



DCS Newsletter



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From the Principal,

Mr. Huisman

Thanksgiving

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,”

Philippians 1:9-10

These are beautiful words from scripture that call us to action. What a blessing when we go from week to week in His strength. Let us continue to pray for that love so that we may live in His ways, to His glory!

This coming week is a short week as the teachers will be leaving for the upcoming teacher’s convention. In order to allow the staff enough travel time, there will be a **DCS only early dismissal** this coming Wednesday. All parents are requested to pick up their children at 2:00 as there will be no bus service for our students at that time. (the buses will run as usual in the morning). There are no classes this coming

Thursday, October 6 and Friday, October 7.

One another note, we request your cooperation in communication. From time to time, students tell their teachers that they will be missing a class in order to leave at a certain time for an appointment. However, in such cases often no note is provided. Please ensure that in all things, such issues are communicated to the school through a note or a call to the teacher. If you are uncertain as to your child’s schedule, please consult either the website or the school. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Enjoy the weekend!

Wednesday, Oct. 5

EARLY DISMISSAL

(DCS ONLY)

Parents must pick up their children)

Thursday Oct. 6

Friday Oct. 7

CRTA Convention

NO SCHOOL at DCS

However, IA classes are still on the Collegiate. Students should

attend.

Monday, Oct. 10

Thanksgiving

NO SCHOOL

Home Ec. / IA Classes

Monday, Oct. 3, Gr. 9

Tuesday, Oct. 4, Gr. 12

Wed., Oct. 5, Gr. 7

Thursday, Oct. 6, Gr. 10

Friday, Oct. 7, Gr. 8

Elementary

Student Council

Student council members have been elected.

They are:

- Grade 4 Jenna and Noah
- Grade 5 Levi and Erin
- Grade 6 Mekayla and Russel
- Grade 7 Josh H and Thomas

We will have our first meeting next week.

Grade 8 Camp Out Fundraising

Just a reminder that the



X-TRECO cloths and calendars continue to be available. They are available on demand through your favourite grade 8 student or through the school office at 745 2278.

Stingers Athletics

Congrats to the boys and girls soccer teams on a great season thus far. The girls head into the playoffs in 2nd place in the North division and the boys are 1st. The girls will be playing on Monday @ 4:30 on our fields. The boys will be playing Wednesday afternoon also at 4:30 at our fields.

The girl's soccer team is also headed to Steinbach this weekend to play in a mini-tournament. We will be leaving the school at 10:00.

Cross country practice will be Tuesday at lunch.

Kindergarten

Miss Stad



The month of September is already over. Students are getting used to school routines, although there is still a lot to remember when you go to school. On **MONDAY Oct. 3rd** we will have our **Teddy Bear's Picnic**. Please plan to

meet us at 11:45 in the gym. Please bring your lunch, a picnic blanket to sit on and your favorite teddy bear. We will have a short presentation before lunch. Students should remember to bring their teddy bear or favorite stuffed animal to school for the picnic.



Our next theme will be God's world in the Fall. For Wednesday please have students *bring to school signs of fall*. These can be leaves, seeds, wheat, corn, pumpkins etc.

I am currently working on the volunteer schedule. If you are interested in helping out in the classroom please let me know.

The Brigance Assessment, which I completed last week, assesses the child's readiness as far as color recognition, counting, number recognition, alphabet recognition, printing of name and drawing of a person. If your child is weak in one or more of these areas I would encourage you to practice these with your

children on their days off. Constant exposure and practice of these skills will help.

Wednesday is Library day. Please remember to return books on this day! Thank-you!

Memory Work: Hymn 8

Bible stories:

- Tower of Babel
- Abram, a Friend of God

Grade 1

Miss Doek

Memory Work: (For Oct 14)

Ps. 75:1

Genesis 22:17a

Bible:

Next week we will talk about Thanksgiving Day.

In the week after (Oct 11-Oct 14)

we will continue with our Bible Unit: The Patriarchs

Tu: A Wife for Isaac

W: Jacob and the Birthright

Th: Jacob and the Blessing

F: Jacob on the Run

ELA:

It is amazing how well the students catch on to reading and writing the sight words. They can

write their own sentences already with the words they have learned!

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

New words: Am, are, in, for, they

In the following weeks we will continue with new booklets, but also try our hands on making words!!

