



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*

From the Princip**AL's** Office:

One of the wonderful blessings of celebrating the Christmas season is through the gift of music. For centuries our communities have enjoyed the carols and hymns which focus on the true meaning of Christmas. During this month I will be sharing some songs which may or may not be familiar, but they all will highlight the beautiful meaningful message of our Saviour's Birth.

O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU

*O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.
You came, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and good-will,
To bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectations we live for that great day,
When a renewed creation your glory shall display.
(Paul Gerhardt, 1653)*

Looking Ahead:

Monday, Dec. 16	Piano Recital	2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 17		
Wednesday, Dec. 18	Library	
Thursday, Dec. 19	Christmas Program at Hope CRC	7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20	1/2 day School	12:00 dismissal

Piano Recital: There will be a piano recital on Monday, December 16th at 2:00 p.m.

Our Christmas Program will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 7:30 p.m. at **Hope CRC**. The students will be going to Hope CRC on Thursday morning for a program practice. The buses will be picking your children up as usual, but **travelling directly to Hope CRC NOT the school**. If you drive your children to school, please bring them **directly to Hope CRC (1315 Crawford Ave.)** for 9:00 a.m. The buses will bring the children to school following the practice.

Last Day of School 2019: The last day of school before Christmas holidays is Friday, December 20. School will be dismissed at 12:00 noon.

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From Our School Community:

Bus Driver Change: John Meijaard will be driving the City (Tiger) bus for Marlene Schelhaas from January 6th -23rd. Please contact Jeannette Meijaard @ 475-8325 (cell 629-0322) for any concerns/messages and she will pass them on to John.

From the Library: The season of wet mittens, toques and leaky water bottles is upon us. May I suggest that you place your child's **library books in a plastic bag** before placing them in their back packs, this will undoubtedly cut down on the amount of water damage happening to our library books.

Teaching Opportunity at Thunder Bay Christian School: Thunder Bay Christian School is inviting applications from qualified French teachers to join our dynamic staff. Details of the position are as follows:

1. Part-time Term Contract from January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020 @ 30% of FTE.
2. Daily Schedule: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. (9:30am-12:30pm)
3. Salary based on qualifications and experience.
4. Deadlines for applications is Monday, December 16th, 2019. Only those candidates to be interviewed will be contacted.

Please send your resume to office@tbaychristianschool.ca (attention Mr. A. Bron, Principal)

School Emails: If anyone is not receiving emails from the school they are asked to check their junk mail and then call the school if they are not receiving them. Thank you.

The Recess Rink: The Recess Rink is operational. 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.

Cold Weather Reminder: With the cold weather coming upon us, just a reminder that the office checks the internet weather forecast before each break. A temperature of -20 to -30 degrees Celsius with the wind chill is considered a penguin recess (children can go outside and come back inside if they are cold). Below -30 with the wind chill is an indoor recess. If you are on yard duty, please check the weather forecast or call the office before coming to school. The office uses Environment Canada website: www.weatheroffice.gc.ca.

Attention Committees: Receipts for donations or refunds must get to the bookkeeper, Trudy Bolt, by the end of the year. Also, please inform her about address changes so all tax receipts can be mailed out correctly. Thank you.

The needs at TAN for next week:

Please email Courtney Henny at tanvolunteers@gmail.com or text at 630-3631 to volunteer for a shift!

January Milk Form is attached to today's journal. Please fill out and hand in to the office by **Wednesday, December 18.**

Report Cards: Please return the envelopes to the school so we can reuse them again next term.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We are coming home with a few goodies today! Our January newsletter package along with JK reading sheet is also coming home. Please let me know if you did not receive yours and I will send home another.

Please note the change of schedule for next week due to the Christmas program.

Monday: SK only

Wednesday: No school for JK & SK

Thursday: School Day for JK & SK (All students will go directly to Hope CRC church for Christmas program practice.)

Friday: School Day for JK & SK (Students dismissed at noon.)

Grade 1 – Mrs. Bolt, Mrs. Hamilton

Mrs. Bolt:

Language Arts- Students are continuing to use their strategies while they read. They made a booklet of the Christmas story.

We will be taking a second week to learn these spelling words: make, came, lake, game, shake, ate, tape, and come.

Math- Students have been sorting different shapes and things based on their attributes (size, shape, colour, etc).

Gym- Next week we are hoping to use the rink on Tuesday and Thursday morning from 11-11:45. Please have students bring their skates and hockey helmets on these days. You are more than welcome to join us!

Mrs. Hamilton:

Bible- We've taken a look at the 10 Commandments and some of the Israelites' experiences in the desert. Next week we'll focus in on the Christmas story.

Art- Today we tried a new technique to add texture to our painting. Ask your student what we used rather than paint brushes!

Social Studies- We have enjoyed traveling to Holland, South Korea, Germany and India to learn more about how Christmas and the holiday season are celebrated in these countries.

French- We took a look at some of the words needed to talk about the first Christmas.

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

Mrs. Bakker

We had a busy week this week. In language arts we continued comparing and contrasting Luke 2 with various Christmas stories using a Venn diagram. We also practiced our reading comprehension and worked on our weekly words. No spelling next week.

In Bible we continued studying Joseph. This week we looked at the baker, butler, and Pharaoh's dreams and how Joseph was able to interpret them giving the glory to God. We saw how God used a difficult situation to put Joseph in the right place. We also read about Joseph's reunion with his brothers. Memory work is due next Thursday. (Isaiah 9:6)

In math we worked on word problems using addition and subtraction. It was difficult for some of us to determine when to subtract and when to add. We will continue to practice this next week. Have a great weekend.

