



### ***20/20 Re-focusing***

*"Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."*

*Hebrews 12: 1 & 2*

### **The Servant Song**

Brother, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.  
We are brothers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the nighttime of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you;  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping.  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

We are well into December and as I watch our "Servant Working" theme being played out this month, I am so grateful for TBCS and each individual that plays a part in the day to day operation! The gym still smells like Olliebollen but today the hot lunch volunteers transformed that smell to an "Oma's Soup" aroma. We enjoyed various home cooked pots of soup for lunch. Thank you to all who organized, made soup, and to the moms that delivered it to each class.

The challenge for the month is to "work actively to heal brokenness and bring joy to individuals and to our world". Let us all, with each student, participate in this challenge for the remainder of December and humbly serve with Matthew 20:28 as our focus. "even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many". Have a great weekend!



**2020-2021**

**Weekly Journal**

## School News & Updates:

### Looking Ahead:

<b>Wed. Dec. 16</b>	Library	
<b>Fri. Dec 18</b>	½ day school	12 noon dismissal
<b>Dec. 21- Jan. 1</b>	Christmas Break	
<b>Mon. Jan. 4</b>	First day back after Christmas Break d.v.	

**Piano Lessons:** The Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> piano students will have their makeup lesson on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please remember your piano books.

**Recess Rink:** The Recess Rink is operational, weather permitting. **Extra recess volunteers** would be most helpful on the rink. Even last minute, if you are free to come skate and help with the children, we would love to have you. (1:00-1:45 p.m.) We are also looking for **outdoor hockey nets** for the rink. If anyone has one that they are willing to donate/loan to the school, it would be greatly appreciated. Please remember that **hockey/safety helmets** (not bicycle) must be worn on the ice. When travelling on the bus, skates must have skate guards or be in a sturdy bag for safety.

#### **Bus schedule for Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> is as follows:**

Monday: All Busses run as normal.

Tuesday: No Slate River Bus to school or home from school (Cow Bus).

Wednesday: No Murillo/Kakabeka Bus to school or home from school (Giraffe Bus) (Jeanette will be driving the Slate River run).

Thursday: No City Bus to school or home from school (Tiger Bus) (Marlene will be driving the Slater River run).

Friday: All Busses run as normal.

A reminder that at this time there will be no bus changes. Students may only ride to and from school on their designated busses and must remain seated in their designated seats. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Nut Free Reminder:** For the safety of our students with severe allergies, this is a reminder that the school is a nut-safe facility. There are several students with severe allergies to all kinds of tree nuts (peanuts, cashews, hazelnuts, pistachios, walnuts, etc.) Please ensure the items you send in your lunch do not contain nuts.

**Hockey Sticks:** Reminder to all those students that are playing boot/ice hockey during the recess breaks that they are required to bring their own hockey sticks to the school. The sticks should have their name on them, and permission needs to be asked before using someone else's stick. Please note that hockey sticks are allowed on the bus Monday mornings and can go home Fridays but are to remain at the school during the week.

**Fire Safety Poster Contest:** Students in Grades 1-8 may participate. The school with the best participation will receive a new computer for the school. If your child is interested in participating, please return the poster with the attached form to the school by December 17<sup>th</sup>. Extra forms are available in the office.

## From the Classrooms:

### JK & SK – Mrs. Bakker/Mrs. Cramer

A big thank you to everyone who brought in wrapping paper and boxes for our wrapping centre. Students are thoroughly enjoying cutting and wrapping during centres. Next week Friday we will be decorating a “gingerbread” Christmas tree. If you remember and are able can you send a container to school that day so we can send it home in one piece.

This week we spent our last days looking at 2D and 3D shapes. Next week we will begin patterning. On Monday SK’s looked at sight word like and we determined which 3D shapes slide, which roll, and which do both. In Bible we read about how an angel appeared to several people announcing/giving instructions in both John and Jesus’ birth. In Language we read a variety of nativity Christmas stories, practiced the letter G, and made Christmas trees with our names. We have also pulled out instruments and bells to aid in our Christmas singing. The class is very enthusiastic about this. Have a wonderful weekend!

### Grade 1 & 2 –Mrs. Bolt/ Mrs. Himanen

#### **Mrs. Bolt:**

This week in math the grade ones are taking a look at shapes and seeing how many sides and vertices they have. The grade twos have been looking at how many tens and ones are in a number and using a number line and hundreds chart to compare which number is larger or smaller.

In language arts we’ve continued our ‘how- to paragraphs and I’m learning a lot! I now know how to drive a tractor and swim with my eyes open under water!

Next week’s grade one spelling words will be; she, ship, she’ll, dish, wish. And in grade two; boat, coat, float, long, along, belong, paw, fawn, tall, wall. Please practice these a few times during the week. Continue reading with your son/daughter- I am seeing so much progress in the students’ reading!

