



# DCS Newsletter



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

*Mr. Huisman*



*“... and there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is*

*Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:8-11*

*NIV*

Welcome to the abbreviated version of the newsletter. As we wind down and look forward to the break, let us continue to keep the ‘**good news of great joy**’ close to our heart.

Today, the entire school enjoyed some time skating together at the arena and tonight we look forward to the Christmas Concert as presented by the elementary school. **The concert starts at 7:30 at the Carman West Church.**

One item that I would like to mention is that there a **parent information evening scheduled for Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**. The evening will present information on internet safety. There is a far more detailed description in the Beacon which will be coming out at the end of the month.

Classes resume on **Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

## **Student Services**

*Mrs. J. Lodder*

Our local Fire department is setting up a Youth Firefighter Internship for anyone ages 16 – 18 starting in January. They are looking at internship guidelines of 80 hours of either in class training or volunteering with the fire department for a full credit course. If you are interested in joining this program please come and see me for more information.

## **DCS**

### ***Christmas Concert***

**Thursday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7:30 p.m. (TONIGHT!)  
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.

## **Thank-you!**

Thank-you to all the students from Grades 3-8 for the beautiful scrapbook of memories! (...and to those of you who put it together!) It was so nice to read all the things you remembered from Grade Three. I can't believe some of you still remember so much! We are looking forward to our new little one and will be sure to come by the classrooms for a visit.☺ I also want to thank all the parents, staff and board members for their support and for having made my teaching experience at DCS very memorable. Wishing you the Lord's blessings and guidance this Christmas and in 2012!

*Thank-you from the staff,*



to all those who brought us "goodies". They were delicious and

your thoughtfulness was much appreciated!

## **Kindergarten**

*Miss Stad*

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

On Thursday evening we will be having our Christmas concert at 7:30 pm. Kindergarten students may sit with their parents and come to the front of the church when it is their turn to sing their song. We hope to see you there!

Our next letter sound we will be learning about is the AR sound with Arnie Aardvark. We will learn to draw and label a STAR.

**Memory Work:** Psalm 9:1

**Bible Stories:**

- A Cloud Leads the Way
- A Path through the Sea
- Bread From Heaven

**Volunteers:**

M Mrs. Esther Gunnink  
 W Mrs. Sarah Visscher  
 F Mrs. Marilyn VanAssen  
 I wish everyone a safe and blessed Christmas Break and God's blessing in the New Year.

## **Grade 2**

*Mrs. Linde*

**Bible:** We'll begin a new unit, *God Preserves His People in Exile and Brings Them Back*

**Math:** Our focus will be adding and subtracting to 18.

**Science:** We'll do some experimenting with liquids and solids.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and a new year filled with blessings from the Lord.

## **Grade 3**

*Mrs. Veenendaal*

This is an official "Farewell" as this is the last newsletter of 2011! Thank-you for your support, encouragement and excitement in this past half year – it really means a lot! Thanks

to the whole class for the baby gift! I am *sure* the baby will love playing with his/her new toys! I'm not quite sure how you managed keeping all these secrets for so long! Wishing you the Lord's blessing & care in this Christmas season. ☺

...Keep an eye out for the students' work in the upcoming Beacon.

Memory Work: Psalm 29:3 (for Jan 13)

Text: 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:10-17)

Bible: Unit 5 – God's Law

M	Marah & Elim
T	Manna & Quail
W	The Amalekites
Th	Moses & Jethro
F	Giving of the Law

ELA:

We will be starting a new focus – our first novel study of the year! We will be studying Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner. We will spend some time on comprehension and vocabulary as well as look deeply at the characters and the themes in this novel. We will see how

friendship and determination are valuable characters to have! We will also see how the author uses ideas, organization, word choice, voice, sentence fluency and conventions (6 Traits!) in his work.

*Word Wall Words:* November Words (red paper sent home!) Review all November word wall words over the holidays. WWW Quiz Jan 9 – first day back!

