



God's 20/20 Vision: Open Our Eyes to See

"The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes"
Psalm 19:8



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From the Principals Office:

"Teaching for Transformation (TfT) and the Biblical Story"

At our first assembly this week I had the opportunity to introduce to our school community how we all are playing a part in God's story. Throughout this year I will be sharing some tidbits, not *timbits*, of information on how TfT is the foundation of our learning and curriculum development at TBCS.

Our God is God over all things. God is God of heaven and earth, the creatures of the sky and the deeps—of solar systems and scorpions, of rainforests and radiation. He is God of spelling lists and quadratic equations, of novel studies and basketball drills. Yes!! God doesn't lay claim to only parts of His world. He is Lord of everything, or He is Lord of nothing.

You will hear us talking about "Biblical Throughlines". These Biblical characteristics help us all, students, teachers and parents to understand what our roles are, and what our calling is. They weave through the Bible and describe a calling to "be", not simply to "do". God calls us to be **Community Builders, God Worshipers, Justice Seekers, Earth Keepers, Beauty Creators, Order Discoverers, Creation Enjoyers, Idolatry Discerners, Servant Workers and Image Reflectors**. These Biblical Throughlines describe, exactly and profoundly, what we should "be" as a result of Christian schooling.

May God continue to grant us the wisdom and love as we pursue to Glorify Him in ALL things.

Looking Ahead:

Sept 16-20	Mr. Bron in Town	
Sept. 17	Board Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Sept 23	Twice As Nice Meeting	8:00 pm
Sept. 27	Fun Day	
Oct. 11	Picture Day	
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving	

From Our School Community:

Immunization Forms for Grade 7 students were sent home today with your child. Please read through the information attached to the forms, fill out and return to the school office by **Monday, September 16**. All forms need to be handed back in. A health unit representative will be picking them up.

Chocolate Bar Sales will begin soon. This is the biggest fundraiser for student fund resources which goes directly back to each student for various activities. Two-thirds of the boxes will contain nut products. These will be safely stored unopened in the principal's office.

Advanced Notice: Picture Day will be held on Friday, October 11.

Bus Etiquette: Please call your bus driver in the morning if your child will **not** be on the bus. You can also call the family who is picked up before yours, so those children can inform the bus driver not to wait at your stop. Bus driver phone numbers are as follows: City (Tiger)-Marlene Schelhaas-cell-629-6113/home-473-9371, Slate River (Cow)-Jenny Groenheide- cell 620-6489/home 475-3138, and Kakabeka/Murillo (Giraffe)-Jeannette Meijaard-cell 629-0322/home 475-8325. Please call the office during the day if your child will not be on the bus after school and a message will be left for the driver. Thanks.

Scholastic Reminder: Flyers were sent home earlier this week. If you wish to place an order, please return to the school no later than Wednesday, Sept. 11. (Please remember to note the prices in the ONT column as they are occasionally higher.) I have also now enabled online ordering if you prefer to order this way. Our city is Rosslyn and Miss de Haan is the teacher. Book orders are still accepted the old-fashioned way as well. Thank you.

Indoor shoes are required for class and gym. Please ensure all indoor shoes are **NONMARKING**.

Three Cheers for Playground Volunteers! You provide a valuable service to the students of T.B.C.S. You help keep them safe on the playground, give teachers extra time to help students catch up on work, and allow staff time to set up for special activities. Your assistance is invaluable. Thank you for your willingness and time. **Please call the volunteer coordinator, Tiffany Cramer, at 622-6987 if you are able to help out.**

Jump Math is the curriculum used in Grades 1 through 8 this year. While a workbook accompanies the lessons, its main purpose is for assessment and practice to achieve mastery of the concepts taught. If mastery is accomplished, some pages may not be completed in their entirety. We thank you for your support.

All Committees: Committees are required to send a copy of minutes/reports from meetings to the office **Thursdays** before Board meeting dates.

Fall Membership Meeting takes place in November. Committee reports from all committees (eg. Transportation, Maintenance etc.) are due in to the school office the **Thursday morning** before the October Board meeting.

Nominations to T.B.C.S. School Board: Three full term vacancies are anticipated this coming year. Jolene Makkinga, Devin Breukelman, and Arend Janssens will have completed their terms. One extra vacancy is anticipated as Deanine Baker has accepted a teaching position. This will be a two year term to fill. The Board, acting as a nominating committee, would like names presented from the membership for consideration. Please submit names in written format to a Board member before September 17, 2019. Please confirm with nominee their acceptance of being nominated. The Board will be presenting a slate of candidates prior to the Annual Fall Membership meeting at which election of Board members will take place.

September Calendar is attached to today's journal.

2019/2020 School Calendar is attached to today's journal.

