



# DCS Newsletter



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## From the Principal,

Mr. Huisman

*And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name."*

*Luke 1:46-47, 49*

As Mary rejoiced so many years ago, we today also gather in rejoicing. It is the time of year to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Let us keep it close to our hearts and at the front of our minds the real reason why we celebrate, REJOICE!

As we draw closer to shutting down for the Christmas break, it is also noted that one of our teachers, Mrs. Miranda Veenendaal, will not be returning after the break. She, together with her husband will be starting a new chapter in their lives as they look forward to the birth of their first child. Miranda has served DCS faithfully for a number of years and her presence will be greatly missed. At the same time, we welcome to the staff of DCS, her replacement, Mrs. Danelle Gear. Mrs. Gear is not a stranger to DCS as she has also worn the hat of substitute

teacher.

There are a number of events planned for the coming week:

**Thursday, December 22** The entire school will be heading to the Carman arena for an afternoon of skating.



This starts at 1:30 and you are more than welcome to

join us. The use of helmets is strongly encouraged, especially for our younger skaters.

**Thursday, December 22** The elementary division will be presenting the annual Christmas program at the Carman West Church, **starting at 7:30 pm.** Enjoy the weekend!

## Student Services

How quickly time has gone by. In the next week I will continue visiting with the grade 12 students, touching base with them to see in what direction they would like to go in the next year. Please talk to your child about this, this is a big decision and sometimes a scary one, it helps when we are all on the same page.

That's it for now. Have a great week.  
Mrs. J. Lodder

## DCS

### Christmas Concert

Thursday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7:30 p.m.

Carman West Church

### "The Story of Salvation"



Featuring the classes and choirs of Gr. K-7

Grades 1-7 students please arrive **no later than**

**7:20pm** so we can assemble as classes in the hall beforehand. Kindergarten students will sit with their parents.

## Stingers Athletics

The girls will be in Elm Creek this weekend for their first tournament of the season. Come on out and support the girls. Their first game is today at 3:00, if they lose their first game they will play at 6:00 tonight, and if they win they will play at 8:30 in the morning.

The boys will be having practice Monday night from 7:30 – 9, and have an alumni game this Wednesday at 7:30.

## Gr. 8 Campout

Pssst! X-Treco cloths make great gifts for Secret Sisters and for Dads in their trucks. 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!



## Gr. 4 – 6 to Boyne Lodge

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

### Home Ec. / IA Classes

Monday, Dec. 19, Gr. 7

Tuesday, Dec. 20, Gr. 10

Wednesday, Dec. 21, Gr. 8

Thursday, Dec. 22, Gr. 11

*Driver: Hannelte Bosma*

## Kindergarten

*Miss Stad*

This will be a two day school week (Monday and Wednesday).

This morning we had an exciting morning making gingerbread houses. Thank-you to the moms who helped out to make this a success! Students may take their houses home on Monday. Please send an ice-cream pail to school for your child to take his/her house home in. Thank-you.

This will be the last week of school before the Christmas break. On Thursday, December 22 we will be having our Christmas concert. The Kindergarten students will be singing a song at this concert. Students may sit with their parents and come to the front of the church when it is their turn to sing. We hope to see you all there!

On January 4, Michael will be celebrating his birthday. We wish you a very special day and the Lord's blessing Michael!

This week we will learn about the letter H with Hippy Hippo who likes to hum his harmonica.

We will draw and label a HAT.

Memory work: Hymn 21:1,2,3,4

Bible Stories:

- God's Wonders in Egypt
- The Angel of Death

Volunteers:

MMrs. Jaclyn Kooiker  
W Mrs. Angela Blok

## Grade 1

*Miss Doek*

Only one week left before the Christmas Holidays. It is amazing how fast the time went. For me, it was not the easiest start of the school year, but with God's help I was able to do my work. Thank you all for the prayers and support you have given me during these months.

I hope you will enjoy the Christmas Holidays in which we may remember the special gift our Father in Heaven has given to us: His Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

I will spend the holidays with my family in Holland. See you again in January 2012!

Memory Work:

All the concert songs!

**Bible:**

This week I already made a start with the New Testament. The students have heard the stories about the Birth of John and the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary.