Science

In January, we will focus on the "Forces that Attract & Repel"! We will be able to discover what a force is, specifically a magnetic force. We will have an opportunity to find where magnets are and make our own temporary magnets.

Math:

In January, we will be focusing on Measurement! The students will have an opportunity to estimate and measure different items around the classroom. We will discuss the correlation between centimeters and meters. During this time, we will continue to practice 2x & 10x in Quiet 5s and begin to learn the 5x.

It would be VERY beneficial for students to practice their facts over the holidays!! Multiplication facts are one of the fundamental building blocks in Math. The more you practice, the quicker the recall and better the accuracy and the easier the 2 (or more) step questions become! (Mrs.Veenendaal's last plug!)

Library Day: Thurs.

Phys. Ed: Tues, Fri

Week at a Glance (*Dev*):

M – (*Brooklyn*)WWW/2x,10x/5x

T – (*Kendra*)PE

W – (*Joshua*) Early Dismissal

Th – (*Danielle*)Library/M\$

F – (*Kameron*)PE

## **Grade 4**

*Mrs. Bergsma*

Time flies! Here we are at Christmas Break already! Thank you to the students for all their hard work and perseverance so far. Thank you to the parents for all your help and support. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year, and a safe and enjoyable holiday! See you in January ☺

Microwave days:

Tuesday: Magdelene, Carson, Henry

Wednesday: Vincent, Noah, Alanna, Lauren

Thursday: Brett, Logan, Dawson

Friday: Jenna, Ian, Micah

Mrs. Bergsma ☺

## ***Mrs. DeWit***

Reformed Studies 31G

All assignments for unit 2 were due today. Students also need to borrow Animal Farm from the library and should read it during the break. It helps to read the first few pages in the red folder for unit 3 before reading the novel; that way the novel makes more sense. Our last unit is the church in totalitarian countries, so we will begin by seeing the nature of totalitarianism.

ELA 40S

All remaining assignments for the Bird in the House and anything else were due today. The last two assignments also served as evaluation for this section. All work needs to be in.

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 assignment will be handed out in January.

ELA 10F All assignments need to be completed and up to date. Thankfully, most students are. On Wednesday, we viewed a "not great" version of I Heard the Owl Call My Name, our last novel. Students have picked it up from the library and today, we began looking at the book.

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 courses.

***From the Library***  
**Remember Your**  
**Books on Library**

## **Day!!**

Library Days

Wednesdays: Kindergarten

Thursdays: Gr. 1 - Gr. 6

May you receive the Lord's blessing this Christmas Season!  
See you again in January 2012!

K-3

Jacob VanLeeuwen-Jeremiah

Learns to Read/Yankee

Doodle/Brady Brady & the Twirlin' Torpedo

Seth Vandembos-Going West

Molly Barendregt-Snow/The Tug

Jaymes Toews-Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing/The Rocket

Tessa Barendregt-Winter of Peril/Sugar Snow

4-6

Jenna Boeve-Day of the Blizzard

Ian Barendregt-The Crocodile Hunter

Nathanael Toews-Explorers on the Moon/Francis Drake & the Sea Rovers of the Spanish Main  
Rylan Vanderwoude-Asterix in Switzerland

Congratulations Kindergarten &

Grade 6 - NO OVERDUE

BOOKS!!

7 – 12

This is a reminder that the following books are due to be returned on Mon. Jan 9/12. 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.

Kent Boeve-Snow Dog

Brittney deRuiter-Nettie’s

Journey/Lionboy:The Chase

#2/Booky

Josh Hoogerdijk-The Secret

Agent on Flight 101

Dominique Linde-Simple Gifts

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, Library*

## ***Upcoming Staff Birthdays during the holidays:***

***Mrs. Brenda Lodder  
Dec. 25***

***Mrs. Miranda Veenendaal  
Dec. 29***

***Mr. Nick Gunnink  
Jan. 3***



**We wish you a wonderful day with your family and friends**

**and the Lord’s blessings in the year ahead!**

**We also wish all the students who have birthdays in the holidays a fun time with their family and friends too!**



