



WEEKLY NEWS FEBRUARY 6, 2012

2011/2012 School Theme: Proverbs 9:10

"Wisdom begins with respect for the Lord and understanding begins with knowing the Holy One."



Upcoming Calendar

Monday, Feb 6 ■ Boys' Basketball practice 7:00am	Tuesday, Feb 7 ■ Track Practice at lunch recess ■ Girls' BBall practice to 4:45pm	Wednesday, Feb. 8 ■ Popcorn Day ■ Concert Band Practice at lunch	Thursday, Feb. 9 ■ Boys' Basketball practice 7:00am ■ Track Practice at lunch recess ■ Girls' BBall practice to 4:45pm	Friday, Feb. 10 ■ Ball Hockey for gr. 5-8 students at morning recess ■ Pizza Lunch Day ■ SKATING gr. 6-8
Monday, Feb. 13 ■ Boys' Basketball practice 7:00am	Tuesday, Feb. 14 Grade 8 students leave for Ottawa Trip	Wednesday, Feb. 15	Thursday, Feb. 16 ■ Sub Lunch Day	Friday, Feb. 17 P.D. DAY – NO SCHOOL
Monday, Feb. 20 ONTARIO FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY	Tuesday, Feb. 21	Wednesday, Feb. 22	Thursday, Feb. 23 Track & Field Meet at Copps Colliseum	Friday, Feb. 24 P.D. DAY – REPORT CARD WRITING DAY – NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY

T/W/Th	Feb.14-16	Ottawa Trip Grade 8
Fri	Feb 17	Ontario Christian School Teacher's Association – PD Day (H) (No School)
Mon	Feb 20	Family Day (H) (No School)
Fri	Feb 24	Report Card Writing PD Day – (H) (No school)

Principal's Message:

RESILIENT KIDS

From time to time, a staff member places an article in my mailbox with the following message, "I thought this was an excellent article!" One of the greatest joys of my job is to witness the excitement of our teachers when they teach that memorable lesson or return from that helpful workshop or share a thought from their professional reading. Eyes light up and smiles brighten.

It is also interesting that many of the articles are not necessarily from Christian authors. Because all truth is God's truth, secular professors, psychologists and pediatricians often mirror the truth of God's word and provide us with very helpful insights. In an article entitled, "7 ways to raise resilient kids" Dr. Alissa Sklar argues that there's something called, "necessary social pain. Kids need to know what it's like to occasionally fail at things." An example of this is outlined in the 7 Cs of Resilience outlined by The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Consider the following:

1. **Competence:** Everyone needs to be good at something, which is why competence is the first pillar of resilience. Parents can help cultivate competence by letting little kids get dressed on their own or by spending time on the activities children enjoy and can master.

2. **Confidence:** It's not enough just to be good at something; you have to get a chance to prove to yourself what you can do. For some, it could be working out a problem before parents swoop in.
3. **Connection:** Close ties to family, friends, school and community provide kids with an important sense of security and shared values. Those help reduce the chance that kids will seek choices that are self-destructive later on.
4. **Character:** A fundamental sense of right and wrong helps children make wise choices, contribute to the world and become stable adults. Being kind to an animal and speaking up when a friend's being bullied are good demonstrations of character.
5. **Contribution:** Children who have the opportunity to make a connection between their actions and the betterment of others are more likely to make altruistic choices. It can be as simple as collecting canned goods.
6. **Coping:** Adult life throws us all kinds of hurdles, from annoyances like flat tires to big life events like the loss of a parent. Children who learn to problem solve and manage stress will be better prepared to face these.
7. **Control:** It's important to teach kids impulse control. Hundreds of 4 year olds were offered one marshmallow now or two marshmallows in a few minutes. The kids who could wait for the bigger payoff did better in school and were considered more dependable by parents and teachers.