Keep reading the booklets. These contain the most commonly used words and are essential to fluent reading.

In the coming weeks we will finish the interviews. There are only 6 students left to be interviewed. Take a look at the chart papers in the hallway upstairs!

Show and Tell:

Next week:

Wednesday: Hunter and Rene

After Thanksgiving Day:

Wednesday: Emily and Savannah

Friday: Tristan and Drew

Math:

We practiced a lot with the numbers 1-10. Reading, writing,

counting, more than, less than, same ...and so forth. The numbers 2, 3 and 5 are the tricky ones to write right now.

Quite a few students write these numbers in mirror. The coming weeks we will focus on the number 8-10 and review how to write the numbers 1-10 properly.

PE:

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Library Day:

Thursday

Mission Money:

Please, don't forget our Sponsor child Dicki Hun. If you bring \$0.25 every week, we can support him.

Grade 2

Mrs. Linde

Memory Work: Psalm 19:1

Bible: Monday: Saul

Tu David

W Solomon and the Split Kingdom

After Thanksgiving:

Tu Review

W Review

Th Test – Creation – Kings

F The Prophets; The Kingdom Divides; 1 Kings 11:26 – 12:24

On Thursday Oct.13 we will have our first Bible test. I will send the orange Bible folders home on Wednesday so you can have a look through them with your child. No intense study or review is required at home since we've already reviewed at school. Please send the Bible folders back to school on Thursday. Thanks.

WWW: after before how saw little

We'll look at these 5 new words over the next 2 weeks and review all the word wall words so far. Here is the list:

about, found, outside, could, bug, best, I line, people, said, school, stop, they, tell, was, went, will

Math: Did you know that repeating patterns have a core? The grade 2's can tell you all about it!! We'll continue with repeating patterns and number patterns.

Science: We're almost ready too start a new unit about Air and Water in the Environment.

Phys Ed: Tuesday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Library: Thursday

Show and Tell: Friday Oct. 14-Quinn and Nadia

Grade 3

Mrs. Veenendaal

We had a wonderful day with the Grade Threes from ICS! We made many new friends and look forward to seeing them again. When told of the plans, we heard: "Tomorrow?!"

We also have started to do our lunch devotions with each student taking a turn. They are expected to read a portion from scripture (text as in the agenda), and pray a personal prayer with the class. They are encouraged to write out a prayer and be prepared to share with the class on their day. I have added who does devotions to our "Week at a Glance".

Memory Work:

Hymn 6:1 (for Wed)

Psalm 25:1 (for Oct 14)Text:

Romans 12:1,2 (for Wed)

New Text: Gen 12:2,3 (God's Promises to Abram)

Bible: Unit 2: Abraham & Isaac

M Abram & Sarai in Egypt

T Lot's Choice

W God Hears Hagar

Tu God's Covenant with Abraham

W The Visitors

Th Sodom & Gomorrah

F Review

ELA:

Wow! I have been impressed with these students ability to pull Voice into their writing! We will be talking about Word Choice and Sentence Fluency in these coming weeks. We will also review some Conventions. As we go through the year, they will be introduced to new conventions. After Thanksgiving, we will have touched on the 6 Traits of Writing and will then be ready to go back to assess our written work!

Word Wall Words: ALL

September – pink paper has

gone home! We will have a quiz on all the words on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

Science:

We had a wonderful field trip to Campus Manitoba where we learned a lot about soil! We were able to get our hands dirty and see the difference between clay, sand and silt. We took soil samples (that may have went home!) and saw scientists in action. We even heard a new term – erosion- that we will be learning more about.

Math:

We played some math games with our fellow Grade Threes from ICS! It was fun to try to make the biggest number, and most figured it out fairly quickly... if they got the right cards! We will talk about addition and subtraction as well as practicing counting forwards & backwards by 1,2,5,& 10. We will also look at patterning – how to find patterns and finish them!

Library Day: none this week!

Phys. Ed: Tuesday

Week at a Glance (*Dev*):

M – (*Danielle*) WWW – Quiz coming up!

Tu – (*Joshua*) PE, practice counting backwards at home ☺

W – (*Kendra*) MW, Early Dismissal – NO BUSES!

