



# DCS Newsletter



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## **From the Principal,**

*Mr. Huisman*

*“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.” Colossians 3:15*

After a few very busy weeks of school it is good to remember the words of Colossians. God gives us peace, a peace also to work with one another in unity. Praise God for that blessing! A word of congratulations goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Blaine and Courtney Vandermeulen. They were blessed with the arrival of a son, Dylan Blaine. God is good!

This past week was picture day. Two photographers from Lifetouch once again spent the day taking the pictures. They left the following note – *“Thanks for a great day! The students were really good. Our helpers were awesome and the staff very friendly and helpful.”* I would like to thank both Mrs. Agnes Vanderveen and Mrs. Joanne Termeer, the helpers who ensured a smooth running day.

There is a Beacon being published for this coming Sunday. Enjoy the weekend!

### **Immunization Dates for:**

Gr. 4, Gr. 6 (Girls), Gr. 8

**Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon**

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

Monday, Sept. 19, Gr. 10

Tuesday, Sept. 20, Gr. 8

Wed., Sept. 21, Gr. 11

Thursday, Sept. 22, Gr. 9

Friday, Sept. 23, Gr. 12

### **Grade 8 Camp Out Fundraiser!**



**Yes, we’ve started fundraising!!** We’re offering two practical products for your busy households – the X-TRECO cleaning cloth and a unique 16 Month Family Activity Organizer. Your favourite Gr. 8 student will be able to show you a cloth today! The Organizer can be

viewed in the school office. Thanks in advance for your support!

(Don’t worry! Mom’s Pantry will make a comeback too and possibly other useful products. Stay tuned!)

### **Grad Fundraising**

It’s that time of year again. The days are getting shorter, the grass isn’t growing as fast, and leaves are starting to fall. Need to prep your yard for winter? Call up some students. The Grade 12 class is fundraising for their graduation with their annual fall clean-up campaign. Hire a few hardworking Grade 12’s to give them an opportunity to make some money to put toward their graduation. Call the school to book a time – ask for Mr. Hoogerdijk. Thanks for your support!

### **Stingers Athletics**

We finished having a busy week of soccer with 6 games. We will be hosting GVC JV on Wednesday (boys only: game time is 4:30), and we will be off to St. Claude and Morris on Thursday. Drivers for these games are:

St Claude:

T Koster 6  
D. Vanderveen 6  
A Veenendaal 4  
A Vanderveen 6

Morris:

deLeeuw 3  
Kooiker 5  
Wanders 6  
J. Termeer 6

The golf also participated this past week at Miami Golf and Country Club; hopefully they had a great day of competition.

### **The Social Committee High School 8 -12**

As a Social Committee we are planning a lunch event. "ODD MAN OUT" All we need is YOU in the gym on Tuesday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> and you get a prize for being YOU

## **Kindergarten**

*Miss Stad*

We have had a great week! We are working on a booklet of "Teddy Bear Manners" which deals with classroom behavior and school rules such as 'use inside voices', 'walk', 'raise your

hand', 'share' and 'keep your hands and feet to yourselves'.

We have also learned a teddy bear poem. On Wednesday we practiced a fire drill. In the next week we will continue to work with the *Are you sleeping?* song.

I also hope to begin the kindergarten assessments this week.

Library day will be on Wednesdays. Please return library books on that day.

**Bible Stories:**

- Cain and Abel
- Noah Builds an Ark

Memory Work: Hymn 56:1,2  
Have a great weekend!

## **Grade 1**

*Miss Doek*

**Memory Work:**  
Book of Praise: Ps. 100:2  
Text: Genesis 12:1

**Bible:**

M: Review  
Tu: The Call of Abraham  
W: Lot's Choice  
Th: Hagar and Ishmael  
F: The Three Visitors

**ELA:**

The students have brought home 3 booklets already! These

booklets contain high-frequency words. Let your child read these booklets to you to review the words. Next week booklets contains the following sight words: I, can, see, we, go.

We also reviewed the letter Aa and its sound. We came up with a lot of A- words and also made a craft with this letter. Next week we hope to review the Bb and the Cc.

**Show and Tell:**

Wednesday: Andrea and Sierra  
Friday: Keegan and Konrad

**Math:**

We have made a start reviewing the numbers 1-10. Most students do recognize these numbers and their quantity. Next week we will continue with these numbers.