At the very least, the 7 Cs should provide us with some interesting items for discussion. We don't want our students to crumple at the first sign of adversity or fall apart when they receive a D on a paper they wrote. Resilient kids grounded in the Word of God will be prepared to live in our sinful world. **Rick Schenk**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENTAL SURVEY: As part of our efforts to ensure that the quality of education is maintained at our school, we are continuing the program in which all the subjects at Trinity Christian School are reviewed over a five-year cycle. This year, the Program Committee is reviewing the French and Physical Education programs. Last week, an email went out to all Trinity families asking for your input. We would urge you to click on the following link and complete the survey by February 15, 2012: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YKQ5RHX>. It should take about ten minutes of your time. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

PARENT REP OLD FASHIONED POTLUCK: You are invited to an old fashioned potluck this Saturday February 11, 2012 at 6 pm in the school gym. Bring your whole family, a dish of your choice to share and a game and spend the evening getting to know other TCS families. (We will provide buns, water, juice boxes, coffee, plates and cutlery.) Please RSVP to your parent rep or Elizabeth Lucas elucas@bell.net as soon as possible.

JUNIOR BATTLE OF THE BOOKS: To all those who read even some of this year's selections – great job! We hope you were blessed by some really great books. *Congratulations to Shelby Streefkerk, Elise Schwarz, Erica Van Hoffen, Jocelyn Stel, Jaimee VanStaalduinen, and Faith Scott (with Hilary McGregor and Mary Anosike serving as alternates) for their excellent reading.* They will form this year's Junior team and will be busy over the next couple of months practicing for the District Battle competition on Wed, April 4. Now the real work begins! ☺ **Mrs. DeRaaf**

CHOCOLATE SALES – If you received a letter regarding chocolate sales, and have not already done so, please remember to send in your form by February 13th. If you have any questions, please email judy@tconline.ca or call the office. Thanks, Judy Vanderlingen

VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM NEWS: Happy New Year! Orders for next week, Monday February 13, will be sent home on **Thursday February 16** due to the PD day on Friday, and there will be **no orders** the following week, **Monday February 20** due to the Family Day holiday. Please remember that if your child is in JK, and not in school on the Friday of the week that you order, your cards will be placed in the "Pick-Up" file in the office. You are then responsible for contacting the office to arrange pick-up of your gift cards. Cards must be signed for when picked up from the office. If you have questions or would like to help out please contact Sue Havertape at 905 319 2983, or email vip@tconline.ca

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC would like to congratulate Olivia Schwarz for obtaining first-class honours on her RCM Grade 1 piano exam last June. We apologize for the oversight in last week's newsletter.

LIBRARY: We watch a lot of movies at our house. The amazing thing is that many movies actually come from books. The fact that kids don't realize this was brought to my attention at our last Book Fair when some students were surprised that the picture on *Gulliver's Travels* didn't look anything like Jack Black. They were very shocked to learn that the original *Gulliver's Travels*, by Jonathan Swift, was published in 1726! Come in to find the vast selection of books that have been made into movies. Encourage your children to read some of these books even if they have already seen the movie; they might be surprised at what the moviemakers left out! Soon we will have *Tintin* books (originally published in 1929) in the library which were just recently made into a movie. **Cheryl Wimmers, Librarian**
Volunteers this week: Tues: Mrs. Behnke, Mrs. Castelli; Wed: Mrs. Lee; Thurs: Mrs. Plante, Mrs. Hamilton

STUDENT COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT: Wednesday, February 29 is Leap Year day. To celebrate this rare occasion student council invites everyone to go TOPSY TURVY! Inside out, clash, upside down...whatever! Just don't look "normal".

RECYCLING AT TRINITY...PART 2: Canadian Tire "Money": Collecting Canadian Tire money has been a successful mini-fundraiser over the past few years. We continue to accept donations (in the bowl in the office) to purchase sports equipment for Phys.Ed and school teams.

Campbell's Labels for Education: All Campbell's soups (anything with the Campbell's name on it) *Pace Salsa, Habitant soups, V8 beverage or vegetable cocktails, Pepperidge Farm Goldfish Crackers* Simply save the labels from all the Campbell's products that you use and send them into the school. We count and bundle them and Campbell's gives us free merchandise in exchange for the labels. Past rewards have been music stands and a school camera.

