



# DCS Newsletter



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## ***From the Principal,***

*Mr. Huisman*

***“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”***

[Romans 12:2](#)

What a beautiful way to end a week – a week of thanksgiving to God for His blessings – than to reflect on the above text. Let us all strive to be transformed and offer ourselves as living sacrifices.

**Congratulations go out to the Girls soccer team and their coach, Mr. Jordan Ellens.** They had a great season but unfortunately lost their wild card game this past week, bringing their season to a close. **However, the Boys Soccer team is still carrying on.** They are currently playing two games in Winkler today. We wish them all the best in their endeavours as they strive to move forward.

I would also like to share a request with you. If you drive your children to school please observe the following two important items:

- Entrance to the school parking lot is only to be through the far south

driveway. The other two driveways are ‘exit-only’

- **Under no circumstances are you to drive past any school bus in the parking lot.** There have been a number of times when some have ‘squeezed by’ in an attempt to get going sooner. This is not a safe practice. Please be patient.

Enjoy the week-end!

# Apple Pies

**Wednesday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>  
Pick up after 4:00 p.m.**

It’s that time of year when the Band is making



**their famous apple pies**

If you have not been contacted by any band student, please feel free to phone the school to place your order.

**Cost: \$6.00 per pie. Cheques payable to “DCS Band”.  
Deadline for orders is THURSDAY, OCT. 20.**

Annual

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

*of the Canadian Reformed School Society of Carman, Inc.*

**Monday, October 24th**

**Time: 8:00 p.m.**  
**in the Carman West Church**  
See you there!

**Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>**

**DCS Inservice / SAGE**

**Conference**

**No School**

### **Home Ec. / IA Classes**

Monday, Oct. 17, Gr. 10

Tuesday, Oct. 18, Gr. 8

Wednesday, Oct. 19, Gr. 11

- Tim/Tjarda Koster

Thursday, Oct. 20, Gr. 9

# Stingers

Congratulations to the boys soccer team who are off to the rural provincials being held in Winkler this weekend. They won their wildcard game on Wednesday against Niverville 2-1. They start by playing Stonewall and the rest is TBD. Check out [www.mhsaa.mb.ca](http://www.mhsaa.mb.ca) for all the latest updates on the team. Please come down and cheer

them on.

Anyone who is interested in coaching 7/8 boys and girls basketball is asked to contact Mr.Raap.

## Operation Christmas Child

It is the time of year to start filling up Christmas boxes with toys, and useable items for impoverished children. You can pick up your boxes at the school and we will be collecting them Nov. 22. Please include \$7.00 in your box for shipping, and keep in mind not to include soft candy, tooth paste, lotions, or any toy weapons or frightening items. You can also include a letter from yourself, including a picture of you.

*Thank-you from the Mission  
Committee.*

### **Kindergarten**

*Miss Stad*

This week we will have school on Monday and Wednesday.

This week we will learn about the letter **U** with *Uncle Upton* who likes to umpire games while hanging upside down. We will also put the letters **P** and **U** together to make the word **PUP**, and we will be learning how to draw a up. As we make our way through the alphabet it is our goal that students remember both the letter and its sound. Please review these with your child as necessary.

We have a nice collection of different sized pumpkins so we will be doing some measuring and ordering exploration with them.

Memory work:

- Hymn 5:1

Bible Stories:

- Abraham loves God Bes
- An Old Man's Prayer

Volunteers:

Monday - Mrs. Esther Gunnink  
Wednesday - Mrs. Angela Blok

### **Grade 1**

*Miss Doek*

Memory Work: (For Thursday

Oct.20)

Psalms 136:1

Genesis 28:15a

**Bible:**

M: Jacob in Paddam Aram

Tu: Jacob escapes from Laban

W: Jacob's Homecoming

Th: Joseph's Dreams

**ELA:**

The following words are on the Word wall: a, God, I, it, is, see, the, can, we, look, go, at, to, am, are, and, an.

New words: in, if, for, they

Please, keep practicing reading and writing these words. Also, keep reading the booklets. These contain the most commonly used words and are essential to fluent reading.

**Journal:**

The students will bring home their journal today. It is called T.W.A.S (This Week At School). There is a letter glued on the inside of the cover page. Please take a look at your child's writing and write a response in printing.

**Show and Tell:**

Wednesday: **Cody** and **Kennedy**

**Math:**

We have finished another booklet about numbers. Please take a look at it when it comes home.

Next week we will do some math games that involves counting dots (domino, and dice games)

**Library Day:**

Thursday

## **Grade 2**

*Mrs. Linde*

**Memory Work:** Hymn 13:1

Text: 1John 3:1

Both for Thursday Oct. 20.