**PE:**

PE is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

**Library Day:**

Library Day is on Thursday. Remember to bring your books!

**Mission Money:**

Please, don't forget our Sponsor child Dicki Hun. We ask that the students bring .25 each week to cover this.

## **Grade 2**

*Mrs. Linde*

Another week has gone by already! The grade 2's are ready and eager to learn new things. We're all settled back in the routines of school now and things are going well.

**Memory work:** Psalm 124:1

**Bible:**

Mon-Wed: Joseph

Thur – Fri: Moses

**Math:** We'll continue with the review of numbers 0-20. We'll work with more, fewer and less. We'll also practice "how many more?"

**WWW:** 5 new words: **line, school, will, people, stop**

**Science:** God Created Me

**Phys Ed:** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Library:** Thursday

**Show and Tell:** Friday, Sept. 23 **Adrian and Tessa**

**Microwave day:** Thursday. Students may bring a microwave lunch on Thursdays only please.

## **Grade 3**

*Mrs. Veenendaal*

**Memory Work:** Ps 28:5

We will be working on memorizing our theme text: Romans 12:1,2

**Bible:** Unit 1: In the Beginning Our first unit is a short unit! We begin with creation and complete the unit discussing the dispersion of the people at the Tower of Babel. Since this is such a short unit, we will have a test almost right away!

M Tower of Babel  
T Review

W Review  
Th Test  
F Unit 2: Abraham & Isaac

**ELA:**

This week we talked about Organization! This is how we organize things, including our writing. We saw how writing has a beginning, middle and end. We will continue with this next week.

**Word Wall Words:** September  
**New Words:** again, favourite, they, into, people

**Review Words:** because, said, have, very, want

**Science:**

Thanks for returning the soil samples! We will use them on Monday as we begin an investigation on sedimentation. We hope to have a field trip next Tuesday, Sept 27 to Campus Manitoba and learn more about soil there! More information will follow this week ☺

**Math:**

We have continued with number activities – number of the day, cross number puzzles and other number sense concepts. Next week we will start Math Centers!

**Library Day:** Thursday

**Phys. Ed:** Tuesday & Wednesday

**Week at a Glance:**

M – WWW practice

T – PE

W – PE

Th – **Bible Test**, Mission \$\$ (\$0.25/wk)

F – Memory work due

## **Grade 4**

*Mrs. Bergsma*

**Memory Work:** Psalm 16: 1. This will be due on Friday.

**Reformed Studies:** What is the Pentateuch? What sections is the OT divided into? These are the questions we will try and answer this week.

**ELA:**

Making Words: Lesson 1-3.

Spelling: Nifty, Thrifty, Fifty word tests.

How does and "idea seed" grow in our writing?

Reading Log: A story has gone home with each student along with a worksheet. The students have until Wednesday to read the story at home and complete the worksheet. Please have the duo tangs back at school on Wednesday!

**Math:**

Decreasing and increasing number sequences. Attribute patterning. Ask your students at home "What is \_\_ less than \_\_?" or "What is \_\_ more than \_\_?"

**Science:** We will be observing habitats in our vicinity this week. If the weather cooperates on **Wednesday**, I would like to observe around the river. If you have rubber boots for the students, that may be a good thing to send to school. If you would like to join us on that day, we have Science at 2:35.

**French 6-7:** How to use a French dictionary to help read a passage. How to use English "clues" to read a passage for

sense.

**French 4-5:** Weather vocabulary and numbers 1-20.

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

**Microwave days:**

Tu: Magdelene, Carson, Henry  
W: Vincent, Noah, Alanna, Lauren  
Th: Brett, Logan, Dawson  
Friday: Jenna, Ian, Micah

We will be needing 2L pop bottles in a few weeks. Can you start saving them for us? The clearer and smoother the better!  
Mrs. Bergsma ☺

## **Grade 5**

*Mr. Vandermeulen*

Greetings! It has been a very eventful week in the grade 5 class and because of some of those events, we have gotten a little behind with some of the work that had been planned. So here is what we have planned for this week!

**Memory work:** Psalm 17: 3

**Devotions**

M: Erin  
T: Michael  
W: Mary  
Th: Nathanael  
F: Chanessa

**Bible**

This week we will be focusing our studies on different types of writing in the Pentateuch, the fall of Jericho, Stories of the

Judges (focusing on the story of Gideon), and stories of the Kings of Israel.