Litter-less Lunches: The County of Halton does not provide Trinity with pick-up for recyclable material. Since we would have to pay a private contractor for this service, we ask that all recyclable material go back home with students for the family recycling bin. Let's all try to limit the amount of recyclable material that we use and try to make every day a litter-less lunch day!

SPORTS AND CLUB NEWS

BALL HOCKEY THIS WEEK: The action continues Friday at the morning recess for all interested students in Grades 5-8. Bring your helmet in order to participate! **RJ**

CONCERT BAND: There will be a practice this Wednesday at lunch. **SF**

GIRL'S BASKETBALL: We will have practice on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-4:45 this week. Next week we will not have practice due to the Grade 8 Ottawa trip.

TITANS BOYS' BASKETBALL THIS WEEK: Practices are this week Mon., Thurs., and next week Mon. at 7:00. **RJ**

TRACK AND FIELD: We are looking forward to the opportunity of participating in an indoor track meet at Copps Coliseum on Thursday, February 23rd. We will practice on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** during lunch recess starting this week. (From 12:30-1:00 and then lunch can be eaten afterwards.) Please come prepared with gym clothes, a water bottle and appropriate running shoes for these practices. Thanks! **Mr. and Mrs. McGregor**

GRADE NEWS

JK: This week we will begin our Friendship Unit and we will learn the letter "F." The Stars of the Day are Tommy on Tuesday and Avery R on Thursday. Scholastic orders are due on Thursday. Thursday is also Pizza Day for those who have ordered it. **LB**

CK –JK/SK: This week in our friendship unit we will talk about “wrinkled hearts” and how words can hurt and words can heal. I wonder if your child can tell you about our wrinkled heart promise. Our Bible unit continues with the Israelites wandering in the desert. In math we are learning about sorting and the difference between sorting and patterning. Our new sound: Ff. Its action: pretend you’re holding an inflatable fish and squeeze out the air saying /f/ /f/ /f/. **MS**

SK: Today Mr. Cc arrives from Letter People Land. He is special because he likes "cotton candy". Cc items should come to school on Wed. The 100th day of school is Thurs. We have been looking forward to this day for a long time. The students should bring their collection of 100 things to school on Thurs. Next Monday Feb. 13 SK will be celebrating Valentines Day. Please remember to include all the girls, or all the boys, or everyone in the class in the card exchange. Have a wonderful week. **DD**

GRADE 1: I can’t believe how much each child has grown in his/her reading ability! Keep up the great work Grade One! This week we have Library on Tuesday. Please bring in all books to be returned or renewed. Book orders are due on Thursday please. We have our 100th Day Celebration on Thursday. Please remember to send in with your child their 100-item collection. The collections can be brought in anytime before Thursday if that makes it easier. Our class only has 1 more Kleenex box. Can each child bring in another box of Kleenex for our class to share? Thank you for your help! Have a great week! **MS**

GRADE 1-2: I hope that you had a wonderful weekend! Please continue to send in your child’s collection of 100 things. Collections can be brought in any time between now and Monday. We will celebrate our 100th day on Monday, as I will be gone to a conference for the actual 100th day of school on Friday. I am very pleased with the improvement that I have seen in each child’s reading this year! I am continuing to test each student’s reading level over the next few weeks. I encourage you to continue reading as much as possible at home! Thanks, and have a great week! **KZ**

GRADE 2: We had some fun in the snow last week Monday and, to our amusement, it was all gone by lunchtime. As we continue to have mild weather, please add an extra pair of socks to your child's backpack. In math this week we will review time and money. We will be adding with regrouping and be introduced to subtraction with borrowing from the tens. Keep practicing those basic number facts. In language we are working with consonant blends: br, tr, gr, sl, gl, pl, bl, etc.; proper nouns and abbreviations. Continue the joy of reading with your child.

February Scholastic book orders will go out Tuesday. On Wed. March 7 we will be visiting the RBG in the morning, leaving the school at 9.15 AM and returning at noon. If you are able to help please let me know!

