



DCS Newsletter



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From the Principal, Mr. Huisman



*“For to us
a Child is
born, to us
a Son is
given...*

*And He will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.”*

Isaiah 9:6

As we begin a new week, the last week of school before the Christmas Break, let us keep in our minds and hearts the blessings that we have received. It is indeed a joyful time of year, a time set aside to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

This coming Wednesday, the students of DCS hope to do just that in the presentation of the Christmas Concert. The concert is planned for the Carman West Church building starting at 7:30.

SALT has also organized a skating afternoon for K-12 at the Carman Arena. This is booked for 1:15 – 3:15 pm on Friday, December 18th.

Parents are invited to join us. In order to avoid mass confusion, all students will be bussed back to the school unless you have notified for child’s teacher that you will be taking them home from the arena. Please notify your teacher prior to the event. Thank you.



Have a blessed weekend!

Elementary Student Council

Our first Soup Day was a great success! Thanks to all who drove in the frigid temperature to bring soup – it was the perfect lunch for such a ccccold day!!

A total of \$58.81 was raised. Thank-you.

Red/Green Day turn-out was excellent as well!

Some grades focused on special red/green things? Grade 1 played Red light/Green light; Grade 6 enjoyed a Math game using red and green dice. There were many cool ideas all through K-6. Way to go!

Council members, our next meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 14th at 12:20 p.m in the library. See you there!

“In The Hand of the Potter”



K-12 School Theme & Christmas Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 16th, 2009
Carman West Canadian
Reformed Church

7:30 pm

He who has made us continues to mold us. Come to listen, participate, and give thanks to God along with the students

We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Cheer Board

Thanks to all who donated non-perishable items these past weeks! If you would still like to contribute the opportunity is still available **until the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 15th.** Thank-you for sharing!

Home Ec. / IA Classes

Monday, Dec. 14, Gr. 10
Tuesday, Dec. 15, Gr. 8
Wed., Dec. 16, Gr. 11
Thursday, Dec. 17, Gr. 9
Friday, Dec. 18, Gr. 12

Hot Dog Day

Grades 7-12

Thursday, Dec. 17th

Cost: \$1.50 each

Proceeds to Stingers' Athletics

Kindergarten

Miss Stad

This week will be a **two day week** for Kindergarten students (**Monday** and **Wednesday**).

I am still missing report cards for the following students: Gerrin, Joel, Nadia, Quinn and Xander. Please return these as soon as possible. Thank-you.

On Monday we will be drawing and labeling a mom. We will also be reading Jan Brett's book "*Gingerbread Baby*". We will be doing some activities related to that book.

Our gingerbread houses will be dry and ready to go home. Please send to school an icecream pail or a shoebox in which the students can take the houses home.

On Wednesday we will be having library in the morning. In the afternoon we will be practicing for the Christmas Concert at the church. If we have extra time we will be learning about Snowman Soup. **Regarding the Christmas Concert, please have your children there by 7:15 p.m.**

This will be our last day before the Christmas break. I wish

everyone a safe and blessed holiday, and hope to see you back at school in January.

Bible stories will be:

- Jesus is Born
- The Wise Men See the Star

At this time I would like to say thank-you to the many people who have helped us out this term. Thank you to Natasha Wanders who has faithfully come to our room every morning. We will miss her in the next term. Also, thank you to the grade six girls (Erienne, Kimberly, Dominique, & Natasha) who help us out every lunch hour. It makes lunch time much less hectic to have you there! Finally thank you to all the moms and others who have helped us in our classroom doing crafts and other special activities. The students and I really enjoy having you in our class. Thank you Mrs. Vandersluis, Mrs. Gear, Mrs. Versteeg, Mrs. Vanderveen, Mrs. deRuiter, Mrs. Vandenbos, Mrs. Gunnink, Mrs. Linde and Mrs. Rook for being our classroom volunteers. We are truly blessed to have you work with us.

Grade 1

Mr. VanderHooft

Memory Work

For **this week, no memory work.** Instead we will be reviewing our concert material.

Bible

We will take a short break from our current study and instead focus on the Christmas account according to the Gospels.

Language Arts

WWW: working our way through the long vowel "magic e" rule.

That is: "when the e is at the end, the vowel in the middle says it's own name." ie: <rip> becomes <ripe>.

