



***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*



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From the PrincipAl's Office:

Our second term is almost complete at TBCS. We have had an exciting term as we celebrated Christmas and welcomed in the new year 2020. We continue to engage with our Biblical Throughline themes, which highlight the growth and development of life long attributes which we can use to be ambassadors for Christ.

It seems this year has been filled with a great deal of changes and challenges. But through and in all these opportunities we have been reminded to Be Still and Know That I Am God. Indeed, there may be times when we are anxious about when and how God's plans will work out for TBCS, but from generation to generation He has blessed our school community with staff, families and supporters who love to see students flourish through Christian education at all levels.

Finally, may we all enjoy this upcoming March Break. Wherever your journey takes you, whether near or far, be safe and take time to Count the Many Blessings God has given us all.

**Looking Ahead:**

<b>Monday, March 9</b>	Grade 6 First Aid Course Board Meeting	8:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, March 11</b>	Library	
<b>Thursday, March 12</b>	Twice as Nice Meeting	
<b>Friday, March 13</b>	Grade 5- 10 Skiing	1:30 p.m. to end of day
<b>March 16-20</b>	March Break	
<b>Monday, March 30</b>	Spring Membership Meeting	8:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, March 31</b>	Estate Planning Seminar	1:00p.m. 7:30 p.m.

## From Our School Community:

**Skate-a-thon 2020** is scheduled for March 25 at the NorWest Arena. Time is ticking, so please work on filling up those pledge sheets. Don't forget there will be prizes for the top efforts, individually and as a class. Remember, everything goes directly to help the TBCS general budget, so let's work hard together and encourage one another.

### THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 10, 2020 at 8:00pm Mini-Minutes

1. Opening devotions based on 2 Timothy 3:14-15 and prayer by Rob M.
2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous board meeting (January 13, 2020). Carried.
3. Correspondence
4. Principal's Report
  - Much planning is happening for the 2020/2021 school year
  - Spring Membership Meeting changed to Monday, March 30, 2020, at 8:00 p.m., d.v.
5. Committee Reports
6. Next meeting: Monday, March 9, 2020, at 8:00 p.m., d.v.
7. Motion to adjourn. Carried.
8. Closing prayer – Kristina Schelhaas

## From the Classrooms:

### JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We had a good week jam-packed with lots of learning! There have been many soggy socks and pants with our milder weather, so we are going through our plastic bag stash very quickly. If you have any extra bags kicking around the house that you do not need, please send them in to our classroom. Thanks!

### Grade 1 – Mrs. Bolt, Mrs. Bakker

**Mrs. Bolt:** Language Arts: We are reading books about snow. In our writing we are doing some opinion writing and remembering a topic sentence and reasons.

This week's spelling words will be: day, may, stay, play, away, boat, coat, toad.

Math: We have started looking at how many tens and ones blocks a number has.

Gym: We're going to be in the gym this week.

**Mrs. Bakker:** This week in science we learned about, and classified, matter and materials. Students had lots of fun with this. In Bible we continued our study of the Judges, learning about Gideon.

**New memory work:** Psalm 18: 2-3 "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies."

**Mrs. Wiebe:** Music- The students are sounding great with their voices, as they learn to add some dynamics to the songs we sing. They are practising their rhythm recognition too.

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

**Mrs. Bakker:** In Grade 2 math we are looking at different patterns using addition and subtraction. Students did really well at this.

For our language studies we are finishing our nonfiction unit by completing two guided research projects; fact finding about polar bears and are currently working on finding facts about the different provinces in Canada. The class really enjoyed this type of work.  
Keep encouraging your child to read at home :)

In our Bible studies we are looking at the 10 Commandments. We will continue to study these throughout the week. Memory work went home last week. Let me know if you need another copy.

**Mrs. Himanen:** We had a wonderful time bowling at Mario's Bowl for our elective last Monday! It was fun to see our white t-shirts glow in the dark during cosmic bowling time. Several students have yet to bring in their \$5.00 to cover a portion of our electives. Please send it in as soon as possible. Thank you!  
We began learning about magnetism and first learned about force. Students became scientists and investigated force and learned that force is a push or a pull. Magnetism is a form of force which is invisible. We began a new art project using geometric shapes and folding. Learning to fold carefully is a skill in itself! The grade three "We Can Help" first aid program will be scheduled at a later date.