Piano Lesson Registration: Please see the form at the end of the Journal if you are interested or contact the office for more information. The cost is \$14.00 for a 20 minute lesson and \$20.00 for a 30 minute lesson.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We are off to a great start! We are knee deep into the days of creation, practicing for our assembly and working on mastering our many classroom routines and procedures. Hopefully, you received my September newsletter, calendar and the other pertinent information packet that I sent home on Wednesday. If not, please let me know and I will send home another.

There was a slight confusion on our first day of school regarding paint shirts and who had already dropped them into the buckets. I'm very sorry for this mix-up. Thanks for so diligently sending in all our supplies. We are ready to work!

An Owl Kids magazine form went home today. There is absolutely no pressure to subscribe and if you just check "No, thank you", sign and return to school, I can send away for some free supplies for the class. Thanks so much!

Grade 1 –Mrs. Bolt

We are getting into a great routine here in grade one!! We've had some fun this week writing words and even started our own little book.

Thank you for sending back the sheets about your child's name and student interest survey. I'm looking forward to a great year getting to know all of these wonderful students!

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

Mrs. Bakker:

It was so great to get to know the grade 2/3's this short week. Today I sent home spelling lists for the month and their memory work. Try and practice at home to improve fluency. Also sent home was their book report

sheet for the month of September. It is two sided, they only need to complete one side as there is an option for either 10 short books or one novel. Have them fill in the sheet themselves if possible.

This week in Language Arts we reviewed some strategies that good readers use to help their understanding of the text. We made pictures in our mind and made our own conclusions as to how the story ends. We also did some writing. I enjoyed reading about their summer vacations!

In Bible we are learning about creation. We had lots of fun outside with the Grade 3/4 class finding some of the things God created in a creation scavenger hunt, and today we are making a class mural with groups illustrating one of each of the days of creation.

In Grade Two math we are reviewing number sense. Throughout the day if you remember, please ask your children addition and subtraction facts to increase confidence and fluency.

Mrs. Himanen:

Welcome to grades two and three in the afternoon! It's been a FABULOUS few days in our classroom, and the classes have enjoyed reuniting with their friends back at school again! Mrs. Bakker and I are enjoying our association with one another, and the students and routines are developing well. As the year progresses, we will continue to collaborate in making each day super for our 2/3 students!

We were excited to come to school and see the new playground equipment and a new student in our class, too! We welcome Kaia Wiebe to our class and hope she enjoys making many new friends this year!

During our time together, this week, we enjoyed several introductory activities, started working on some areas of the curriculum, and had fun playing games in the gym and working on an art project. We will be learning about trees in Social Studies, and if students have any books or items they would like to bring in to add to our Social Studies corner, it would be most welcomed!

I will be teaching the students P.E. on Tuesdays and Thursdays so please be sure your son/daughter wears clothes/socks on those days which allow for easy and comfortable movement.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 2/3 Music: Students were introduced to class routines and back to school songs.

Grades 3 & 4 – Miss deHaan

Welcome back to a new school year! We have had a busy week getting to know each other and learning new routines.

Weekly folders went home on Wednesday with some paperwork, including:

- A **parent information** brochure
- **A form for Chickadee magazines...** Please return these forms even if the answer is "no". We still receive free items regardless of the answer. Thank you to all who returned the forms so promptly already!

- **Book Report Choice Menu and Information** – Please have your child get their book approved early next week so that the process may begin! Throughout the year, eight book reports are due before the end of May. That leaves one month free – I recommended to the class that December might be a good month to keep free due to the Christmas holidays. However, if you wish to have a different month free, just let me know ahead of time, please.

Today's folder is coming home with new Word Wall Words/Homework and Memory Work. Please help your child complete the homework and return by Wednesday. Don't forget to find words with the chunk for the week. If you are interested, each student has a login for spellingcity.com that may be useful in practicing for the test on Thursday. This will also be sent home in the folder today.

Coming Up:

Monday: Please return emptied Friday folder.
Tuesday: Try to have your book report book approved by this date.
Wednesday: Please return Spelling homework.
Thursday: Spelling tests

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 4 Math: Students worked on lessons involving skip-counting and place value this week.

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

Mrs. Himanen:

Welcome to grades five and six! It has been a FABULOUS few days in our classroom, and the classes have enjoyed reuniting with their friends back at school again! The grade fives moved over to a new section of the school and are having fun with their grades six friends again. They are also getting used to using locks and lockers, writing homework assignments in agendas, and changing for gym class. We welcome to our grade six classroom, back at T.B.C.S., Max Wiebe, and hope he enjoys reconnecting with old friends!