#### **Mrs. Himanen:**

We had a wonderful week working on a few different art activities for Christmas as well as a Bible page and our printing! The students made a lovely keepsake card for you with their handprint on the front and a carefully printed message on the inside.

I am so impressed with how this lovely class has been working hard to help one another and how independent they are becoming while working on projects in the classroom! We often have several different activities/stations happening at once in order to complete projects, and the students have been fantastic at navigating that! They also have learned to clean up quickly and efficiently after art projects! I am so proud of them!

In gym the students learned how to use a ringette stick and how to pass the ring! They also had a chance to play a game of ringette! It was fun for them to try something new!

**Ms. Brown:** This week in chapel we continued in our theme of Servant Working. We spent some time learning about when Jesus washed his disciples’ feet and how he used this act of serving as an example for us to

follow. We also lit our advent candles and learned that the first candle represents HOPE, and the second candle represents PEACE.

In music, we practiced our song "O Little Town of Bethlehem." We are going to film it on Tuesday. We also followed along to a song with our "drums" and read different notes (quarter note, eighth note, etc.) that came up on the screen to play rhythms.

## Grades 3 & 4 – Ms. deHaan

Friday folders are being sent home today with new word wall words (Week #12). A new form with Word Wall Activities is coming home today and is due by Wednesday at the latest. This is similar to the Tic Tac Toe where 3 activities need to be completed. Please do not forget to include CHUNK words and the 5 review words when writing your words for the week. New Memory Work will be on hold until we return in January.

NB. A new book report "flip" booklet was sent home in the folders today. Please have your child bring in the book for approval asap! 😊 These reports will be due Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> (or earlier!).

### **H i g h l i g h t s:**

Bible: We have been reading about David on the run and how he spared Saul's life when he had an opportunity before him! David knew that God had a plan for him to be king and he did not need to disobey God by doing things his way.

#### Math:

Grade 3's continued learning about measurement with metres and kilometres.

Grade 4's completed a test on geometry and will be in the folders today!

#### Language:

We read a story in our literature books called "Do Not Open Until Christmas" in partners and completed some comprehension activities.

### **Due Dates:**

Monday: Please return emptied Friday folders.

Wednesday: Library books due; Spelling Choice boards due

Thursday: Spelling tests

**Mr. Himanen:** Social Studies- The class will be working in groups creating a poster on our country of Canada. They will be drawing and coloring pictures about the many different lands, animals, sports, and cities that we have in Canada.

**Ms. Brown:** This week in chapel we continued in our theme of Servant Working. We spent some time learning about when Jesus washed his disciples' feet and how he used this act of serving as an example for us to follow. We also lit our advent candles and learned that the first candle represents HOPE, and the second candle represents PEACE.

In music, students practiced performing their Christmas songs and they did so well that we were able to film them. Both the grade 3 and 4's dressed up in angel costumes for their performances. The grade 3's learned

sign language for the chorus of their song "Angels We Have Heard on High" and the grade 4's created actions for "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

**Mme. Anna:** In French class the Grade Three's continue to learn traditional French Christmas songs. They are increasing their knowledge of French Christmas vocabulary. They presented their "Ma Famille" projects. What a great job!

In French class the Grade Four's completed their presentations on "Ma Famille" and they did a wonderful job! They are continuing to learn traditional Christmas songs and words.

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

**Mrs. Himanen:** The weather was fantastic this week, and many students took advantage of the great weather and the ready ice surface on the rink to go skating at recess! Thank you, Mr. Voortman and Mr. Mol, for helping prepare and maintain the rink and thank you Mr. Voortman for helping to supervise on several of the days this week!

In these last few weeks, we have been trying to tie up some loose ends and finish off units so we can start onto fresh material after the Christmas break. Students wrote quizzes and tests in math and will write possibly one more quiz next week if we are able to cover the material I have planned. We have finished a section in grammar and hope to finish the theme in Literature. Next week will be busy with some final tests to wrap up. (It will be easier to wrap up before the holiday rather than try to pick up afterwards again) Hang in there, students, it's almost Christmas holidays!

We are planning to also relax and enjoy some Christmas movies, a party, some craft making, and a gift exchange. It is going to be a fun and full week!

Next Week:

Tuesday: Grammar test - Units 7-12

Wednesday: Spelling test - Unit 14 \*note change of day just for this week\*

Thursday: Literature test

Possible math quiz (both grades)

Friday: Gift exchange (bring in a wrapped gift of \$8-10 in value which can be for either a boy or a girl)

### **Mr. Himanen:**

Social Studies- The class has looked at the population density in Canada, and found that we have lots of room to live in. Next week we will look at how climate affects where people live, especially here in Canada.