M: The Birth of Jesus

Tu: The Shepherds and the Angels

We: The Star and the Wise Men

Th: Practice in church

**ELA:**

Please, keep practicing the Word Wall words (yellow sheet). Next week I will quiz them all.

**Math:**

I introduced the tens and units. Wow, the students are amazing with this. They don't count it all out anymore because they know that there are ten units in one ten. For example: To show fifteen, they take a ten and count out 5 units. Ask them if they know addition such as:  $10 + 3 =$  or  $10 + 6 =$ .

We keep counting forward till 100 and backward from 20. Skip counting by two's is going well (till 10).

**PE:**

Monday and Wednesday

**Library Day:**

This will be on Wednesday next week!!

**Grade 1 Blog:**

<http://dcsgradeone.blogspot.com>

**Grade 2**

*Mrs. Linde*

Another year almost over!  
Another year closer to the return of our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

**Memory Work:** Concert material  
Wow, we've memorized a lot and we're almost ready for the concert!

**Bible:** M The Birth of Jesus

T Simeon and Anna

W The Wise Men

**Math:** Review and practice doubles, making 10 and adding and subtracting 10.

**WWW:** Review all word wall words. (see agenda)

**Science:** We'll continue with liquids, solids and gases.

**Phys Ed:** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Library:** Library day will be on WEDNESDAY this week.

**Grade 3**

*Mrs. Veenendaal*

**Memory Work:** Concert (Thurs, Dec 22)

**Bible:**

We will spend a few days reflecting on the Christmas Story!  
M Birth of Jesus Foretold  
T Birth of Jesus  
W Magi  
Th Simeon & Anna

In January, we will begin Unit 5 – In the Wilderness. This is an intense unit with a lot of detail about places and events as the Israelites continually mumble and complain about leaving Egypt. We see God's patience, love and mercy for His people!

**ELA:**

We are working on our Beacon contribution for the end of the month! We have been using our "talking back to books" skills, dictionary skills, and discussion skills to write this paragraph!

Word Wall Words: All November Words (red paper sent home!)

#### Social Studies:

We will wrap up "Exploring the World". The students will learn about "Forces that Attract & Repel" with a special focus on magnets beginning in January!

#### Math:

We have a good handle on figuring out how to multiply any two numbers. We will spend more time on that in the coming months. Our main focus was 2x & 10x. We started doing Quiet 5s and have found that this might just help us to improve in our speed and accuracy! Regrouping is still difficult for most of the students (strategy #1). We have learned another strategy (#2!) that starts with the first number and splits up the second number into tens and units and then we add (or subtract) these numbers. Eg: 58+24  
 $58+20=78+4=82$ . (24 is split up into tens & units). Strategy #2 works for subtraction too! (88-49...  $88-40=48-9=39$ )

Library Day: Thurs.

Phys. Ed: Tues

Week at a Glance (*Dev*):

M - (*Lianne*) WWW/2x,10x

T - (*Jamin*)PE

W - (*Nathan dR*)

Library!!/Party!

Th - Practice/Skating/Concert!  
(busy day!)

## **Grade 4**

*Mrs. Bergsma*

#### Grade Four:

Memory Work: Practice  
Christmas program songs.

Reformed Studies: Unit 2: Saul  
loses his kingship.

#### ELA:

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

We are keeping these words for a few more days.

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.

**\*\*No Reading Log until the New Year\*\***

#### Math:

Arrays. Multiplication with addition.

Science: What can we do for habitats? Students took their habitats home. They were a lot of fun to make and observe! Lots of cool things happened in them!

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

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

**\*\*Thank you to all those who participated in our French Food Days! It was delicious and enjoyable to share a meal together!\*\***

Tuesday we will go and sing for the residents of Boyne Lodge ☺  
Thursday is our dress rehearsal

at the church and then skating  
☺ Don't forget all your skating gear!

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: Keep practicing the concert songs.

Devotions:

M Nathanael

Tu Chanessa

W Nolan

Th Tylyn

**Bible:** We will be discussing the events leading up to Jesus' birth and the events that followed.

**Math;** We will be doing some mental math and will have our mid unit test on Wednesday morning.

**ELA:** Vocab Test on Tuesday

Grammar – Quiz on Monday

Spelling – We are done until the New Year.