Reminders: Tues. Library. Please return books. Fri. Sp. Test, M.W. Have a great week!

DB

GRADE 3: Once again, a huge **thank you** to all the parents who helped out last week at skating! It was very much appreciated!

Here are the details for the week:

Tuesday: **Socials Studies** review sheet will be coming home for our test on Tuesday, Feb 14.

Friday: **Memory Work** Assignment is due.

Tuesday, Feb 14: All **Scholastic Orders** are due.

JH

GRADE 4: We have a busy stretch ahead of us as we come up to the end of Term #2. Student, please pace yourselves well as you prepare for the tests/due dates over the next weeks.

Details for the week ahead:

Tuesday – Unit 3 Bible Test: King David and King Solomon

Friday – Spelling Test

Looking ahead:

Valentine’s Day - Praise God for the LOVE He showers on us in abundance. Students are welcome to share their LOVE for each other on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Be sure that any treats brought to share are allergen safe! ☺ (*Also be sure to include all boys/all girls or all classmates*)

Fire Safety – Last Friday a purple Fire Safety survey went home with students. Please fill that out together in preparation for a visit from a Burlington Fire Department representative on Wednesday, Feb 8. Thanks!

Science – Test on LIGHT portion only on Wednesday, Feb 15

“Canned” Book Report due Thursday, Feb 16

Optional LIGHT/SOUND project due Thursday, Feb. 23 **JdR**

Grade Four: **Music:** Please remember your recorder on Thursday.

GRADE 5: This week we have Cameron H. in the spotlight. As we celebrate the unique gifts and abilities God has given Cameron, please ask your child what they know and appreciate about him.

Please check the classroom website where you will find information about assignments expectations and weekly homework. <http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/cSchoorman/>

Learning Skills: This week’s focus will be on collaboration. This means being able to participate in partner and small group learning as well as whole class activities. Demonstrating the ability to both listen and contribute in cooperative group learning takes practice but it is an important skill to learn.

LITERACY:

Writing: This week we will continue writing persuasive essays. By the end of this week, rough drafts should be completed. Students should have some completed some research at home on their topic and may bring in data, quotes, statistics, and other information that may help with this essay.

Reading: We will continue reading the novel, “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”. We finished reading section 4 last week. Ensure that **section 1-4** questions, journals and visualizing picture are **complete by Friday**.

Also, students should continue reading the book they have chosen for the **second term book report** which is due at the end of February. Please ask your child which book they have chosen for this historical fiction book report. All the information about this book report is on the classroom website.

Working with Words: Spelling Test is Friday.

Social Studies: This week we will continue our social studies unit about the Ancient Farming Communities of China and Egypt. The class trip to Queen’s Park has been re-booked for **March 2nd**. Please let me know if you can chaperone.

NUMERACY: Data Management tests will be sent home this week so please sign and return. Last week we began the unit on measurement. Practicing counting money and making change will be a good way to practice learning some of the skills of this math unit.

GYM: We will begin a basketball unit this week and continue with skipping for our warm-up cardio exercise. **Indoor running shoes are a must!** Have a fabulous week! **AMc**

Grade Five French: We started a new unit some weeks ago. The theme "Les Pompiers" allows us to learn a few new verbs as well as the rooms in a house or apartment. We will have a quiz on Thursday on vocab list 1.

Music: We will be evaluated on a recorder piece next Monday. Students will find out today which one. **CS**

GRADE 5/6, 7 & 8 ROTARY CLASSES

GRADE 5/6 Homeroom: Students are working hard in class. Our Bible discussions have been especially interesting as we walk through the "old, old stories" that shape our view of life even today. Jim P. will be joining us as guest speaker this Thursday again to talk about the Lord's Prayer. **Remember to check the class website for details at**

<http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/GPot>. **GP**

Health: This week we will continue our unit on Family Life. If there are any concerns about this topic please contact me at grace.pot@tcsonline.ca.

Spelling: Test on Unit 20. Words on Friday, Feb. 10 .

Book Report: Great job, class, especially on the character cubes.

