



# DCS Newsletter



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## From the Principal,

Mr. Huisman

**"...and they will call Him Immanuel -- which means, 'God with us'".  
Matthew 1:23 b**

Indeed God is with us and a blessing to give thanks for. It is through that plan of salvation that we can serve Him and Him alone. Let us always remember that.

As we move into another school week, the finishing touches are being put on the **Christmas concert program**. We look forward to putting this concert on, which is to be held at the **Carman West Church** on **Thursday, December 22**.

This past week a few changes were made to the bussing arrangements at the end of the day at DCS. The only impact that you may notice for some is that your children are home just a few minutes later. Rather than have two overloaded buses transport all of our students to the elementary school just to have some of those same children drive right past DCS on their way home afterwards, four of the bus routes that head west will stop by DCS (*after they*

*have left the elementary school*) to pick up some of our students. To that end, here is the list of dismissal times:

- 3:25 – First Wave - Elm Creek Bus Students
- 3:35 - Second Wave – First Two Buses to Elementary School
- 3:40 – Third Wave - Four West Buses and all students who are either being picked up, or who walk home

The end of the day is a bit hectic so **if you are picking up your child from school please wait until the "Third Wave"**. As we have buses arriving in the parking lot up until 3:55, **please do not park your car in the bus lane while picking up your child(ren)**. It would be greatly appreciated!  
Have a blessed weekend.

## christmas Cheer Board

The Christmas Cheer Board donation table is loaded with food and toys. (there is



## always room for more)

We'll continue to load up the table until Dec 19. Then some of the high school students will take it all to the community hall to fill hampers. Thank you everyone for your generosity!

## Grade 10-12 DCHS Winter Formal

**Friday, Dec. 9/17**

Carman WEST Church

Doors open at 6:00 pm)

Cost: \$10.00 (pre-booked)

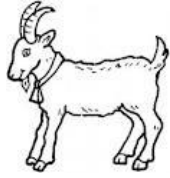
Or \$15.00 at the door

*Formal dress required*

## Elementary Student Council

Thank you "souper moms" for making our first soup day such a delicious success.

Another \$91.00 for the goat fund. Along with some extra donations throughout the month, the goatometer has reached the top!!!! We've reached our goal! 10



vaccinated goats are going to Kenya!

You can visit online at: [www.kingdomchildren.ca](http://www.kingdomchildren.ca)

## Gr. 8 Campout

Pssst! X-Treco cloths

make great SinterKlaas presents.

They're also

small enough

to send to far

off loved

ones who

haven't experienced the pleasure

of streak-free glass! Still

available, but only till the

holidays!



## Stingers Athletics

There are two basketball exhibition games this coming week, both games will be at DCS. Note the date change for the game against ICS.

Monday: Varsity Boys vs.

Westpark @ 6:30.

Thursday: Varsity Boys vs. ICS @ 7:30.

The girls' game on Thursday was cancelled, and will be replayed at the end of the year. The girls also have a tournament this weekend at Elm Creek, their first game is at 3:00 against Treherne.

All athletes please make sure you give your coach a call if you are unable to attend practice!

### Home Ec. / IA Classes

Monday, Dec. 12, Gr. 10

Tuesday, Dec. 13, Gr. 8

Wednesday, Dec. 14, Gr. 11

Driver: Tjarda Koster

Thursday, Dec. 15, Gr. 9

Friday, Dec. 16, Gr. 12

### Kindergarten

Miss Stad

This will be a Three day school week (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday).



On Friday we

will be

making our

Gingerbread

houses! Thank-you to Mrs.

Gunnink, Mrs. Blok, Mrs. Borst

and Mrs. Sarah Visscher for

offering to help

out on this

morning. It

would be great

if you could be

at school by 9:30.

We will be reading "Gingerbread Baby" by Jan Brett.

Our next letter we will learn about is the letter R with *Rosie*

*Raccoon* who likes to ride *Rhino*

*Ralph*. We will be writing the word RAT and learning how to draw a rat.

Memory work:

Hymn 21:1,2,3,4

Bible Stories:

- The Burning Bush
- Pharaoh says "No" to God

Volunteers:

M Mrs. Gaylene Kamminga

W Mrs. Christa Smith

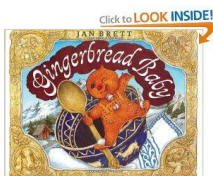
## Grade 1

Miss Doek

The grades 1-3 choir students will be going to Parkview Manor, by bus, on Thursday afternoon to share some Christmas selections with the residents there.

Memory Work:

Joy to the World (A sheet is brought home with this song)



**Bible:**

- M: Balaam
- Tu: The Death of Moses
- W: The Spies and Rahab
- Th: Crossing the Jordan
- F: The Fall of Jericho

**ELA:**

We will review all the words so far in the next two weeks. A sheet has been sent home with the words. Please practice reading and writing these.