**Science:** We are finishing the first half of our unit on the Human Body and hope to have a test on Tuesday.

**Social Studies:** We are done until the New Year.

### **Class Christmas Party**

We will be having a class lunch and gift exchange Wednesday afternoon. You are also welcome to bring games for the afternoon.

This should be a busy and fun filled week!

## ***Grade 6***

*Mr. VanderHooft*

The Grade Six class has remained strong and steady as they've worked through a few tests, and finished up some projects. Just a few more days until a well-deserved break!

I'd like to wish everyone a joyous break, as you reflect this Christmas on the blessings given to us Christ. May you all enjoy a safe holiday!

### **Memory Work**

No memory work this week... concert on Thursday evening!

### **Bible**

We will be reviewing the first half of Unit 5. Material will come home on Monday. Test on Wednesday!

### **Math**

Carrying on with topics of rounding to various place values.

### **ELA**

Completing a few outstanding assignments.

### **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.

### **Skating**

We are looking forward to going to the arena on Thursday afternoon!

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***Miss Jager***

Grade 7:

Dear Parents,

Yes, as some of you know already I'm headed off to Europe for a few weeks; explore, examine art, observe architecture, and soak up the culture! So I would like to take this time to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. May God be with you all and grant you the peace, love, and joy of this wonderful season.

I.A is on Monday Dec. 19.

Students need to work on their Vocab and Spelling list. They know what to do.

Students have book reports [bonus, if they choose] to work on throughout the holidays, or hand them in next week. They will be due for Monday Jan.9 [first day back].

That's all for now! Have a great Christmas! ☺

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

Reformed Studies: Suffering and Sacrifice – It is a coincidence that we are studying

the end of Jesus' life as we celebrate the beginning of his life. It does serve as a good reminder about the "reason for the season".

Math: Finishing up order of operations, followed by a quiz by Wednesday. The quiz will cover pp. 1-8, 13-15 of their workbooks.

ELA/Socials: We will continue our study of Egypt. Topics next week include the Nile, early Egypt, farming, trade, and class structure. These topics will provide the material students are using in their ancient Egyptian newspapers. Much of our time next time will be used on this project.

Phys. Ed.: Basketball – skills and game play.

Christmas Party: A class party is planned for Wednesday afternoon. Food will be provided. Students are asked to bring a \$5 generic gift.

### **Grade 8 (Mr. Lodder)**

Keeping yourself organized for good study habits includes keeping control of the junk that accumulates in your locker,

cubicle, and even your school bag. If you don't need the paper anymore, throw it out! That is a hard lesson to learn. Sometimes I look at my own spaces and realize it's time to clean up. Students sometimes need a little help and reminder, too. We will take up the topic "How to Read a Book" for this last week before the Christmas Break. All the topics that we will have covered up to Christmas will come back after the break in a little more depth. Have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and God's blessing into the New Year.

### ***Mrs. DeWit***

#### **Reformed Studies 31G**

In the last few days students have been working on a specific cult assignment. Presentations will be on Monday, Dec. 19 and Wed. Dec. 21. The test for unit 2 will be on Tues. Dec. 20. Students also need to borrow Animal Farm from the library and should read it during the break. We have one complete unit to do in January.

#### **ELA 40S**

Both remaining assignments for

the Bird in the House, the assignment on Vanessa as a writer and the one on the metaphors of the bird in the house, are due on Thursday. They will also serve as evaluation for this section. All work needs to be in; most of you are up to date at the moment.

The exam will be on Jan 10-13. For this exam you need a black or blue pen and a pencil. You may also use an eraser, highlighter pen to mark specific parts of the selections for your own purposes, an English or bilingual dictionary, a thesaurus, and a grammar handbook (not Writers' Inc., but one which has only grammar usage in it). Light coloured gel pens may not be used.

After the exam, students still must complete a resume and letter of application, and must put together a Grade 12 English portfolio with reflections as assigned. This will be handed out in January.

**ELA 10F** We are coming to the end of The Merchant of Venice and will be writing the test on Tuesday, Dec. 20. The last assignment, relating to the need

for mercy by various characters in the play, is due on Tuesday as well.

**Art 10G and 20G** Assignments that are not completed continue to be an issue of concern. By the end of January we need to be half finished the course.