Science- The class will be learning about the different types of joints that are found in our bodies next week. The students will also be learning about how those joints are held together by different tissues, and how those joints allow our bodies to move.

Bible- The class will be continuing to learn more about the Christmas story next week. We will be looking at the birth of John the Baptist and the story of the birth of Jesus next week.

**Ms. Brown:** This week in chapel we continued in our theme of Servant Working. We spent some time learning about when Jesus washed his disciples' feet and how he used this act of serving as an example for us to

follow. We also lit our advent candles and learned that the first candle represents HOPE, and the second candle represents PEACE.

In music, students worked very hard on their ukulele performances. We even added an extra instrumental accompaniment to their songs. They did so well that we were able to film their performances, but, unfortunately, we had a student absent from each class so if we have everyone, on Tuesday, we will rerecord their performances to ensure everyone is included.

**Mme. Anna:** In French class the Grade Five's completed their oral presentations on "Ma Famille". Lots of effort was evident in this assignment! They continue to learn traditional French Christmas songs and vocabulary. In French class the Grade Six's presented their projects on "Ma Famille". I am so proud of their work! They continue to learn Christmas songs and vocabulary in French.

### Grades 7 & 8 – Ms. Haak & Mr. Himanen

**Ms. Haak:** Can you believe next week is already Christmas break?! I cannot believe how quickly time has flown past us! I have really enjoyed the past three and a half months with all the students and enjoy how much fun your children are! Your children have been working hard and have a few final things to get done before the holidays but will have a well-deserved movie afternoon on Wednesday and gift exchange on Friday.

#### **Here are some important upcoming dates this week:**

**Monday- Math Quiz on Perimeter**

**Tuesday- Grammar Test and Choice OPEN BOOK test**

**Wednesday- Book Report Due & Movie Afternoon**

**Thursday- Spelling Test 15 and Math Quiz**

**Friday- \$8-10 Dollar Gift Exchange and half day!**

Language- This past week students completed lesson 14 of their spelling books and worked to finish up lessons 10 and 11 in their grammar books. We also got introduced to procedural writing and had a lot of fun writing out instructions on how to make pizza, and Ms. Haak taking them way too literal. We will be continuing to work on procedural writing into the new year to learn about the importance of details. We will be doing a Spelling test, Grammar review test, and Choice test next week (Choices is an open book test for students).

Math- This past week we finished up our geometry unit and began working with Perimeters of squares, polygons, circles and parallelograms. We will be completing two separate one page, ten question quizzes next week.

Science- This week we learned about UV Rays and how to protect ourselves and our skin. We learned how to calculate which level of SPF we should use when we are outside in the sun depending on the UV index.

Bible- This week we took a focus on our advent readings and began working on our 'Tell me the Secrets' boxes to go along with our unit.

**Mr. Himanen**

History- The class will be having a test on the Roman empire next week on Thursday, December 17. There will be some review periods for the test on the days before the test.

Geography- Next week the students will be completing some mapping exercises on the country of Brazil, and where the rainforest is located in that country.

**Ms. Brown:** This week in chapel we continued in our theme of Servant Working. We spent some time learning about when Jesus washed his disciples' feet and how he used this act of serving as an example for us to follow. We also lit our advent candles and learned that the first candle represents HOPE, and the second candle represents PEACE.

In music, the grade 7's successfully performed "Joy to the World" on the boomwhackers. The progress they have made from start to finish is amazing! We were able to record their performance on Thursday. The grade 8's are making great progress with "Carol of the Bells." This is definitely a challenging song, but they are working extremely hard at practising it. When they play the first two movements, it gives me chills. Even if we are unable to finish the whole song before Christmas, we will record the portion of the song that they have mastered for you all.

**Mme. Anna:** In French class the Grade Seven's completed their oral presentations on "Ma Famille ". A job well done! They are learning an extensive Christmas vocabulary in French as well as some exposure to Traditional French Christmas songs.

In French class the Grade Eight's reviewed the Lord's Prayer and continue to sing French Christmas songs. I was impressed with how well they used their understanding of the phonics sounds we have studied to read Christmas vocabulary. Bravo!

**Grade 9/10 – Ms. Haak, Mr. Himanen & Ms. deHaan****Ms. Haak:**

9/10 English- Students have been working hard on their TED talks. They will be presented on January 4th.

**Mr. Himanen:**

Science- Next week the students will begin to study acids and bases. We will be looking at the differences between them, and how we use each of them quite regularly in our daily lives.

**Ms. deHaan:**

Grade 9 Math – We have been working with the equation as a line and identifying slopes and y-intercepts. Using this information, we have been graphing the results.

Grade 10 Math – We have begun our unit on Quadratic Relations by reviewing the exponent rules and negative & zero exponents. We began to work with first and second differences.