**Bible:**

M Jeroboam Sins; 1Kings 12:25-14:20

Tu Drought and Miracles 1Kings 17

W The Contest 1Kings 18

Th A Gentle Whisper 1 Kings 19

**WWW:**

are because what small The students know the word wall words very well. Hardly any mistakes were made in our review activities and quizzes. Now the trick is to have them

use these good spelling skills in all their writing!!

**Math:** We've done a lot of work with patterns. We'll finish up the unit next week.

**Science:** Air and Water in the Environment God has blessed the world with air and water which are necessary for life. We'll focus on air next week. Air is all around us. Can we: See it? Taste it? Feel it? Smell it? Hear it?

**Phys Ed:** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Library:** Thursday

No show and tell this week.

## **Grade 3**

*Mrs. Veenendaal*

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**Memory Work:** Hymn 53:1

Text: Gen 12:2,3 (for our test, Oct. 26)

**Bible:** Unit 2: Abraham & Isaac

M Isaac, Child of Promise

T Abraham's Testing

W Isaac marries Rebekah

Th Isaac & Abimelech

M Review  
T Review  
W Unit 2 Test

#### ELA:

This week we attempted to assess some written work, specifically for Ideas one day and Organization the next. Once we have a good idea what to look for, we will try to assess our own work so we can continually improve in our writing! Our Reading Workshop has been going very well as well. We have a number of readers in our class! They are encouraged to respond to their reading as they go and are becoming more efficient at “talking back to books”.

Word Wall Words: October words

\*please practice WWW at home!!  
city, was, pretty, prettier, prettiest  
(change the y to an i and then add the ending!)

#### Science/Socials:

We talked about how to take care of soil and what we can use soil for. We began our clay creations today! We have now finished our Soil unit by having

some “Soil Cups”, full of clay, sand, loam and organic matter...  
ew! ☺

Our first Social Studies unit will be “Connecting with Canadians”.

We will begin by brainstorming about Canada, talking about symbols, and learning some new songs!

#### Math:

In math this week we will continue to practice skip counting, especially by 2s, 10s and 5s as well as beginning to count by 25s. We are finding counting backwards to be more difficult so any extra practice with this at home would be great! We will be learning about “groups of” ( $x$ ) and how that works (ie.  $2 \times 3$  is saying 2 groups of 3)! I do try to keep the term “groups of” with the  $x$  symbol for now for two reasons. There seems to be a bit of unease about the “m” word (!), and it helps the students to fully understand what to do when they see that symbol.

Library Day: Thurs.

Phys. Ed: Tues/Wed

Week at a Glance (*Dev*):

M – (*Joline*) Practice

doubles/make ten & WWW

T – (*Rosalie*) PE

W – (*Lianne*) PE

Th – (*Kelvin*) Lib, M\$, MW

F – SAGE (no school)

## **Grade 4**

*Mrs. Bergsma*

Memory Work: Psalm 107: 1 and the books of the Old Testament.

This will be due on Friday.

Reformed Studies: How to use a Study Bible. The book of Exodus.

#### ELA:

Spelling Connections lesson three.

Spelling: stuffed, enjoyed, making, pure, turkey, taste, honey, bakery, drank, spread, pudding, shake, fried, nobody, pumpkin, knife, slide.

Nifty, Thrifty, Fifty word tests.

Writing conferences.

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:**

Place Value. Ones, tens, hundreds, thousands.

**Science:** Observation skills.

See how our habitats work.

**French 6-7:** Reading comprehension and possessive adjectives.

**French 4-5:** Weather vocabulary and numbers 1-20. Oral practice of the vocabulary. Recognizing written vocabulary.

**Grade 4 has Phys. Ed.** with Miss Jager on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Library is on Thursday as well as Mission Money collection. Every little bit helps!

**Microwave days:**

Tuesday: Magdelene, Carson, Henry

Wednesday: Vincent, Noah, Alanna, Lauren

Thursday: Brett, Logan, Dawson

Friday: Jenna, Ian, Micah

**Grade 5**

**Mr. Vandermeulen**

**Memory work:** Psalm 23:1

**Devotions:**

M Jorgen

Tu Erin

W Michael

Th Mary

**Bible:** We are continuing our study of the Books of Poetry.

This week we will be focusing on the different types of poetry in the book of Psalms.

**Math:** Next week we will be finding patterns in timetables and learning how to use circle charts. We should be nearing the end of our unit by the end of the week.

**ELA:** We are still working on our novel study and writing in our journals. By the end of the week we will be nearing the end of this novel study. Expect a quiz coming up in the following week.

**Social Studies:** Now that we have finished our poster projects on the first peoples of Canada, we should be ready for a test next week Wednesday.

**Science:** We will be doing a few more experiments on the

properties of matter. We will also begin a project on Recycling.