### ***Mr. Hoogerdijk***

#### **Chemistry 30S**

We finished the stoichiometry unit with a test and will be moving on to a short unit on solutions before moving on to organic chemistry in the New Year.

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

#### **Web Design 35S**

We will have a brief quiz on the main HTML tags we've taken so far. Students need to take some of their material home to work through some of these tags. So far there have been a number of mistakes made by students as they have begun working on their major projects. These mistakes add up quickly and make things a mess that will take a long time to straighten out. Learning the tags well will save a lot of time in the end.

#### **AICT 15F**

Students are working on exercises for our latest chapter on Microsoft Word. These exercises are due on Tuesday when we will be writing a test on the same material. From there we will be moving on to Microsoft Excel.

#### **Physics 30S**

We have covered the last bit of material on waves. Students are working through some questions as part of a review for the end of unit evaluation.

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

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

I guess the proper terminology on what the NIV is doing with their new edition is called "gender sensitive". We will finish up our look at contemporary issues in the Canadian Reformed Churches in this last week before Christmas Break. After the break we will begin a study on Ecumenism and how we as Churches involve ourselves in world-wide unity. May Christmas remind you of the joy we have in God sending His own Son and may that joy give you real hope

in the New Year under God's blessing and guidance!

### Reformed Studies 21 G

We are just beginning to look at the North American scene now. Members of the Reformed Churches (Liberated) come to North America (Canada, specifically) and what do they find here? Can they find a church that confesses the truth as articulated in the so-called Three Forms of Unity? We will look at the struggle in determining what God would have them do now that they live in a new land. Christmas stirs the heart to themes of hope and joy. Christmas is an integral part of the gospel, the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ as He continues His task of gathering, defending, and preserving His church. May this give you confidence in Him in the New Year!

### **Mr. Raap**

Applied Math 12: Test on vectors will be on Wednesday

Applied Math 11: Reports should be done by Tuesday, presentations Wednesday

PE 10: Basketball

### **Mr. Ellens**

#### Science 10 – Grade 9

Next week Monday a Science Review will be due. Next week Tuesday we will have a test on Electricity.

#### English 30 – Grade 11

Students must finish the book Life of Pi and the worksheet assigned so they will be prepared for the discussion on Monday. The test for the book will be on Wednesday.

#### Math 10 – Grade 9

There will be test on solving equations and inequalities on Monday.

#### Science 20 – Grade 10

There will be a Bohr-Rutherford/Bonding Quiz on Wednesday.

#### Biology 40 – Grade 12

The response assignment is due on Monday.

### **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

**Kayla Bergsma**-Lulu and the Big Little Chick

**Jayden Lok**-A-maze-ing Farm Adventure/Extreme

Skateboarding

**Rosalie Merkus**-Christmas

Things to Stitch and Sew

**Mercedes Wanders**-Tumtum and Nutmeg

4-6

**Michael Riedstra**-Pirate

**Nathanael Toews**-Francis

Drake and the Sea Rovers of the Spanish Main

**Rylan Vanderwoude**-Asterix in Switzerland

**Congratulations Grade 4 & Grade 6 - NO OVERDUE**

**BOOKS!!**

7 – 12

**This is a reminder that the following books are due to be returned on Mon. Dec. 19/11.**

**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.**

**Derrick Borst**-Tanks of WWII

**Joseph Hoogerdijk**-Fighter Planes

**Emiel Klaassen**-Break and Enter

**Aaron Martens**-The Secret of the Old Mill #3

**Cindy Koster**-Shadow of His Hand

**Miriam Pol**-The Breadwinner

**Shalyn VanderGugten**-Lost and Never Found II

**Brittney deRuiter**-Nettie's Journey/Lionboy: The Chase #2/Booky

**Josh Hoogerdijk**-Guns of Thunder #1/Guns of the Lion #2

**Kenzie Wiebe**-Love That Dog

**Melissa Hamming**-Mandie and the Cherokee Legend/Mandie and the Secret Tunnel

**Tracy Termeer**-No Clean Clothes

**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.**

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

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

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

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

**Josh Hoogerdijk**-Chief Honor

### **A Note 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**

**TONIGHT!!!!**

**Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.**

For all the grade 8 & 9 FYSH girls (Felicia & Robin's groups). We plan to go skating. 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!***