Sight Word review: a; the; it, is; I, can, see; go, to, we; at, look; am, are, in; for, they; on; you, all, of; and, like; he, said, no, she; this, big, that, not; his, her, will, come; me, him; up, down; was, with, my; do, play, yes; some, have, one, two; what, out, there, your;

Sight Word new: be, but

Show & Tell

Well, we've had two weeks of show and tell in a row where all but one person remembered to bring something ☺. Perhaps we're all (teacher too) getting distracted at this time of year! So we'll start fresh at the beginning of January.

Library & Mission Money

Thursdays. Student Council advises that a minimum \$0.25 per student each week is necessary in order to support our sponsor child. Thanks for your support!

Boyne Lodge

The Grades 1-3 choir has been invited to sing at Boyne Lodge. We will be walking to and from Boyne Lodge on TUESDAY to share part of our Christmas concert with them. Please ensure your child has appropriate winter clothing!

Concert Details

-We will be bussed to Carman West church on Wednesday afternoon for a concert rehearsal.

-Please have your child at the church Wednesday evening by 7:15pm. Concert begins at 7:30.

Class Party

Over our lunch hour on Friday we hope to have a class party. I am asking that ½ of the class

bring treats to share. The remaining ½ will be asked to bring something in June for a year-end party. So, for Friday, Jessica, Joshua (munchies); Nathan, Kelvin, Brooklyn (1 litre juice); Rosalie (candy); Gianna, David, Lianne (baking)

Skating at Carman Arena

We will be going skating on Friday afternoon after our class party. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Grade 2

Mrs. Linde

Memory work: Concert songs
Review of Psalms, hymns and texts learned since September.

Bible:

M Gabriel Visits Mary;
Matthew 1:18-24; Luke
1:26-56
Tu The Birth of Jesus; Luke
2:1-20
W Simeon and Anna; Luke
2:21-40
Th The Wise Men; Matthew
2:1-12
F Escape to Egypt;
Matthew 2:13-18

WWW: Review all word wall words.

Math: We'll continue to work with "Patterns" and (hopefully) finish the unit before the holidays.

Science: Liquids, Solids and Gases. We'll experiment with liquids this week.

Library: Thursday

Phys. Ed.: **Tuesday & Thursday**

No show and tell this week.

Skating: Friday afternoon

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas holiday and God's blessings in the New Year.

Grade 3

Mrs. Veenendaal

We have a few fun things happening this week! Please take note:

Tu Boyne Lodge Singing
(We are walking, so dress warmly!)
W Practice at the Church
(pm)
Concert! (Please be there at 7:15)
F Party! ☺
Skating! (pm)

Memory Work: Practice Choir Songs!

Bible: Unit 3: Jacob & Joseph

M Review
T Unit 3 Test
W-F The Christmas Story

ELA:

We have nearly completed our novel study! We are making many connections and making even more predictions. This class has seemed to catch on quite well. We will finish it next week.

Word Wall Words:

Please review the words once or twice over the holidays, especially those difficult ones!

Science:

We will continue to look at building frames and experiment with arches, beams and posts.

Math:

We will continue to look at numbers to 1000! We have been counting by 25s. Ask your child which four numbers repeat. Please continue practicing multiplying by 2, 10 and 5. We need to get them memorized!

Special Me/Show & Tell (Thursday): Mary
Library Day: **Thursday**
Phys. Ed: Tuesday & Thursday

Grade 4

Miss Doek

Memory work:

We will practice all the songs for the Concert on Wednesday! Please be at the church at **7:15!!**

A new text we will start practicing is : 1 Peter 4: 10-11

Bible:

M: Solomon establishes his reign
Tu: Solomon Riches
We: Solomon Last years
Th: Review
Fr: Test

A review sheet will be brought home during this week.

Working with words:

Spelling test on Friday December 18: except, knew, new, know, no, myself, then, usually, what, electricity, happiness, prettier.

Guided Reading:

We are coming close to the end of Charlotte's Web. We will probably need one or two weeks after the Christmas Break to finish this.

Math:

We finished the unit patterns. Please take a look at the math sheets that the students brought home. Next week we will start with dividing. I will focus on dividing by 1-5, because we have practiced these timetables a lot. After the Christmas Break we hope to start with multiplying and dividing by 6!

Science:

We didn't start with the unit Light yet, but next week we will

get to that. I haven't gotten in any flashlights yet. Please if you have one with D-batteries, we would like to use them for some experiments.

Penmanship:

We haven't spent a lot of time practicing handwriting in our books, due to practicing the concert songs. We will take it up after the Christmas Break again.