**Math**

We are continuing our unit on patterns and sequences and will be learning more about T-tables, repeating patterns and extending patterns.

**ELA**

Last week we were not able to start our novel study. Instead we did various activities for writing, involving proper sentence structure and writing paragraphs. Next week we will begin working on our novel study.

**Social Studies**

We will be continuing our Unit on the First Peoples of Canada. We will learn about the different physical regions of Canada, and will begin our group project mid week.

**Science**

This week we will continue working on our first unit, Matter. Be ready to do some experiments toward the end of the week.

**Spelling:** Unit 2 Shopping Spree

worth	market	purse
amount	allow	paying
sell	product	shopping
pay	thanks	store
save	powerful	spend
payment	suppose	

**Class words:** scientist, Appalachians, hypothesis

**Vocab**

We did not get started our vocab unit this week, so we will begin

with Unit 1 – Time, next week

**Grammar**

We will be learning about nouns, and how to use proper sentence structure.

## **Grade 6**

*Mr. VanderHooft*

**Memory Work**

Psalm 4:2 (due Friday)

**Bible**

It seems that the test went well today. I plan to return it Monday or Tuesday of next week. We will begin our next unit on Monday as well. It focuses on the setting of ‘the story,’ dealing with the original language, geography, categorization of books, authorship, and chronology of events. That said, it is done in an overview style and should take about a week to complete. I hope to send home review work by next Friday, in time for a short quiz the following Wednesday (the 28<sup>th</sup>).

**Math**

JUMP math, the new program we are using, seems to be well-liked by the students. We are currently working with, and may finish this week, the introductory unit on Increasing and decreasing number sequences and patterns.

**ELA**

We will complete our introductory notes on the 6+1 Traits. We are also going to choose one of our writing assignments to expand on. We will finish the Robinson Crusoe teacher-read-aloud as well.

## **Social Studies**

I have decided that a quiz for the review unit is unnecessary at this point. We will begin with the first official grade six unit on Monday. It is entitled "Canada in 1867." FYI: I plan to insert Science units after every few Social units, so as not to be weighed down by too much new content at once (for me or the students ☺).

## **Communication**

Thanks for all the helpful comments and suggestions that I have rec'd via agendas and email. I think that our grade six parent email list is going to prove quite useful!

## ***Miss Jager***

Dear Parents,  
This week has been full of learning routines, reading entertaining books, telling stories, fleshing out ideas, becoming better writers, looking at creation through a lens, and a lot of smiling faces. These first two weeks have flown by and here we are, ready for the weekend! It's supposed to be very nice weather out so please enjoy it, while it's still here!  
Next week students have NO I.A.  
Science- On Wednesday, students are asked to bring a small sample in a zip-lock-bag of SOIL (just from around the house). Please do not forget. Also thanks for all the help with sending those pictures or cameras for Science.  
Ps. We are still deciding on what we should do for a pet, apparently gerbils and hamsters don't last very long if they lose a mate or if they are moved, so we

may be going for something much different.

Grade 7:

## ***Mr. Gunnink***

We are off to a running start in the Grade 8 room. I commend the students for their willingness to take on the learning tasks assigned. From the following notes you will notice that we are into our first quizzes and tests! Fundraising for the campout is going well. A few students are considering careers as sales agents... While I'm asking for the order forms to be returned on Monday, we can always take more orders upon request!

## **Reformed Studies:**

Introduction to the Gospels – Review and test.

**Social Studies:** We'll continue our examination of what historians call hunter-gatherer and agrarian societies. Then we'll move on to an overview of the study of history. What makes "history"? How do we know about it?

**Math:** We've had our first math quiz. These will be returned early next week. Our next learning challenge is rational numbers.

**Science:** Water systems – The power of water and the water table.

**ELA:** Introducing 6+1 Writing Traits. Next week we'll zero in on "Voice" and "Word Choice". The beauty of 6+1 Writing Traits is that it teaches students and teachers the vocabulary to

be able to talk about their writing. As you can imagine this will take a while to master but I believe the effort will pay off.

**Phys. Ed.:** We are blessed with three classes per week! Students need to be prepared to be outside while the weather is still pleasant.