I look forward to the grade sixes helping the grade fives with the routines of our classroom. Things will be a bit different as the class will have several different teachers. Mr. Himanen will be teaching during the last block of the day as well as grade six math in the second block. Mrs. Hawkins will be teaching music, Mme. Hamilton will be teaching French beginning in November, and I am teaching for the first 2/3 of the day and then moving over to teach grades 2/3 in the last block of the day.

In our class, these past days, we enjoyed several introductory activities and plunged into the curriculum, as well. We shared about our holidays, began learning about "gaps" and patterns in math, began a Literature unit on peace and how to maintain peace in relationships, and started the first unit in Spelling.

Thank you for so promptly sending in school supplies. Please continue to send anything in that has not yet been acquired.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Psalm 19:8 (generally we do Memory Work every 2 weeks- students have a copy in their folder)

Thursday: Spelling Unit 1 due

Friday: Spelling test - Unit 1 (students have a list in their folders to practise from)

Penmanship due

Mr. Himanen:

Social Studies- Next week the students will be learning about the government of Canada. We will be looking at the purpose of our government and the role of the different sections of our government.

Bible- The students will be learning about some of the last kings of Judah and how they were either faithful or unfaithful to God in leading the people of Judah. We will look at how God either blessed or punished them for their actions.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 5/6 Music- Students started their year by learning about notation and tempo. They also impressed me with a brilliant game of Concentration.

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

Welcome back everyone! We especially want to welcome back Noah. We are so very happy to have you back with us! We've had a wonderful few days getting to know each other and the classroom routines and even managed to start a number of areas in our curriculum already.

Grade 8 Math- We are trying something new this year and will be starting an online math course. Until the chrome books are in and we are all set up we will be working on the most important grade eight topics. This week we started a refresher on order of operations (BEDMAS). I was impressed with how much they remembered over the summer.

Language Arts- Language Arts includes literature, spelling, grammar and writing. In literature we have begun a short story unit on decisions. We realized we make multiple decisions every single day and we will be studying various small stories that display an individual or group making a decision. Our weekly spelling lesson will be due on Thursday and our spelling test will also be on Thursday. We voted to have our test on Thursday, rather than Friday, as many student absences occur on a Friday and this will avoid multiple make up tests. In writing we will be learning how to write a biography about a classmate. We looked at a biography about Martin Luther King Jr. and found the three requirements. Students are asked to bring in a photo (or printed paper copy of a photo) by Tuesday of themselves to aid in this project. Wednesday is our library day and from that day forward students are required to have a novel at school to read during silent reading time or if they have any spare time during the day due to finishing work early.

Bible- We started this year by looking our school theme "God' 20/20 Vision: Open Our Eyes to See". The month of September we will be striving to become "community builders" in our classroom, grow groups, homes and communities. We had a fantastic discussion on what that may look like and how we will try to live that out. Our first unit of the year is "God's Big Picture in Colour". Ask your student about our experiment exploring the school and grounds with limited vision.

Physical Education- Students are required to have a TBCS gym shirt (can be purchased in the school office) and shorts of appropriate length in their gym bag. A water bottle would also be handy as they will be working hard. Our first unit will be football, while the weather is cooperating.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- The students will be learning about Solutions and Mixtures next week. They will be completing several activities to show how solutions and mixtures are created and to see the differences between them. The title page is also due on Tuesday.

History- The students will be starting their study of Canadian History next week. We will begin by looking at how the colony became under the control of the British. The title page will also be due on Wednesday.

Grade 7 Math- The students will be continuing their unit on Number Connections. We are reviewing some of the basic skills that were covered in the previous year.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 7 Music- Students reviewed note reading and were introduced to some of the instruments this week.

Grade 9/10 – Mrs. Voortman, Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Hawkins

Mr. Bron:

It was a great couple days to get acquainted and make adjustments to our schedules for the year. Thanks so much for your patience, students and parents, as week prepare for an exciting year ahead. We continue to make arrangements with Nimbus Christian Education, our online provider for the Math classes. We are also looking into the following:

- Co-Curricular and Service Projects
- Mission Trip in the Spring 2020

Mrs. Voortman:

Bible- It was so good to reunite and get back to school. We have started this year with a youth small group study on A Case for Faith by Lee Strobel. Looking forward to the great discussions we will have in these upcoming weeks.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- The students are working on their first unit on Ecosystems. Next week the students will be looking at the different ecosystems in the world and how all the different organisms in ecosystems interact with each other.

Mrs. Hawkins:

English- Students discussed prejudice and learned about life in the 1930's. Students also read the first chapter of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

AVI10- Students started their year by creating special theme posters.



Piano Registration is open for the 2019-2020 school year for grades SK and up. The cost is \$14.00 for a 20 minute lesson and \$20.00 for a 30 minute lesson. If anyone is still interested in signing up their child/children please fill out the form below and return to the office by Tuesday September 10th. Thank you.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

School Grade in September 2019: _____ Parents: _____