Skating: Only grade 6 on Friday at 1:30. **GP**

5/6 Literature: In honor of Black History month, please go to the following virtual museum and answer the questions given in hard copy in class, or download from the calendar or resource section of the class website:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/games/museum/index.asp>

5/6 French: Vocab and etre/avoir quiz on Wed. Know words on review sheet (English only) and avoir and etre. **JH**

Grade 5/6 Music: A number of students still need to hand in January practice records. Please do so ASAP. The students will have a playing test this Friday on page 42 #1. We are also working on pg 40 #2 and #3. **SF**

Grade 5/6 Socials and Science: Just a reminder that this Wednesday there will be a social studies test. We will review today in class. Next Wednesday there will be a test for Science. A study guide will come home this week. **J AvW**

GRADE 7 Homeroom: Kleenex boxes: We could use some more boxes since students are making good use of the Kleenex. **JH**

Math and French: Tests for both subjects were marked and handed back. The students did a fantastic job of teaching and learning from one another in small groups to correct mistakes. **JH**

Gr. 7 Spelling: Unit 7 Booklet due and vocab quiz on Tues. **JH**

Gr. 7 Bible: Test (Wed) –study sheet was made last week.

Advance Notice: Memory Work (Revelation 11:15-17) for Wed. Feb. 22. This will be the last of 5 texts for the second term. The lowest of those marks will not be counted toward the final mark. **RJ**

Gr. 7 History: In honor of Black History month, please go to the following virtual museum and answer the questions given in hard copy in class: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/games/museum>

Skating this Friday, February 10. Don't forget your skates!

GRADE 7, 7/8 AND 8 SCIENCE: Students are working on Osmosis and Diffusion presentations which will be presented February 22 and 23. I am looking forward to seeing some of their creative ideas. Please note: students who are at the Track Meet must do their presentations on the 22nd. Next Monday, February 13, there will be a test on some of the cell material. Details were given out today. Have a blessed week students! **AvW**

GRADE 7/8 Homeroom: We are continuing our math studies on area and perimeter (grade 7) and circles (grade 8). Schedule for the week: Thursday: literature test; Friday: spelling, Bible test. Upcoming: Monday, Feb. 13: Science test; Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 14-16: grade 8 to Ottawa-regular classes for grade 7; Thursday, Feb. 23: book report due (Feb. 22 for Track team members). **Skating** this Friday, February 10. Don't forget your skates! Have a great week. Remember to check out our website for upcoming assignments, tests, quizzes, and events.
<http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/SFlokstra/SF>

GRADE 8 OTTAWA TRIP: Ottawa info came home last Thursday. The Rules/Expectations sheet needs to be signed and returned to school by Friday. Please also send in the medication authorization form this week. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Flokstra or Mr. Janssens. Let's continue to pray for cold weather in Ottawa so that the canal will be frozen for skating. **SF/RJ**

GRADE 8 Homeroom: A hearty congratulations to: Evan, Rachel, Marisa, Erika, Taylor VM, and Esther, whose short stories were selected for publication by "Polar Expressions Publishing"! I sent home a form that you can use to order the anthologies when they are released in June. Well done! All students will be able to enter other stories for similar publishing opportunity in March.

We welcome a familiar face to our classroom community in the form of Taj Melic. We're so glad he has returned to TCS, and expect he will quickly assimilate into the group.

Obviously the impending trip to **Ottawa** is front-and-centre on the minds of the students. Please ensure they return the signed form regarding the rules of the trip, as well as the form regarding the taking of medication. It should be a fantastic opportunity for all of us to interact outside of the classroom setting. I've never gone, but have heard only great things about the experience.

Spelling: Unit 21 dictation (Fri)

Literature: 5-verse poem on topic of their choice (Fri) -good copy should be typed and centred on a single page, so use the necessary font depending on length

French: 15 words from the "Au Casse-Croute" unit (Thurs)

Bible Test: (Wed) -covers selected questions and sections from pages 691-711 in Units 5 and 6: "Resurrection, Ascension, and the Birth of the Church"

Skating (Fri pm)

RJ

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