**Spelling Unit 5 "Home Sweet Home"**

address shelf furnish  
cure furniture base  
capture picture basement  
board windows stairs  
lower season owner  
garage knives

**Classwords:**

parallelism  
Subarctic  
penitence

**Vocab:** Unit 3 Test on Tuesday. We will start Unit 4. Remember there is a test every Tuesday.

**Grammar:** We will be learning more about nouns and when and how to use capital letters.

**Grade 6**

**Mr. VanderHooft**

**Memory Work**

A tough one – Psalm 11:1. Please know for *Thursday*.

**Bible**

We completed unit 3 today with a short quiz. We'll begin a new

unit on Monday: *The Patriarchs*. This is somewhat lengthy – it will take us approximately 4 weeks.

### Math

We are going to carry on with the patterning unit, moving on to dimensional patterns with extensions. We will have a test the following week.

### ELA

We will continue with *The Sign of the Beaver*. We are also going to begin on a new writing assignment (grade 2 will be our audience).

### Social Studies

The unit test went well overall. Thank-you for signing it and returning it so quickly. We began our new unit this afternoon: *Manitoba Becomes a Province*. It is not a lengthy one, but one that is close to us.

### **Miss Jager**

Grade 7:

Dear Parents,

This week, although short, there was not one dull moment. We had the pleasure of learning some snake catching skills, as both snakes, brought in by a

Gr.7 student escaped. It took us a while to get them but we did, well they did - I supervised the situation from afar. Needless to say we released them today☺.... outside the building!

Next week students have an art quiz on Wednesday and a vocab and spelling test on Thursday [we bumped it up a week].

It's short and sweet this week, but I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving ; I sure did!

Have a great weekend☺.

### **Mr. Gunnink**

Grade 8

Reformed Studies: Review of Jesus' early ministry. Test on Tuesday.

Social Studies: Most tests were well done. You should have seen them by now as they were returned on Tuesday. Our next unit starts with an investigation of the Sumerian civilization.

Math: Square roots and problem solving.

Science: Water systems – The human side of water systems: treatment and disposal: continued.

ELA: I will wrap up our “introduction” to the 6+1 Writing Traits. I’ll make a decision early next week if we need to blitz through *The Hobbit* in order to make the most of the theatre production. Sorry, no more details just yet.

Phys. Ed.: Soccer continued.

### **Mrs. DeWit**

ELA 40S Dates for the Research Essay: Sources and web Friday, Oct. 28.

Outline Tues. Nov. 1

Writing Variables Nov. 2

Rough Draft and Peer editing Wed. Nov. 16

Final copy and bibliography Wed. Nov. 23

Lord of the Flies Assignments:

Naval officer report due

on Fri. Oct. 14 (in class work)

Golding quote essay due  
Tues. Oct. 18 (begun in class on  
Oct. 14)

Questions for the poem  
Lament

Thematic essay using  
Lord of the Flies and associated  
literature due on Oct. 24

Test for Lord of the Flies on  
Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Students are reminded to  
purchase The Importance of  
Being Earnest (\$4.50), which we  
will begin to read on Thursday,  
Oct. 20.

ELA 10F Today, we finished  
reading The Contender. We  
went through a list of discussion  
questions and students were  
asked to do and hand in a few  
questions. This novel also  
allowed us to review the  
concepts of plot line, climax and  
denouement in a story as well as  
character development. In the  
next few days, we will read a  
few pieces relating to this novel  
and write a final thematic essay  
which will be due on Oct. 20.

Test for The Contender will be  
on Thurs. Oct. 20.

Immediately after this, we will  
focus on a brief short story unit,

then move on to research  
methods. Students will be  
required to do a research essay  
which involves opinion and  
should be looking for a topic and  
research material. Magazines  
such as Perspective, Time,  
Macleans do provide good  
articles on current issues. The  
longer ones are usually well  
researched and do provide a lot  
of information about a topic.

Reformed Studies 31G At this  
point we are approaching the end  
of our first unit. We are in the  
section of the prophets and have  
done Elijah/Elisha, and Amos  
and Micah. We will very briefly  
look at Jeremiah, Ezekiel and  
Daniel at the time of the  
Babylonian captivity and Malachi  
who prophesied to the returned  
Israelites.

Our final test for this unit is on  
Thursday, Oct. 20.

Unit 2, the time between the Old  
and New Testament will occupy  
us for the following week with a  
test scheduled for Nov. 1. Our  
third unit is an exercise on Bible  
Study which we will complete  
Nov. 2-4.

Exam dates for this half course  
are Nov. 9 and 10. It will be an

in class exam which will take up  
2 class periods.

Art 10G Students are nearing  
the end of the first unit. Most  
have a full landscape in colour  
and a still life picture to go yet.  
I expect these to be finished by  
the end of October.