We will continue to learn new words by reading the booklets. The new words will be: was, with, my, things, children.

**Show and Tell:**

- Wednesday: Keegan and Andrea
- Friday: Rene and Cayden

**Math:**

We are working on the numbers 16-20. This week we also made a start with skip counting by 2's. We will continue with that next week!

**PE:**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

**Library Day:**

Thursday

**Grade 1 Blog:**

<http://dcsgradeone.blogspot.com/>

**Grade 2**

*Mrs. Linde*

Memory work-Concert material

**Bible:**

- M The Captivity of Judah; 2 Kings 25, Jeremiah 39
- Tu Review
- W Review
- Th Test
- F Gabriel Visits Mary

**Math:** We've dominated the doubles and mastered making 10!! Good work grade 2.

Now we'll look at adding and subtracting 10. We'll also continue with odd and even numbers.

**WWW:** make made ride house

**Science:** We'll explore and examine solids, liquids and gases.

**Phys Ed:** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Library:** Thursday

**Show and Tell:** Friday Dec. 16  
Xander and Tessa

The grades 1-3 choir students will be going to Parkview Manor, by bus, on **Thursday afternoon** to share some Christmas selections with the residents there.

**Grade 3**

*Mrs. Veenendaal*

The grades 1-3 choir students will be going to Parkview Manor, by bus, on **Thursday afternoon** to share some Christmas selections with the residents there.

We would love to say *Welcome to Mrs. Gear!* We are excited that she will be the new Grade Three teacher in January. She will be in the school in the next few weeks getting to know us and gathering resources! (When I told the class who the new teacher would be, there was quite the cheer – makes leaving a little easier!)

**Memory Work:** Concert Songs

**Bible:** Unit 4: *The Exodus*

After we complete the very short Unit 4, we will spend a few days reflecting on the Christmas Story!

- M Let My People Go!
- Tu 1<sup>st</sup> 9 plagues
- W 10<sup>th</sup> plague
- Th Passover
- F Exodus & Celebration

ELA:

We will continue to look at the parts of speech and see if we can find them in sentences as well as add them to sentences!

Word Wall Words: October words

Review Words: when, went, let's, journal, enough

New Words: recycle, discover, before, hopeless

Social Studies:

This past week we learned about the compass rose and directions. This coming week, we will be making our OWN world map!

Math:

Our Math focus this week and until Christmas will be memorizing our multiplication facts of 2s and 10s as well as working with addition and subtraction. We hope to have every student have the 2x and 10x memorized by the holidays! The next group of facts we will memorize is 5x!

Library Day: Thurs.

Phys. Ed: Tues

Week at a Glance (*Dev*):

M – (*Michael*) WWW/2x,10x

T – (*Devon*)PE

W – (*Rosalie*)PE

Th – (*Joline*) Lib/M\$/Parkview

F – (*Kelvin*) Concert Songs

## **Grade 4**

*Mrs. Bergsma*

Memory Work: Practice Christmas program songs.

Reformed Studies: Unit 2: The reign of Saul.

ELA:

Lesson 10: feelings, smiled, happier, proudly, fear, pleased, delight, excite, needed, scared, joyful, tear, somebody, anybody, interesting, angry, sorry.

Reading Log: A story has gone home with each student along with worksheets. The students have until the following Friday to read the story at home and complete the worksheets. Please have the duo tangs back at school and completed on Friday! A new story will go home every Friday and will be due a week later.

Math:

Arrays.

Multiplication introduction.

Science: What can we do for habitats?

French 6-7: Reading comprehension and verb conjugation of irregular verbs avoir, être, vouloir, faire, aller, devoir, pouvoir.

**\*\*French lunch together on Friday, December 16! Don't forget your contribution! ☺ \*\***

French 4-5: Numbers 1-50. Le calendrier (The calendar).

**\*\*December 15 Gr. 4-5 will be eating crêpes together ☺ Gr. 5 is making the crêpes, Gr. 4 is providing the toppings ☺ Gr. 4 contribution requests are in their agendas\*\***

Microwave days:

Tuesday: Magdelene, Carson, Henry

Wednesday: Vincent, Noah, Alanna, Lauren

Thursday: Brett, Logan, Dawson

Friday: Jenna, Ian, Micah

Mrs. Bergsma ☺

## **Grade 5**

*Mr. Vandermeulen*

Memory work: Psalm 39:1

Devotions:

M Braden

Tu Jurgen

W Erin

Th Michael

F Mary

**Bible:** Next week we will start a new unit "The Gospels"; Jesus' Birth and Early Ministry.

**Math:** We will learn about Arrays and will practice our multiplication skills.

**ELA:** We will have some group discussions and presentations on different types of writing and stories.

**Social Studies:** We are now into our next unit. We are learning about the French in Canada between 1604 and 1759. We will learn about the relations they had with the native peoples of Canada.