## ***Mrs. DeWit***

**ELA 40S** Today, Friday, we are working on a sonnet on a social issue. On Monday we will do a thematic essay related to the literature we have studied so far. Tuesday 20, September will be poetry test day. The test will focus mainly on a sight poem. The rest of the week will be spent looking at the rules for journalism and working with that form of expression. Remember: A scrapbook entry is due every week, the first today, the next on Sept. 23. I am bringing newspapers to school so that students can find articles on issues. As well, there are a number of copies of Time and MacLeans in the classroom. Reformed Perspective is also a good source for articles on issues, seen from a Christian perspective.

**Reformed Studies 31G** At present we are working on the Judges. Presentations will be on Monday, Sept. 19. During the next week, we will discuss Ruth briefly and the transition from the Judges to the Kings via Samuel. The first test will come when we have dealt with King Saul.

**ELA 10F** During the next

week, we will be reading, interpreting and writing poetry in a variety of styles. The first assignment is an imagist poem, a poem relating to the senses – sight, sound, smell, touch and taste. This will be assigned on Monday. Our poetry includes descriptive poetry, fun poetry, and social issue poetry in free verse, rhymed verse and sonnet form.

**Art 10G** Students will complete a set of exercises manipulating the elements of art on Monday and will then proceed to the drawing and shading of geometrical shapes and natural materials.

**Art 20G** Students have done some work with art appreciation, looking at the development of portrait art. They are now working on the drawing of faces from angles other than straight forward angles.

REMEMBRANCE DAY  
CONTEST RULES ARE IN.  
PLEASE ASK YOUR  
TEACHER ABOUT THE  
CONTEST. BEGIN EARLY;  
GOOD WORK TAKES A LOT  
OF TIME. The due date is Nov.  
18, 2011. All entries must be  
accompanied by an entry form  
signed by the parents.

## **Mr. Hoogerdijk**

### **Chemistry 30S**

After covering safety, lab equipment, and significant digits, we have moved on to the “actual content” of the course. The first unit cover Physical Properties of Matter. We will begin by looking at states of matter and then move

on to specific physical (and some chemical) properties of matter. There will be a quiz on Wednesday on the introductory topics of Physical Properties of Matter. Reminder to students to continue working on their articles!

### **Desktop Publishing and Web Design 35S**

We’ve worked through the elements and principles of design. We have put some of that into practice by working through a small assignment and by evaluating some sample productions. The students will begin working on other additional projects shortly as we introduce some software that will be useful for their designs.

### **AICT 15F**

Students had their first real crack at keyboarding with some measure of success. Some even discovered they could be a few inches taller if they sat up in their chair. We will continue working on keyboarding throughout the course. At the same time, we need to move on to some of the other course content. In the next few days we will continue working through features of the Office suite, computer and operating systems, and other ICT concepts such as etiquette online.

### **Physics 30S**

Since dealing with significant digits, we have moved on to the topic of waves. This included an introduction to types of vibrations and waves. We will be moving on from there to deal with properties of waves as well as simple calculations related to waves

## **Mr. Lodder**

### **Reformed Studies 41 G**

Test on Monday September 19 on the first module. There are a couple of assignments due by then as well. On Tuesday we will be our work on the

Independent Research Essay. Remember that all due dates/test dates can be found on the calendar on my web page.

### **Reformed Studies 21 G**

Looking forward, we have a test for Module One coming up on Thursday. On Wednesday we will take some time to discuss what might be on this test. So far all assignments are up to date. Keep up the great work!

### **Grade 8**

Developing study skills: we will look at setting goals and plans for achieving these goals. See James 4:13-17.

## **Mr. Raap**

### **Applied Math 12**

Probability Test on Tuesday

### **Applied Math 11**

Quiz on graphing on Monday

### **PE 10**

Soccer

### **PE 11/12**

PE 11 has their health units this week, Grade 12 student need to hand in their sign off sheets.

## **Mr. Ellens**

### **Science 10 –Grade 9**

It has been a good start to the school year! Students are adjusting well to the new work and coming to class prepared. This past week students have not seen much homework assigned

on a daily basis, but next week students will have daily questions assigned to them. This independent practice is essential for understanding the scientific concepts. Although this may be an increased work load from last year, the assignments should take no more than one half-hour to finish. If students are spending excessive time on homework then feel free to contact me.