Art 20G Students are working on  
the final composition problem in  
the first unit. I expect that this  
unit will be finished in the next  
week with a final due date set for  
Oct. 26.

## ***Mr. Hoogerdijk***

### Chemistry 30S

We've wrapped up the first unit  
and are almost done a short  
second unit. We'll be working  
through a few questions,  
reviewing that work, writing a  
short quiz, and then preparing for  
the unit test in the next week.  
The test will be written toward  
the end of next week.

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

### Desktop Publishing and Web Design 35S

Students have worked through a

couple of assignments using Microsoft Publisher and Adobe Photoshop. They are now completing a couple of smaller assignments before we move back to a couple of larger assignments again.

### **AICT 15F**

We have begun work on Microsoft Word by covering some of the basic features most students are familiar with and then moving on to a few features they may not have seen before. Students are now working through some exercises on this chapter before we move on to a test in this unit. We will have a test October 25.

We will also continue to work through our keyboarding material in the coming week.

### **Physics 30S**

We have moved on to discussions on standing wave patterns and will continue this topic as we look at how standing waves are formed in musical instruments. Some of this topic may seem somewhat complex with its mathematical calculations. We will try to work through this carefully together.

### ***Mr. Lodder***

#### **Reformed Studies 41 G**

Most students have handed in their research essay outline. Many forgot to really narrow down their thesis statement. We have one more working class on October 24 with the completed essay due no later than October 31. Some homework will likely be necessary for this project to be truly successful.

Monday will be our last day for presentations (seeing as the group presenting is made up of all boys on the soccer team). After the presentation we will review for a test on Tuesday. On Wednesday we will turn our attention toward Paul's life and work, concentrating on the Epistle to the Galatians.

#### **Reformed Studies 21 G**

We continue with Module Two. Just a heads up that the test for this Module is set for Tuesday October 25.

#### **Grade 8**

The next item for our study habits and skills will cover: Ask Questions (Interacting with

Teachers, Reading Text Books, Writing Papers, Taking & Studying Notes, Taking Tests) (Christian responses to those in authority and practical ways of preparing for tests). In the meantime we are preparing some material to facilitate memory development. ☺

### ***Mr. Raap***

**Applied Math 11:** Test on Monday: Trigonometry

**Applied Math 12:** Test on Thursday: Statistics

**PE 10:** Softball – make sure you bring your gloves

**PE 11/12:** Fitness Tests on Tuesday and Wednesday

### ***Mr. Ellens***

#### **Science 10 – Grade 9**

Next week Tuesday students will have a test which covers chapters 3 and chapter 4 of the science text book.

#### **English 30 – Grade 11**

We are studying the play the Crucible for the next little bit. Students must bring a copy of the text to the classroom.

#### **Math 10 – Grade 9**

Next week Wednesday, October 19 there will be a test on chapter 3: Operations with rational numbers.

#### Science 20 – Grade 10

This will be a regular week of classes

#### Biology 40 – Grade 12

There will be a quiz and some homework checks this week.

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

### **Library Days**

Wednesdays: **Kindergarten**

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

#### **K-3**

**Emily Kuizenga**-Princess

Twins and the Birthday Party/The Rainbow Fish/Lion, Witch & Wardrobe

**Carter Veldman**-Farm

Machines

**Rene Merkus**-Can You See What I See?

**Cayden Raap**-Money

Mayhem!/Fall is Here!/Maple Syrup Season

**Charissa Vandebos**-Rabbit

Ears/Fall Surprise/Mickey McGuffin's Ear

**Joel deRuiter**-NASCAR in the Pits/A Year at a Construction Site/You Wouldn't Want to be a Medieval Knight

**Seth Vandebos**-God Made Dinosaurs/Lucy on the Ball/Tepees

**Joline Lok**-Labrador in the Leaves

#### **4-6**

**Noah Vanderveen**-There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves/There Was a Crooked Man

**Brandi Bergsma**-Quest for the Lost Prince

**Michael Riedstra**-Big Books of Pirates/Pier 21

**Nathanael Toews**-Pyramids Through Time

### **Congratulations**

**Kindergarten & Grade 6 - NO OVERDUE BOOKS!!**

#### **7 – 12**

This is a reminder that the following books are due to be returned on Mon. Oct. 17/11. 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.

**Tianna Wanders**-The Bridge

**Melissa Wanders**-The Calculus Affair

**Geertje Doornbos**-Zondervan Handbook of Christian Beliefs/Lifeviews/Separation of Church & State

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

**Michael Riedstra**-Draw 50 Airplanes, Aircraft, and Spacecraft

## **Mission Brazil** **Presentation:** **Reminder**

Pastor Julius VanSpronsen plans to make a presentation about the growth of the Reformed faith in Brazil in the Carman-West church building at 8 pm tonight!