Th – CRTA - no school

F – CRTA – no school

M – Thanksgiving Day! - no school

Tu – (*Mikala*) PE

W – (*Michael*) PE

Th – (*Devon*) WWW Quiz, Lib, M\$

F – (*Mercedes*) MW

Grade 4

Mrs. Bergsma

(Also Gr. 4,5,6,7 French)

Grade Four:

Memory Work: Hymn 61: 2.

This will be due on Tuesday, October 11.

Reformed Studies: Reviewing the key points to how the written word of God came to be and the early stories in the Bible. Quiz on Tuesday.

ELA:

Spelling Connections lesson one.

Spelling: safe, path, life, shaped, Mars, float, forms, being, passed, space, living, hunting, lift-off, pushed, rocket, there, earth.

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 and completed on Wednesday! A new story will go home every Friday and will be due every Wednesday.

Math:

Using pattern rules. T-tables. Patterning and Algebra unit wrap-up.

Science: We will be designing and building our habitats this week. We need 4 more pop bottles if anyone has some for us!

French 6-7: Reading comprehension and possessive adjectives.

French 4-5: Weather vocabulary and numbers 1-20. I hope to give a small vocabulary quiz on Tuesday.

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

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend enjoying the blessings God has given us!

Reminder: Gr. 4's will be getting their inoculations on Thursday, Oct. 13.

Mrs.

Bergsma ☺

Grade 5

Mr. Vandermeulen

Memory work: Psalm 20:4 (due Friday, Oct. 14).

Devotions:

M Trenton

Tu Brandi

W Tori

(After Thanksgiving – Week of Oct. 11-14)

Tu Desse

W Justin

Th Levi

F Braden

Bible: We will be beginning our new unit on the books of Poetry, discussing Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, and Job.

Math: We will continue to learn more about number lines, finding the lowest common multiple, and creating our own patterns.

ELA: We are now well into our novel study and have been working hard on our journal entries. We will continue on with this.

Social Studies: We will be working hard on our group poster projects, about the different regions of Canada. This should continue on throughout the week.

Science: We have just

completed the first in a series of experiments on the properties of matter. Look forward to some more experimentation throughout the next 2 weeks!

Spelling: Unit 4: *“What’s Cooking”*.

We will not have a spelling test until the end of 2 weeks from now (Oct. 14).

- bacon wieners bag
- bowl kinds main
- dining stir spice
- flour stove hungry
- grain beans making
- slice preparing

Classwords:

- Ecclesiastes
- solubility
- flexibility

Vocab: We will have our unit 2 test on Tuesday. Remember to take your orange folder home to study, and please remember that we have a test EVERY Tuesday.

Grammar: We will be focusing on learning about nouns.

Grade 6

Mr. VanderHooft

Memory Work

No memory work, due to the shortened week.

Bible

The class did very well on their Unit 2 Bible quizzes! We are now well into Unit 3.

Math

Continuing with number lines.

ELA

We completed a writing assignment, which will be published in the next *Beacon*.

Social Studies

We will have to move our much-anticipated quiz to the week of Thanksgiving. Review will be sent home Wednesday.

Reminder: Gr. 6 girls will be getting their inoculations on Thursday, Oct. 13.

Miss Jager

Grade 7:

This week has been a very successful week! We have been discussing, in devotions, our time with and for God. We have also realized that we don’t often give God enough of our time, at all. We are so consumed with our

busy lives, work, sports, homework, marking, playing, and much more, that we tend to put God on the backburner way too often. In Psalm 113: 3 it says we are to praise God all day long; from the rising of the sun to the time it sets. God has made us and given us life and we don't deserve anything we have so let us pray that God will give us the strength to devote more time to Him.

We have also been very busy with finishing up our units and are currently preparing for tests and events in the next two week.

Monday- Math test

Tuesday- Science test

Wednesday- I.A and Bible quiz

Thursday-Monday- Thanksgiving weekend!

Tuesday- Book report Cafe- this is where students gather together in the meeting room, in groups of 4, with their books, reports, and they discuss their books and they take some notes. While they are doing this they are served some hot chocolate and some tasty treats☺.

Wednesday- Introducing a new

Socials unit, based on mapping, some geography, latitude, longitude, and time zones.

Thursday- 6 plus 1 traits Test!

Friday- I.A and Spelling and Vocab Test

So we also have a very busy next two weeks, but let us remember to be thankful in all circumstances! As we go our separate ways for Thanksgiving, I hope and pray that we can all be thankful for our wonderful families and to pray for those around us who are struggling!

ps: Our pet decision is still pending.....