Mrs. Himanen:

The students are getting very excited for Christmas...only one week of school to go before the holidays!

The students enjoyed making their "Frosty the Snowman" ornaments and last week we took some time to enjoy watching the movie.

We continued to work on perfecting our skills in printing and cursive writing.

We did not get to learning about the trunks of trees in social studies as we still had more to learn about leaves. We learned that leaves can be alternate or opposite on the branch.

We enjoyed going skating on the rink! Thank you to Mr. Voortman for tending to it so that we can enjoy using it!

Miss deHaan: Math Grade 3- We completed a test on measurement and it will be coming home today. We began a new unit on geometry and began classifying information in venn diagrams.

Mrs. Hamilton: French- We've continued to work with the Christmas story vocabulary this week. Next week we'll continue to enjoy talking about the true Christmas story in French.

Grades 3 & 4 – Miss deHaan

Work folders come home today with a Word Wall review of the last six weeks. A sheet is being sent home with activities to practice and the test will be the first week back in January.

Highlights this week:

Bible: We have been reading our Bibles to read about the coming of the Christ-child.

Math Grade 3: We completed a test on measurement and it will be coming home today. We began a new unit on geometry and began classifying information in venn diagrams.

Grammar: Gr. 4 We learned about adverbs and reviewed contractions.

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Coming Up:

Monday: Please return emptied Friday folder

Wednesday: Library books due

Mrs. Hamilton:

Grade Four Math- We are working through our patterning unit which looks more closely at multiplication. Continue to practice multiplication facts at home. The plan is to wrap up this unit before Christmas break.

French- We've continued to work with the Christmas story vocabulary this week. Next week we'll continue to enjoy talking about the true Christmas story in French.

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

Mrs. Himanen:

Everyone is very excited for Christmas, and we have only one more week to go! This week students in both classes wrote a grammar unit test and the grade fives wrote a math test. Please make yourself aware of your child's mark on those tests. Most of the book reports have been turned in and are looking terrific! Several students presented their book reports already. I was so impressed with the depth and quality of the presentations.

I finished reading *The Bully of Barkham Street* this week. One of the book reports presented was on the sequel to this book so some students are interested in reading it. Martin learned a lot about how to turn his life around and change his bad reputation to a better one. He worked hard to change some bad habits and to be a more patient and understanding person.

We practiced together with the other classes for the Christmas program and everyone is sounding wonderful!

We will enjoy some Christmas fun next week watching some movies of books we have read and having snacks. Each student is welcome to bring in snacks to share or to enjoy for him/herself beginning Tuesday.

Mr. Himanen:

Social Studies- The class will be continuing to study the early attempts of the French at settlement of the New World. We will look at the difficulties that were encountered in their efforts as well as the how the colony grew.

Science- Next week the class will be looking at how different circuits are set up with switches and more than one light.

Bible- The class will be learning about the return of the Israelites to Jerusalem and the rebuilding of the temple and the walls of the city.

Math 6- Next week the class will be learning how to estimate answers in addition and subtraction before the real answer is calculated.

Mrs. Hamilton: French- We've continued to work with the Christmas story vocabulary this week. Next week we'll continue to enjoy talking about the true Christmas story in French.

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

Mrs. Voortman:

Congratulations! Our class has won a free pizza lunch for the most entries in the Oliver Paipoonge fire poster contest. This will take place on Wednesday, December 18th.

Grade 8 Math- We've completed a unit on number sense. Tests were returned today. Check with your student to see how they did. We are beginning a unit on geometry.

Bible- We began our study of *Dangerous Journey* by finishing chapter one. The Slough of Despond page is due on Tuesday.

Writing- We are in the planning stages of writing our fable. We have explored various morals that we could use and have chosen one to write our book around. We also have decided which animals we will use.

We were out on the rink two times this week. We braved the chilly temperatures and had a great time. Please have skates at school Monday and Wednesday next week for gym.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- The students will be using the computer to find how many calories they are consuming in the foods they eat and how many calories they are using up in their different activities as they study the different forms of energy.

History- Next week the class will be learning about several different characters that lived in the colony and how they contributed to the colony.

Math 7- Next week the class will be learning how to add and subtract mixed fractions and how to multiply and divide fractions.

Mrs. Hamilton: French- We've continued to work with the Christmas story vocabulary this week. We also did a review of the verbs *etre* and *avoir* and how we use them to speak about things that happened in the past. We'll use this knowledge next week as we continue to look at the Christmas story.

Next week:

Tuesday: Slough of Despond page due

Wednesday: Library, grade 8 grammar test

Thursday: Spelling lesson 15 due, spelling test

Mrs. Voortman:

We are finishing up our introduction of the Bible unit. Test will be on Thursday.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- Next week the class will be learning about how different compounds are made and how they can sometimes also be separated. We will also look at how the properties of compounds can be altered.

Mrs. Wiebe:

English- This week our high school students continued reading, annotating, analyzing, and reflecting on various poetry selections. They also creatively constructed black-out poems and worked on submissions for the upcoming issue of the Eagle's Eye.

Art- In our ongoing printmaking unit, students continued working on their original Christmas linocuts - designing, carving, and printing in preparation for our Christmas card production next week.

Next week:

Tuesday: Eagle's Eye submissions must be handed in.