I wish you all a good Christmas Break and God's blessing for 2010!

Grade 5

Mrs. C. Vandermeulen

Memory work: Psalm 122:1

Devotions:

M Josh H.
Tu Josh K.
W Cindy
Th Miriam
F Vince

Bible: We had a test on Unit 3: The Prophetic Writings today. Next week we will be starting Unit 4: Gospel Writings (Jesus' Birth and Early Ministry).

ELA: We have started a new unit with the theme "Families". We have read a story called "Cousin Kate from Budapest". Next week we will be reading more stories and poems that fit the theme, as well as doing some writing.

Math: We have just finished our graphing unit. There will be a test on Monday, Dec. 14th.

Spelling Unit 14: *From Head to Toe* (Test on Friday).

throat, knee, cough, chose, brought, toe, hands, shoulder, limb, bones, ache, eyes, doubt, curl, neck, blood, through

Classwords:
Acadia, division
Jacques Cartier

Vocab: Test on Tuesday on Unit 10 words (Health and Medicine).

Science: The Human Body cont'd.

Socials: We have looked at Jacques Cartier. Now we are studying the French in Early Canada and New France.

Note: The Christmas Concert is on Wednesday, Dec. 16th. Please make sure your children are at Carman West by 7:15. (The concert starts at 7:30).

Grade 6

Mr. Gunnink

Memory Work: From the *Book of Praise*, Hymn 62:1 and from the Bible, Matthew 1:22,23.

Bible: We'll review Genesis 23-30 and test student knowledge on Wednesday before it evaporates during the holidays☺. We'll also likely take Thursday and Friday to study the Christmas story.

Math: Converting percents to decimals and decimals to percents.

ELA: Island of the Blue Dolphins: Students are busy with a concluding piece of writing. They are newspaper reporters who submit a story which describes the rescue of our main character.

Socials: Putting Canada Together - Manitoba becomes a province in the midst of conflict: continued. Students are developing an understanding of Metis opposition to Canada's intentions for Rupert's Land.

Phys. Ed 6: Basketball, continued. Student understanding of the game is increasing game by game. The scores also get higher and higher as the skill level increases.

Lunch Devotions: The following students are responsible for lunch devotions: Natasha, Isaac, Aaron, Myron, and Ben.

Notices:

1. As noted elsewhere, please have your singer at the concert by 7:15 on Wed. evening.
2. On Friday we'll provide a Christmas lunch for the Grade 6's! We would appreciate \$2, or any other amount, to cover the costs. Extra proceeds will go to support Dickie Hun.

Miss Jager

There is only one more week of school left. Can you believe that? I have plans to go to Burlington, Ontario for Christmas, to visit my family and friends. I'm very excited to go home and visit, but do not worry, I will be back to teach on Jan.5.

The students and I have been working hard on the decorations and murals for the Christmas Concert and they are well on their way to success. We will be setting up the church on Wednesday and will be leaving the school at 10:30 and returning around 12:30. If you are able to drive, or even just pick some of the students up and return later to drop them off, that would be great. We will need some drivers to make this happen. So please write a note in your student's agenda if you can or cannot and let me know how many students you can take. Thanks, in advance.

This week the students had a Bible and Science Test. The Bible Test was done well and I'm almost finished with the Science Tests. The students have stayed very focused this past week and hopefully we can have one last great week together as the Grade Seven class of 2009.

Next week students will be making videos of their plays from the Novel, 'the Other Side of the Truth', and will be watching them on Friday. We also have a Novel Study Test and a Vocab and Spelling Test next week. Please do not forget to study!

Have a great week☺.

Mrs. DeWit

ELA 40S

Assignment relating The Bird in the House as realist literature is due on Fri. Dec. 11. We hope to finish the novel on Tuesday. At that time, there will be 2 more assignments which will also serve as evaluation pieces for the unit. That is the end of term work except for a resume and letter of application to be done in January and the final preparation of the portfolio.

Exam dates: Jan. 5-8

ELA 20F

Tuesday, Dec. 15 we will begin on the novel Grain by Robert Stead. Copies may be purchased from the secretary.