### **English 30 – Grade 11**

In this next week students will be assigned a critical analysis of a short story and also the crafting of a short story.

### **Math 10 – Grade 9**

Students will have daily math assignments to complete. If any student is requiring extra help at any point during the year I am willing to set up a tutoring time directly after school to assist in understanding concepts.

### **Biology 40 – Grade 12**

Students will be assigned either reading or questions each day throughout the course.

### **Science 20 – Grade 10**

There will be daily assignments in Science assigned next week.

## ***From the Library***

### **Library Days**

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

Wednesdays: **Kindergarten**

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

### **How Time Flies!**

**We have 2 weeks of school behind us already!**

## **I would like to thank those of you who donated books for the School Library. Anything we don't use in the Library is quickly snatched up for our Classroom Libraries.**

### **K-3**

**Carter Veldman**-Farm Machines/Ernest Owl Starts a School/The Trucker

**Emily Kuizenga**-Wedding of Mistress Fox/I Wish I Had Duck Feet

**Molly Barendregt**-The Lion and the Mouse

**Sierra Vanderzwaag**-Elmer and the Hippos/Richard Scarry's My House

**Jaymes Toews**-Jack's House

**Heidi Vanderpol**-Wild

Creatures/Zebras

**Joel deRuiter**-You Wouldn't

Want to be a Sumerian

Slave!/Usborne Complete

Soccer School

**Kameron Toews**-Adventures in the Middle Ages

### **4-6**

**Michael Riedstra**-Draw 50

Airplanes, Aircraft, and

Spacecraft

**Congratulations Grade 5-NO OVERDUES!!**

## **Elementary Student Council**

It's time to elect new student council members for this year. Two students will be chosen from each grade 4-7 next week. So everyone start thinking about fun days, food days, dress-up days and fund raisers. We will continue to support Dicki Hun in West Timor. If each student brings 25 cents per week we will be able to meet our obligations. Last year the "Souper Soup Days" raised \$251.00 for

Cornerstone Christian Care Home. Thanks "souper" moms! We also collected non perishable food and new toys for the Christmas Cheer Board and made a cash donation as well. In all these things God gives us the opportunity to shine our light and show that we are being

continually transformed by the Holy Spirit to do God's will. Thank s be to God for His wonderful blessings. Our first event for this year will be a **Western Dress-up Day on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**.

We're hoping to see lots of cowboy boots, hats, bandanas etc. Be creative and join in the fun! This is for **students and staff from K-7.**

### **Little Warriors Sexual Abuse Prevention Program**

On Saturday, September 24, 2011, from 1-4:30 pm Mrs. Gerda Vandenhaak will be at the Carman West Canadian Reformed Church to facilitate this Little Warriors Sexual Abuse Prevention Program. It is a revolutionary, three hour sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to help prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, and motivates them to courageous action. The Stewards of Children program is designed for parents, teachers (or student teachers), caregivers, youth serving organizations, schools and any professional working and/or volunteering with children.

We realize this is short notice but this is the only time Mrs. Vandenhaak is available and we recognize the importance of this program. If you would like to participate, the cost is \$15.00 and you must register ahead of time since space is limited. Please contact Marcy Vandembos [mevandembos@gmail.com](mailto:mevandembos@gmail.com) or Len Lodder [llodder@mts.net](mailto:llodder@mts.net) by Thursday, Sept 22, 2011 if you are interested. For more information please see the following website: [www.littlewarriors.ca](http://www.littlewarriors.ca)

**WANTED: EGG CARTONS**

Warren Beichter is looking for egg cartons for his up and coming business adventure. If you have any cartons and are also interested in buying eggs from him you will receive a .25 discount on your purchase

**Hike for Life**

**Please join us young and older!**

Saturday Sept 17, 2011

Registration at Ryall Part  
starting at 10:30am

Light lunch in the park to  
follow in the Park.

Come show your support for

***LIFE***

For more information call

Michelle Bergsma

@ 745-6509

**FYSH**

Our FYSH kick-off for the 2011- 2012 season is next Fri, Sept 23! Redneck Olympics at Mr. & Mrs. R Vanderzwaag from 6 – 9:30 pm. Supper will be provided! Please return your sign-up sheets ASAP.

