brisk pace!

High School Division:

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Drama (Grade 9/10): We’ll watch more of the movie versions of *Midsummer Night’s Dream* and change more of our scripts, including making playbooks with set diagrams, blocking diagrams, full stage directions and emphasis and pause indications. Remember: A contest play – if you want to write one – can get you bonus marks (and fun)!

Futures in Business (Grade 9/10): Test on Modules 4 and 5 on Friday, December 11.

Math 10F (Grade 9) – Tues. – QUIZ on Adding one Polynomial to another and on Subtracting one Polynomial from another; **Fri.** – QUIZ on Multiplying (and Dividing) a Polynomial by a Constant or by a Monomial.

Art10G: This past week we started with an introduction to painting with water colours. Over the next several weeks, we hope to expand our skills with this medium.

French 10G: Thursday: Listening Test; Friday: Unit Test

Math 10F (Grade 9) – Wed. – QUIZ on Solving Linear Equations; **Fri.** – QUIZ on Applications of Solving Linear Equations.

SocSt10G: We wrote our second unit test and on Thursday began with Canada in the Global Context. We will begin by reviewing Canada’s participation in WWI and WWII.

PreCalc20S: We will have a quiz on the information covered in chapter 6 on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2009.

CompSc30S: We are currently working on performing work on mass storage in programs and file reading. There will be a test on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009.

English 30S: Due beginning of Tuesday – READO journal. Next unit: ***Lord of the Flies: When Survivor Was More Real Than a Reality Show.***

World Issues: Each day, a different person must bring an article to discuss with the class. Currently looking at human “rights”: Two different views of their source and meaning. Click on www.delicious.com/literatureman for more recent material on this and other global issues. Be ready for quizzes and reporting on assigned questions on material from the textbooks.

Physics 30S (Grades 11/12) – Tues. – QUIZ on Waves; **Fri.** – QUIZ on Refraction.

French 30S/40S: Quiz: Vendredi – *Partons en voyage/A la gare*

PhysEd 30F/40F: Tuesday – Grade 11 Health; Thursday – Interviews

RefSt31G: The Book of Ecclesiastes will be our focus until Christmas. I am sure we will have some “meaningful” discussions relative to the students.

Pre-Calculus 40S: **Tues.** – QUIZ on Circles and Ellipses; **Fri.** – QUIZ on Hyperbolas.