Wed. Dec. 16 peer edit class for the research essay which is due on Friday, Dec. 18

Reformed Studies 11G

Constantine assignment is due on Monday, Dec. 14

Augustine assignment is due on Tuesday, Dec. 15

Test for unit 2 Wednesday,

Dec. 16

Our third unit is the study of mission work in the Canadian Reformed Churches. Students need to gather whatever mission materials they may have. (old mission calendars are useful)

Campbell Labels: We have just completed our first fall shipment of labels. Please continue to collect them for us. We really appreciate it when you store them flat, since we need to bundle them in that way. All labels must have the UPC code and the front picture. It is actually best for us if you just pass on the whole label.

Brands include: Campbell, Prego, Goldfish crackers, Ramen noodles, Gattuso, Healthy Request, V8 Splash, Pace Salsa, Habitant, Gardennay, Creations, Franco-American gravy

Mr. Hoogerdijk

Science 10F

We have begun our chemistry unit and will spend a bit of time looking at physical and chemical properties and changes in the next week. From there we will be moving on to looking at the structure of matter a little more closely and will then consider how that helps us to classify and understand the behaviour of matter. There will be a quiz on Wednesday on chemical and physical properties and changes.

AICT 15F

The students have written a test to complete a chapter on built-in functions in Excel. We are moving on to working with charts this coming week and will hopefully finish that with a test on Friday. Upon our return after the Christmas break, we will take up the last bit on Excel and

move on to a different topic after that.

Web Design 35S

We have worked through some basic structure tags in HTML and have introduced a little bit of CSS to help students with the formatting of their web pages. The students have a test on Monday on the topics we have covered on HTML so far (CSS will not be included at this point). In the meantime, students continue to work on their individual web pages to complete their "site" for the end of January.

Science 20S

Students have a quiz on using significant digits on Monday. We have moved on to working on speed, distance and time. We will spend a bit of time on this before moving on to adding acceleration into the mix. Soon we will also include using vectors. This will require working through an introduction to vectors first before we actually apply them to motion situations.

Physics 30S

Students have written their test on sound and waves and we will be moving on to motion on Monday. Some students have expressed a bit of relief at this. They should take care to remember the topics we have just covered since these have a way of coming back to (haunt) us later on.

Chemistry 30S

We are well into our unit on properties of gases and the enthusiasm of some continues to hold strong. An eerie enthusiasm perhaps, but appreciated nonetheless. We will have a quiz on Tuesday on everything up to the combined gas law. We hope to finish this

unit of this week so that we can have a test before the Christmas break.

Mr. Lodder

Grade 8 Reformed Studies

Our next unit is The Suffering and Sacrifice of Jesus Christ (approx 14 Lessons). The new memory work for this unit is from John 14:1-14. The test date for this unit is **December 17, 2009**. Wishing my students and their families a good break from school, full of blessing and grace, remembering what we learned from the apostle John, "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God" (John 1:12-13).

Grade 8 Social Studies

We have begun a study of Rome. After the holidays students will have a chance to do some research and present their findings to the class.

Grade 9 Social Studies

We continue to look at the make-up of the Canadian Government. We have completed the chapter giving us an overview. Wishing my students and their families a good break from school, full of blessing and grace, remembering Mary's song, "*His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation*" (Luke 1:50).

Grade 12 Worldviews

Module 5: Secular Humanist Worldviews; Secularism, Humanism, Individualism. May I urge you to find the artefacts you need for your final assignment! It will be amazing close to the end of the term by

time we come back from the holidays and those two weeks are full of Provincial exams. At the same time I hope that you find time and inclination to reflect on the Good News which Paul so succinctly stated in the words of Romans 8:1-2, "*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit set me free from the law of sin and death.*"

Mrs. Vandebos

Science 8 – Review for water systems unit with the test on Friday Dec 18.

To find the daily homework, please go to the DCS website, under faculty, find my name and go to my website. I have also linked it to the handouts which I give out in class so if a student is absent they can download the paper from there, do the reading in the textbook and make their own notes.

Biology 30S – Finish discussing the transport system with a Heart and Lung dissection on Wed.

PHE grade 11 – One student has now completed the course. Are there anymore? Parents please remember that you are signing off on their physical activity portion of this course. This means students must do 55 hours of moderate to vigorous exercise and about 25 hours of light to moderate exercise which must include muscle work to increase muscular strength and endurance in all three areas, upper, mid and lower body. Please remember that this is a semester course so all course work, including physical activities, must be done by exam week at the end of

January. Students do have access to the gym and/or gym equipment during their scheduled PHE class period, but they must treat it with respect.