**Mrs. Voortman:** Math Grade 3: We completed our test which will be coming home today! Take a look to see how your child did!

**Mme Bun:** This week in French we were working on writing numbers and some food and clothing vocabulary.

### Grades 3 & 4 – Miss deHaan

**Miss deHaan:** Work folders come home today with new Word Wall Word.

REMINDER: A few students still need to get their book approval for March! Please have the book in by Tuesday!!

\*Our First Aid class through the St. John's Ambulance "We Can Help" program will be rescheduled. Stay tuned for the new date!

\*Our class will be curling for our winter electives at Kakabeka Curling Club on Monday, March 23rd and Monday, March 30th. The bus will leave at 1:15 and we will arrive shortly thereafter. All students must wear helmets. If you wish to come by, please feel free! An email reminder will be sent home as well.

Highlights this week:

• Bible: After spending a year at Mt. Sinai, the Israelites began to move with the Ark of the Covenant traveling ahead as a sign of God’s leadership.

•Math Grade 3: We completed our test which will be coming home today! Take a look to see how your child did!

•Literature: We did our final activities for Stone Fox and started to watch the movie. Already we have started to compare similarities and differences.

•Social Studies: We continued with our STEM centres learning about the solar system. We are half way through our series of 8 activities.

Coming Up:

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
*Please return emptied Friday folder.	*Library books due *Tic Tac Toe homework due	*Spelling Tests *Gr. 4 Math homework due

**Mrs. Voortman:** Grade 4 Math- We completed a test on division last Wednesday. Look for the result this week. Well done, grade 4! We are beginning a unit on data management and will continue to work on memorizing our multiplication facts up to six.

**Mrs. Wiebe:** Music- It was lovely to hear each student play their recorder so I could assess their progress so far. We have so many budding musicians in this group!

**Mme Bunn:** This week in French we were working on food and clothing vocabulary and practicing our spelling with magnet letters.

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

**Mrs. Himanen:** We enjoyed a visit from “Musicians in the Classroom” last week and had a wonderful time learning more about the woodwind instruments! The students were surprised to learn that these musicians practice each day for 2-6 hours!

Last week was a short and busy week! The students did not have as much time as I anticipated to work on their projects. Topics have been chosen and some students chose to work in pairs and some chose to work alone to complete their project. Students will get time next week to research and work. We may have to continue working on them after the March Break.

**This Week:**

Memory Work: Psalm 37:4-6

Monday: First Aid - grade 6

Tuesday: Math test - grade 5

Wednesday: Grammar unit test

**Mrs. Wiebe:** Music- We were so privileged to have a woodwind quintet from the TBSO come to treat us with our very own personal concert in the music room! It was an experience that was enjoyed by all. This week, each student was able to play the ukulele so I could hear their progress. Great job to all the students!

**Mme Bunn:** This week in French we have been working hard with our two main verbs "avoir" and "etre". Keep up the good work!

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

**Mrs. Voortman:** We had an unexpected short week last week but were able to get our fable books put together and many have begun illustrating. Today the grade seven class was able to participate in a first aid course with the grade six class while the grade eights moved ahead in math, grammar, and spelling.

The Hatchet continues to be exciting, yet disappointing, as a plane flew overhead but didn't notice Brian. He has found a new source of food and is trying to keep positive.

Next week:

Wednesday: library

Thursday: spelling lesson 25 due, spelling test, grade seven grammar test

Friday: skiing

**Mrs. Wiebe:** Gr.7/8 Band- We were so privileged to have a woodwind quintet from the TBSO come to treat us with our very own personal concert in the music room! It was an experience that was enjoyed by all. This week we finished up instrument playing assessments. The effort and progress are very evident; students should be proud!

**Mme Bunn:** This week in French the students each wrote a short children's style book using the "passe compose", which is the past tense that we have been studying. They are now working hard to draw the pictures and make the final copies.

**Grade 9/10 – Mrs. Voortman, Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Wiebe**

**Mrs. Voortman:** HS Bible: We had a wonderful time catching up and I loved hearing about all the experiences the students had in Belize while working on building a school there. We are continuing our study on the Pentateuch.

**Mrs. Wiebe:** This week students will be finishing up their writing for the upcoming edition of the Eagle's Eye, and we will jump into a new and exciting unit study of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet."