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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*

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

The month of December is truly a special time of the year at Thunder Bay Christian School as we highlight the true meaning of Christmas. It is exciting to hear our students and staff celebrate the Christmas story from the gospel of Luke, or singing the wonderful carols and hymns which highlight the beautiful message of our Saviour's birth. May we all stand firm on the promises found in John 3:16:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

Following is a poem shared with the TBCS staff from Edifide Teachers Association:

God's Gift

*Little baby on the hay, soon there'll be another day
When nails shall pierce Your hands and feet
As you provide our sin's defeat.
Risen Jesus on the throne, we lift our praise to you alone
For You're the gift that we receive
The moment that our hearts believe.
(Roy Lessin)*

Looking Ahead:

Monday, Jan. 6	First day back at School
Tuesday, Jan. 7	
Wednesday, Jan. 8	Library
Thursday, Jan. 9	
Friday, Jan. 10	

Warmest Holiday Greetings to all of you from all of us at T.B.C.S. We wish you a blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year! May God's blessings rest upon each and every one of us as we celebrate the gift of His precious Son.

Farewell Wishes to our French and grade one teacher Diana Hamilton & family as they have accepted a call to Sarnia, ON and to Pastor Ancel, Linda and Nathaniel Merwin who have accepted a call to Listowel, ON. We wish you God's richest blessings in your new church family and home. You will be greatly missed!

From Our School Community:

Hockey Sticks: 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 someone else's stick is used. 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.

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.

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:

Monday: 2 for am

Tuesday: 2 for am, 2 for pm (closing at 3:00)

Friday: 2 for am, 2 for pm

Saturday: 2 for am, 2 for pm

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

We are hoping to do some cleaning, painting, and freshening up in the store from the 2-6th. If you're able to help in any way during that time please head over to the store!

Please watch for our emails to be coming to you from a different email address, as we're having issues with the current gmail account. Please be sure to check your junk folder if you don't see anything in the coming week!

Have a blessed and safe Christmas!

Reminder that school begins again on Monday, January 6, 2020.

January calendar is attached to today's journal.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We had a fabulous week wrapping up 2019 and practicing (then performing) for the Christmas program. Thanks so much for all the prayers, support, kind words, and gifts. I greatly appreciate them all. May God richly bless you over this Christmas season and the Lord's richest blessings in 2020!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Bolt, Mrs. Hamilton

Mrs. Bolt:

Thank you for all the kind words, cards, and gifts. It was not necessary, but very thoughtful. May you enjoy time spent with loved ones celebrating the birth of Jesus!

Language Arts: Thank you to those students that have brought back their December reading logs. I hope you have a chance to do some reading together this Christmas break. :)

When students come back in January their spelling words will be; five, time, like, dime, ride, nine, by, my.

Math: Students continued with their geometry unit and made shapes with the pattern blocks.

Mrs. Hamilton:

Social Studies: We wrapped our holidays around the world unit. Today students will bring home a little 'suitcase' where you'll be able to see some information on some of the interesting places we've learned about.

Art: The Grade Ones really enjoyed painting trees in a unique way last week. We were able to decorate our Christmas trees this week and our pictures turned out beautifully! Great work Grade One!

French: We learned some Christmas story words in French and even reviewed them with colours this week!

Bible: This week students took a closer look at the Christmas story and they finished their memory work from Exodus!

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

Mrs. Bakker

This week we enjoyed singing Christmas carols and ringing bells as we worked up some excitement for the Christmas break.

We completed our Bible unit and Jacob and Joseph. We looked at how God's promises we passed down from generation and talked about how they also apply to us.

In language arts we continued looking at the Christmas story. In our writing we practiced using transition words to make our writing better, and we continued practicing making proper sentences.

We worked hard in Grade 2 math this week, practicing word problems. We started adding and subtracting using tens!

Have a blessed Christmas celebrating the gift of Christ with your families.

Mrs. Himanen:

It was so wonderful to see everyone at the Christmas program performing their lines, songs, and readings! You all did an amazing job praising the Lord with your efforts!

Thank you so much for the gifts, cards, and good wishes sent my way for my birthday and for Christmas. I appreciate your love and generosity. Have a joy-filled Christmas!

Mrs. Hamilton: French- Grades 2-6: Students continued to work with vocabulary from the Christmas story this week. It was an enjoyable way to bring the festive spirit into our French classroom.

Grades 3 & 4 – Miss deHaan

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone. I have so appreciated your support in the form of prayer, kind words, cards and gifts. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and many of God's blessings in the coming year!

Mrs. Hamilton:

Grade Four Math- Students wrapped up their patterning unit this week. Overall, they did a fantastic job working with numbers in patterns and T-tables!

French- Grades 2-6: Students continued to work with vocabulary from the Christmas story this week. It was an enjoyable way to bring the festive spirit into our French classroom.

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

Mrs. Himanen:

It was so wonderful to see everyone at the Christmas program performing their lines, songs, and readings! You all did an amazing job praising the Lord with your efforts!

Thank you so much for the gifts, cards, and good wishes sent my way for my birthday and for Christmas. I appreciate your love and generosity. Have a joy-filled Christmas!

Mr. Himanen:

I hope you have a great Christmas break and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Hamilton: French- Students continued to work with vocabulary from the Christmas story this week. It was an enjoyable way to bring the festive spirit into our French classroom.

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

Mrs. Voortman: Have a wonderful break celebrating the birth of our Saviour. I truly appreciate all the cards, gifts, encouragement, and prayers throughout the past year.

Mr. Himanen:

I hope you have a great Christmas break and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Hamilton: French- Grades 7-8: Students reviewed *etre* and *avoir* and also spent some time going over the *passé composé* this week. We learned about a few verbs that require *etre* to be used when speaking in the past rather than using *avoir*. We also continued to work with vocabulary from the Christmas story.

Mrs. Voortman: Have a wonderful break celebrating the birth of our Saviour. I truly appreciate all the cards, gifts, encouragement, and prayers throughout the past year.

Mr. Himanen:

Thank you all for the great job you did on the Christmas program this week. I hope you have a great Christmas break and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Wiebe:

English- This week we studied Walt Whitman's poem "O Me, O Life" and its timeless message of living one's life with purpose, and also discussed its meaning within the context of an advertisement. We hope everyone enjoys this month's issue of the Eagle's Eye!

Art- Students worked hard on their printmaking card production and the cards look fabulous! It has been neat seeing designs transform into prints and then into finished products! May everyone have a blessed Christmas with family and friends. Keep reading and sketching over the holidays and we'll see you in the New Year.

The staff at the Thunder Bay Christian School would like to
wish all students, parents, and friends
a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year

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"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on His shoulders.
And He will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
-Isaiah 9:6