PHE Grade 12 – We have completed the in class portion of this course. Students are now working on finishing up their portfolios to be handed in before Christmas. They must then finish their activity portion of the course, which can be done at school or on their own. Parents please remember that you are signing off on their physical activity portion of this course. This means students must do 55 hours of moderate to vigorous (cardiovascular) exercise and about 25 hours of light to moderate exercise which must include muscle work to increase muscular strength and endurance in all three areas: upper, mid and lower body. Students, please be sure to keep up with your activity log and reflections.

Library Overdues



The Library now has Creation Magazine as our newest

addition.

Come and check it out!

Library Days

Wednesdays: **Kindergarten**

Thursdays: **Gr. 1 - Gr. 6**

Library Overdues:

K – 3

Kelvin Hamming-Diggers

Vincent Klaassen-Timberwolf Chase

Lianne Riedstra-Snow

Micah Linde-The Spectacular

Sidney Crosby
Brett VanDasselaar-Scout:The
Haunted Castle
Kiera Barendregt-The
Hunchback of Notre Dame
Braden Hamming-This Little
Pig/Mystery in the Cave
Michael Riedstra-John Deere
Big Book of Tractors
Mary Smith-Pippi Goes on
Board

4 – 6

Justine Hamming-Eloise
Breaks Some Eggs/A Year at a
Farm
Daphne Linde-Wild
Rescue#4/The Spy Game#118
Brittney deRuiter-Mystery
Ranch
Cody Borst-Meet Dwayne
Wade/Freestyle Water Skiing
Emiel Klaassen-Club Dread#3
Dominique Linde-Love's
Abiding Joy/Samuel F.B. Morse
Isaac Lomelling-Slam Dunk

7 – 12

This is a reminder that the
following books are due on
Mon. Dec. 14/09. If you
would like books renewed
or if books are needed for
projects just let the
librarian know. If a book is
signed out on the sheet,
write "project" or if you
would like to renew, write
"renew" beside the book
title.

Rachel Bauer-Hitmen Triumph
Derrick Borst-Ambushed in
Africa#1/Iron Thunder
Leon Bosma-Twister on
Tuesday
Louise Klaassen-Gypsy
Summer
Mikaela Richardson-Ribsy
Laura Vanderveen-Journey to
Nowhere
Taylor Lee Veldman-Maverick
Mania
Tianna Wanders-Return
Melvin Koster-Media-The
Impact on our Lives

**This is a reminder that the
following books are
overdue. If you need a
book renewed please talk
to the librarian.**

Carlin Schulenberg-Hidden
Riches #13
Keisha deLeeuw-The Fields of
Glory
Geertje Doornbos-An Eye for
an Eye
Chrissy Huisman-Islam/Islam
Jeremy VanderVelde-
Islam/Unveiling Islam

**If the following books are
not returned or renewed
they are presumed to be
lost and a bill will be sent
home.**

Taylor Lee Veldman-Scout the
Sailing Sleuths
Wesley Riedstra-Alcohol
Wendy Termeer-Crown of
Fire/Face Value
Doug Termeer-The Digestive
System/Malnutrition
Cassandra Riepema-Naya
Nuki, Girl Who Ran
Carlin Schulenberg-Hollywood
Holdup #12
Arnold Borstlap-The Missing
Map of Pirate's Haven/Race for
the Park Street Treasure

Just a little tidbit...

*Thursday, Dec. 10, DCS had
perfect attendance....(except for
the secretary!!!!). A first in a
long time!*

We have a couple of staff
birthdays that take place in
the holidays.....

**Mrs. Brenda Lodder,
Dec. 25th**

**Mrs. Miranda
Veenendaal, Dec. 29th!**

We wish you both (in
advance!) the Lord's blessing
for your special day and in
the years ahead!

Also a Happy Birthday to all
the students who also have
birthdays during the holidays!

FYSH

Friday, December 11/09

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

At Dufferin Christian School

Yearbooks are coming soon.....

We are on the verge of completion, and as we are wrapping things up we will need to know how many yearbooks need to be printed. The 2008-2009 yearbooks (last year) will be \$12.00 each and we hope to have them out in the early spring. We ask that you make payment with your order. Below you will find an order form. This can be filled in and handed into Kimberly Grant or the front office by January 12, 2010. Thank-you!

The Yearbook Committee

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Yearbook 2008-2009 Order Form

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of yearbooks: @ \$12/yearbook _____

Total price: _____

***Note: We will accept cash or cheques. Please make cheques payable to Stingers Yearbook. Thank-you!**