Mr. Gunnink (Gr. 8)

We have the opportunity to attend a live theatre production of a novel we study in grade 8 named The Hobbit. The cost is around \$11 and would require an earlier drop off at school or a later pick up from school. Please contact me with your input (supportive or otherwise!) at ngunnink@gmail.com.

Here is the plan for the next

two weeks of school, minus the days off for the convention.

Please note that grade 8 students have a regular IA class on Friday, Oct 7!

Reformed Studies: Jesus' early ministry – John 2, the first sign, clearing the court; John 3, Jesus teaches a Pharisee; John 4, living water.

Social Studies: We're working through a review for a test next Tuesday. Our next unit will start with an overview of the earliest civilizations followed by an in-depth study of Egypt.

Math: Working with percentages.

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

ELA: Continuing with 6+1 Writing Traits. "Sentence Fluency" and "Conventions".

Phys. Ed.: Soccer continued. Monday's class is dedicated to a fitness test. Once a month we check up on the progress we're making.

Reminder: Gr. 8's will be getting their inoculations on Thursday, Oct. 13.

Mrs. DeWit

Reformed Studies 31G We have just completed our test to the end of King Saul and are into the study of the kings and prophets of the Old Testament. The first major assignment that will be coming up in the next week is one on the prophets Elijah and Elisha. No date has been set yet. From that point, we will touch on some of the kings as we study the prophets Amos and Micah.

Do take this course seriously. The results of the first test were disappointing and it only gets harder when we study the kings and prophets. Much of the material is less well known, so studying is definitely a must.

English 40S It is great to finally be into our first novel and associated themes and literature. Yesterday (Thursday) we looked briefly at major philosophical

systems so that we may more easily be able to interpret an author's views and intent in a literary work. Having looked at our first two thematic essays, we will move to the novel Lord of the Flies and make connections. Immediate assignments as we read the book will be responses. Students will do 8 responses altogether, two each of personal, interpretive, literary, and thematic. There are questions, but I hope to use the majority of those for class discussion purposes. There will be two specific essay assignments and an open assignment in the approximately two weeks we will spend on this novel.

Reminders: weekly scrapbook entry and a topic for a research essay (look for sources as well).

ELA 10F In the last week, we have really focused on the proper way to answer questions in English class as well as the need to use complete sentences with appropriate punctuation. Personal responses have also received our attention and we have discussed how they should be set up. In this class also, we have started the novel The

Contender. I plan to do most of the reading in class. This will count for a speaking mark and students are expected to read with the expression called for in the novel. As we go, we will also discuss situations, events and issues in this novel. There will be several essay assignments as we reach the end of the novel as well as some shorter in class assignments during the reading.

Mr. Hoogerdijk

Chemistry 30S

Almost all of the content for the first unit is completed. We'll wrap up the rest on Monday, have a review on Tuesday, and finish the unit with a test on Wednesday.

Reminder to students to continue working on their articles!

Desktop Publishing and Web Design 35S

Students are working on a design for a cereal box. This should be completed on Monday, allowing us to move on to other tasks in our desktop publishing unit.

AICT 15F

Students have a test on Microsoft Office on Tuesday. After that we'll move on to cover an introduction to Microsoft Word. As much as students may feel they know a lot about using Microsoft Word, there is much they probably have never used. For that reason, it will be important for them to pay careful attention as we move forward and not assume they know these concepts already.

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

Physics 30S

We are almost done the section on waves dealing with waves in only one dimension. We will begin looking at waves in two dimensions on Monday.

Mr. Lodder

Reformed Studies 41 G

Outline and thesis for Research Essay is due for October 11 (students should note date changes). I hope to have these returned by October 14 so that students may use the comments and suggestions to help them complete the assignment. The

next and last work period for this assignment is October 24 with the completed essay due on or before October 31.

We are working in groups on an exegesis of a certain segment of Matthew. This should mainly be an in-class assignment. There are two more work dates left before presentations begin on October 5. If students feel they cannot complete the task within that time, some homework will be required. All presentations are to be completed for Wednesday morning. These presentations should take us to our next test date, October 14. Seems like a long way away but it comes up fast considering there are at least 3 days off school between now and then.