**Science:** We are learning about what makes us ill, how to stop disease from spreading, and taking care of your body.

**Spelling:** We will have a backup test next Friday. Remember to study all of the words from Units 7-11.

**Vocab:** Unit 9 test Tuesday on Animals.

**Grammar:** We will learn about verbs and synonyms and will review for a test during the last week of school.

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**Phys. Ed.:** We will carry on with volleyball to the end of the year.

## **Grade 6**

**Mr. VanderHooft**

We can tell we are encroaching on a break. It seems that many of our units of study are wrapping up around the same time. We will be able to start fresh again in January. As a result, there are a few tests (none too large) back to back this coming week.

### **Memory Work**

Students are doing very well with all concert material. For this week, we will review the theme song *Romans Doxology*, trying to keep the text of each stanza

accurate to its own.

### **Bible**

Carrying on with Unit 5. We've just completed the account of the Exodus out of Egypt.

### **Math**

We were planning on a test for today, but this has been moved. Our math test is on Tuesday.

### **ELA**

Presenting our projects. Also, there will be a grammar quiz on Monday. Students were to take home material to review, focussing on lessons 7-12.

### **Science**

We will have a science vocabulary quiz on Wednesday.

### **Safe Communities**

We have a guest coming to speak to us this coming Friday regarding bicycle and ice helmet safety.

### **Boyne Lodge**

The grades 4-6 will be going to Boyne Lodge on Tues, Dec. 20. We will be walking there and back in the afternoon to share some Christmas selections with

the residents there.

### Class Party

Yes, we will have a class party before the holidays. We will do this on Wed, Dec. 21. So as not to have too much food, I have asked the BOYS only to bring something to share that day. I will provide drinks. They are figuring out amongst themselves what they will bring. The girls will be asked to do the same in June.

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### **Miss Jager**

Grade 7:

Dear Parents,

This week has flown by and yes, I'm feeling better (thanks for the notes). Students have taken their math test and some have had their retakes; check out their new marks☺. Next week there will be a Science Quiz on Tuesday and a Math Quiz on Wednesday.

Students also must learn for memory work the Roman's Doxology and Ps. 25:1,3,5. This is for the Christmas concert. Please remind them to practice their 'lines' so they are confident when they speak.

It's short and sweet this week,

have a great weekend!

### **Mr. Gunnink (Gr. 8)**

Reformed Studies: Suffering and Sacrifice - the last week of Jesus' life on earth. Next week we plan to study Mark 13, 14 in the lead up to Jesus' crucifixion.

Math: Developing number sense – Prime Factorizations and LCM's; order of operations and possibly, fractions.

Science: Water systems – Waves and tides.

ELA: *The Hobbit* – Tests were returned today. It's interesting how this novel has spawned interest in the novels which pick up where Bilbo left off!

I plan to embark on a newspaper writing project that will be closely tied to our study of ancient Egypt.

Socials: We will continue our study of Egypt. Topics next week include the Nile, early Egypt, farming, trade, and class structure.

Phys. Ed.: Our class was challenged to a volleyball

showdown. May the best team have won!

### *Gr. 8 - Mr. Lodder*

We took a look at a couple more techniques for mnemonics. We tried our hand at mind mapping as a skill to help us make notes whether during a lecture or from a book or from our study notes. Eventually we will be moving on to "How to Read a Book". All the topics that we will have covered up to Christmas will come back after the break in a little more depth.

### **Mrs. DeWit**

ELA 40S Today, we worked with chapter 3 of A Bird in the House. The plan is to continue to read and discuss one chapter a day during the next week. The first assignment "realist literature" was due today. The other two, "Vanessa's growth as a prospective writer" and "the symbolic significance of titles and birds" will be due before school closes for Christmas. In the final week, we hope to have class time to work on these.

Reminder: exam dates Jan. 10-13, 2012

ELA 10F Approximately half the class handed in the research essay on time; it was due yesterday, Thursday. At present, we are working through some of the scenes and speeches in The Merchant of Venice.

Assignment #1 Casket assignment will be due on Tues. Dec. 13. Two other short assignments will be done in class. That leaves one final longer assignment on "mercy", which will be due tentatively on Tues., Dec. 20, the same day as I hope to have a test on The Merchant of Venice.

Reformed Studies 31G We are working our way through the cults. Students will have one major cult presentation. The test for the unit needs to be in the week prior to Christmas break.

Art 10 and 20G Students need to check with me what they have to complete before Christmas. Some are rather behind.  
Needed: ice cream pail lids for paint palettes.

### **Mr. Hoogerdijk**

#### Chemistry 30S

We are done the material for the

stoichiometry unit. We will finish working through some problems, review the material, and then have a test this coming Wednesday. After that we will introduce a short unit on solutions before moving on to organic chemistry.