Reformed Studies 21 G

In Module 2 we consider the Pentateuch, the first five books of the canon. Comparing the Biblical creation account with the Babylonian creation account and considering the "Toledoths" of Genesis are our next two topics. After that we consider the creation of Adam and Eve in God's image and the fall into sin and redemption.

Grade 8

On Tuesday we will review some of the topics we have covered so far. The week after that we will look at some ways to organize ourselves (our papers, our space, our time).

Mrs. Lodder

Well, after spending time at the post secondary schools in Winnipeg, I look forward to sharing my new found information.

I strongly remind the students and their parents that beginning the search to the right post secondary school for you doesn't start when you are just about to graduate. Grade 11 & 12 students who are seriously interested in attending University or College can start inquiring now, making sure that the right courses are being selected and attending info days. The Universities and College have many helpful tools and they have a number of people that are willing to spend time with each student to find the right course to take. I once again encourage you to call me if you have any questions, I can be reached at

school, Mon, Wed & Thurs afternoons.

Or send me a line at studentservices@dufferinchristian.ca

Accounting 30S

Just a reminder that homework is a very important part of this course, students must keep up or they will be left behind and find it very difficult to catch up.

Mr. Raap

Applied Math 11: We will be heading into our unit on Statistics

Applied Math 12: Test on Monday: Matrices.

PE 11/12: Grade 12's are in class this week. We will be updating our portfolios on Tuesday. Come to class prepared.

PE 10: Volleyball Testing.

Mr. Ellens

Science 10 – Grade 9
Chapter 3 review is due on Tuesday, October 4.

English 30 – Grade 11

The New Unit on *The Crucible*

will begin after the long weekend.

Students that have their own copies already must bring them to class on, or before October 11.

Math 10 – Grade 9

There will be a test on Chapter 2 (Powers) on Tuesday, October 4. The review is also due on the same day.

Science 20 – Grade 10

There will be a test on Chapters 1 & 2 on Wednesday, October 12.

Biology 40 – Grade 12

There will be a quiz next week Monday on the material covered so far in the course.

From the Library

Remember Your Books on Library Day!!

Library Days

Wednesdays: **Kindergarten**

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

K-3

James Toews-Jack's House
Carter Veldman-Farm Machines/Ernest Owl Starts a School/The Trucker
Xander Klaassen-I Love You Just the Same/Lassie Come-Home
Nadia Linde-Lad to the

Rescue/Ann and Susie Keep Shop

Jayden Lok-Extreme Sports
Michael VanderHooft-Doctor Dog/The Wicked Slapshot
Brooklyn Kamminga-The Secret Garden/Tintin and the Lake of Sharks

4-6

Micah Linde-Standing Small:Lego Book/Draw 50 Famous Cartoons
Logan Termeer-Adventures with the Vikings
Daphne Linde-Made by Me/Love's Enduring Promise
Congratulations
Kindergarten & Grade 5 - NO OVERDUE BOOKS!!

7 – 12

This is a reminder that the following books are due to be returned on Mon. Oct. 3/11. 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.

Joseph Hoogerdijk-Asterix and the Falling Sky/Before I Wake/Titanic:Unsinkable

The following books are overdue. Please have them returned or renewed.

Kenzie Wiebe-Captain Courageous

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

Julian deLeeuw-Abandoned/King of the Wind

Michael Riedstra-Draw 50
Airplanes, Aircraft, and
Spacecraft

Carman EAST

Young Peoples (16+)

(DCS Gym)

We are having a kick-off event this Saturday, Oct. 1. (as some of you have read in the liturgy sheet). Invite your friends to join you in a

Dodge Ball Tournament!

Teams are being made at 7:15 and games begin at 7:30! Dress appropriately.

See you there!

Steak Spud and Bud

Group would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting our endeavor. We were able to donate \$1,285.00 to the DCS Band Fund.

Rec Hockey Starts Oct 15!

Saturdays mornings start
times 8:45 and 9:45
Ages 5-15

For information or to register:

Call Deana 745-3973

Or email deana@live.ca

(cost dependent on number of
registrants)

School Pictures

Just a reminder....

If you did not send your order in yet, and would like to please have it here by 9:00

Monday morning (Oct 3), as the order will be sent away shortly after that. Retakes

will be Nov. 7

Thanks!