*Reminder to students to continue working on their articles!*

#### Web Design 35S

We have gone through essentially all the main HTML tags that we hope to cover. Students are now working on their web page projects – brainstorming for ideas, developing plans, and putting the plans into code for the actual completed project. These projects will take a while to get done. While we're working on them, there will be a few smaller assignments to help students grasp some of the material a little better. We will also have a quiz or two (or three) along the way.

#### AICT 15F

We have finished the material for the last chapter on Microsoft Word. The students are working

on some exercises and worksheets before we review and wrap up the chapter with a test. We will be moving on to Microsoft Excel after this.

#### Physics 30S

We are in our last topic of the waves unit before we move on to the theory of light. The current topic deals with properties of waves in two dimensions: reflection, refraction, and two source interference.

### **Mr. Lodder**

#### Reformed Studies 41 G

Contemporary issues in the Canadian Reformed Churches: We are currently looking at the PJCO. We have the decision of Synod Burlington 2010 and some more recent material from the Committee on proposed changes. We will evaluate this in a short paper to be handed in next week sometime (I'm thinking Tuesday but it will depend on how things go). The plan is to take a look at the Women's Voting question/decision and perhaps at Bible Translation, the first one being a bit controversial and the second one looming on the horizon with the NIV going

gender inclusive.

#### Reformed Studies 21 G

Currently studying Kuyper's teachings that certain members had objections to and how this comes to affect the church in later years.

#### **Mr. Raap**

Applied Math 12: We will continue our work on vectors

Applied Math 11: Our houses should be complete near the end of the week.

PE 12: Nutrition assignment is due on Tuesday.

PE 10: Basketball.

#### **Mr. Ellens**

Science 10 – Grade 9

There are no major assignments due this week.

English 30 – Grade 11

This week there will be reading quizzes and questions assigned.

Math 10 – Grade 9

There will be a review due and a test on Wednesday on solving equations and inequalities.

Biology 40 – Grade 12

We will be beginning a new unit on Monday.

Science 20 – Grade 10

There will be questions and homework checks this week.

### ***From the Library***

#### **Remember Your Books on Library Day!!**

##### Library Days

Wednesdays: **Kindergarten**

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

**K-3**

**Jacob VanLeeuwen**-Jeremiah Learns to Read

**Seth Vandebos**-Voyage to the Volcano/Adventures in Ancient China

**Molly Barendregt**-Opie the Opossum Wakes up/Usborne Children's Book of Baking

**Charissa Vandenberg**-Wake up, Rooster/The Great Fuzz Frenzy

**Carter Veenendaal**-Learn to Draw Race Cars

**Mercedes Wanders**-Tumtum and Nutmeg/Clifford's Birthday Party

**Rosalie Merkus**-Icelandic Ponies/Daisy Dinosaur Gets Lost

**4-6**

**Vincent Klaassen**-Fish/Sharks  
**Jesse Borst**-Tough to Tackle

**Nathanael Toews**-Francis Drake and the Sea Rovers of the Spanish Main

**Rylan Vanderwoude**-Asterix in Switzerland

### **Congratulations Grade 6 - NO OVERDUE BOOKS!!**

7 – 12

This is a reminder that the following books are due to be returned on Mon. Dec. 12/11.

If you would like your books renewed, please talk to the librarian or you may place your name on the sign-out sheet and write "renew" beside the book title.

**Wesley Wanders**-The Case of the Midnight Rustler #19

**Devin Veenendaal**-Barnes' Notes on the Old and New Testaments

**Darcie vanDijk**-Fire by Night

The following books are overdue. Please have them renewed or returned. You may talk to the Librarian or sign the sheet with your name, title of book, and write renew beside the book title.

**Josh Hoogerdijk**-Chief Honor  
**Shalyn VanderGugten**-This Can't Be Happening at Macdonald Hall

**Erienne Barendregt**-Hey Cop!  
**Kim Bergsma**-Tunnels of Treachery

**Cody Borst**-Laughing at the Law

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

**Melissa Hamming**-Mandie and the Midnight Journey

**Brett Richardson**-The Church in a Pagan Society

**Devin Veenendaal**-Outlines on Revelation 228 SEL/Revelation to John 228 SEL

### **A Request from**

## **the Library**

We are looking for past issues of ***Acts of Synod*** and ***Yearbooks*** to donate to the school. We would eventually like to have a class set for use in Highschool. If you don't mind parting with them, you may send them with your child or drop them off at the DCS library.

Thank you

K. Vandersluis

### **FYSH**

***Our next meeting is  
Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.***

For all the grade 8 & 9 FYSH girls (Felicia & Robin's groups). We plan to go skating for FYSH next Friday, December 16. We will meet at the church for devotions and head to the arena afterwards. Don't forget your skates, toques and mittens! See you there!

***See you there!***