

*Training covenant children for a life of thankful and obedient service to God and our neighbour*

## Dear Parents

Welcome, Parents and other friends of MCS! We had a wonderful walk through our community last Friday in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. It was nice to see so many of you there. This Saturday is the annual Soccer tournament. As mentioned last week, it is in a different location. Here is the address: Southward Sports Park, Grimsby, ON L3M 4E7. Next week Friday we plan to have a Thanksgiving Assembly at 2:30 in the afternoon. Our two grade 1 classrooms are hosting. That morning the Grade 7&8 classes will be at Dundas Valley Park for the annual Cross Country Run, either running or cheering on their classmates. It is amazing that we are already speaking about Thanksgiving Day...how the time flies by! The Friday after Thanksgiving is our first Kindergarten B Friday (Oct. 13). As you are reading this I will be travelling back to Ontario after a productive Principals' Conference, with the intention of being back in school on Friday, DV. I hope to share a summary with you all in the next LINK. Read on to find out what is happening in the various classrooms.

## Kindergarten

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**Memory Work: Song:** Hymn 80:3(Wed/Thu); **Text:** Ps 136:1  
New hymns are Hymn 56:1 and Hymn 5:1.

**Bible Study:** M Rainbow Promise T/W The Tower of Babel Th Abram is Called

**Math:** Numbers 8 and 9 Sorting by various attributes

**Language Arts:** Letters Pp Nn Sight word: see

**Social Studies:** We will learn about the history of Thanksgiving as we talk about the Biblical Jewish Feast and then the historical Thanksgiving in North America.

## Grade One A

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**Memory Work: Song:** Psalm 100:4 (Oct6); **Text:** Gen 1:1,31a (Oct6)

**Bible Study:** Abraham's descendants Isaac and Jacob

**Math:** Numbers 1-10

**Phonics:** rhyming words!

**Writing:** the formation of the letters RSTUV

**Library:** our library day is Thursday. October's author is Elise Parsley

**Social Studies:** God has created people so different, just look at your fingerprints!

**Show & Tell:** M Aleah T Asher W Claire T Connor F Emma

**Chudleighs:** Tomorrow we enjoy a trip to Chudleighs Apple Farm!

## Grade One B

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**Memory Work: Song:** Psalm 100:4, Psalm 93: 4(Sep29); **Text:** Gen 1:1,31a(Oct6)

**Bible Study:** Abraham's faith tested. Review of unit 1. Isaac's marriage, Esau & Jacob

**Church History:** Church Life - God cares for His Church.

**Math:** Unit 2: Number Relations

**Phonics:** /h/, /p/, /i/, /n/. We will be blending to read VC (vowel, consonant) and CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words!

**Reading Comprehension:** We will read Bear Says Thanks and talk about Bear's character traits.

**Sight Words:** for, are, on, as

**Writing:** We are learning how to write complete sentences. We wrote about fall in our journals.

**French:** et toi (and you?), toute le monde (everyone), fait (sit)

**Social studies:** God has created us uniquely!

**Show & Tell:** M Jenna T Jacob Th Blake F Liam

## Grade Two A

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**Memory Work: Song:** Ps. 150:1(Sep29) Hymn. 16:1(Oct6); **Text:** Luk. 1:68-69(Sep29) Disciples' Names(Oct13)

**Bible Study:** T the Baptism of Jesus W The Temptation of Jesus

Th Behold the Lamb of God F review/quiz

**Math:** We continue to review skip counting (by 2s & 5s) and to work with patterns in numbers. We are working at using subitizing to learn addition facts.

**Language Arts:** Spelling consists mostly of words which can be phonetically decoded and therefore also spelled phonetically, though occasionally, there may be part of a word that is considered a "heart" word. We have begun the first story in the Open Court reader – Come Back, Jack.

**PE:** We have PE first thing on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Students should be prepared with the proper clothing to participate in all activities.

**(Monday): Church History:** Church Life: We worship the Lord with reverence

**Math:** We will continue exploring the attributes of 3D figures. We will count the faces, edges and vertices of various solids.

**Grammar:** Wow! We will learn about exclamation marks! It will be exciting!

**Writing:** We will work on a Thanksgiving writing project

**Science:** We had fun racing and stacking liquids last week. This week we will explore changing matter from a solid to a liquid and a liquid to a solid. We will test different ways to make these changes happen faster!

## Grade Two B

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**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 150:1(Sep29), Hymn 16:1(Oct6); **Text:** Luke 1:68-69(Sep29)

**Bible Study:** M The Return to Nazareth W Preaching and Baptizing by John Th Quiz

**Church History:** Our first unit is called "Church Life." We will continue focusing on the liturgy of our church services this week.

**M/W/Th Math:** We are continuing with Unit 1: Patterns!

**T/F Math:** We are working through Unit 6: 3D Shapes.

**Language Arts:** We will be starting our next story in our Open Court readers: "Story Hour- Starring Megan!" Spelling: Unit 3 (short i). Grammar: Nouns Writing: Trait #1: Organization.

**Science:** Our first unit is on solids and liquids.

**PE:** We are continuing with Unit 7: Cooperative Games.

## Grade Three

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Church History begins Monday and runs through the month of October. Oct. 2-6, 2023 Lord willing...

**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 34:3(Oct6); **Text:** Gen12:1-3(Oct13)

**Church History:** M - Th The Body of Christ F Elders

**Vocabulary Words:** N/A

**Math:** Expanded Form & Place Value & Regrouping

**Science:** independent projects/ corrugation/folds increase strength

**PE:** foot dribbling

**Grade Four***hvansydenborgh@mcsfergus.ca***Memory Work: Song:** Ps 27:1(Oct6); **Text:** 1 Sam. 15:22(Oct13)**Bible Study:** Our stories continue from 1 Samuel 9 as we learn about Saul, the first king of Israel.**Math:** With the math quiz behind us we have a few more topics to finish off our unit on whole numbers. We will be learning some 3 and 4-digit addition and subtraction strategies over the course of the week. We will also be starting the multiplication fact program in the coming week.**Spelling Words:** Lesson 4: knee, knot, knew, knows, knife, prize, prices, shine, smile, slide, slid, slip, grip, spin, history, arithmetic.**Reading:** We have learned setting, plot and cause/effect in a story. We will learn about Characters in *The Strength of the Hills* and dialogue in *The Western Sentinel (a skit)*.**French:** Oral/written test on Friday (29). New unit on weather: La météo and learning the pronouns.**PE:** We have finished the unit on Outdoor Games. Our next unit is Cooperative Games, focussing on group activities that develop interpersonal skills and cooperative behaviour while achieving physical goals.**Grade Five***jkapteyn@mcsfergus.ca***Memory Work: Song:** Psalm 41:1(Oct.6); **Text:** Luk. 2:10-14(Oct.13)**Bible Study:** We have begun the second unit of our Bible study. In this unit, we look at the signs and miracles that Jesus did while he was on earth. We will be focusing on how these miracles show His power and that he truly is the Son of God.**Math:** We continue to work on our unit on whole numbers. This week we will be especially focusing on adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers.**Language Arts:** We continue to learn new vocabulary and ideas in our novel, *The House of Sixty Fathers*.**Spelling:** Lesson 4: hose, whole, jokes, tones, votes, chosen, frozen, lonely, lonesome, don't, ore, bore, border, forbid, scorn, northern, formed, ordered, orchard, forward**Science:** We hope to finish looking at the circulatory system this week and see how it works together with the respiratory system!**Grade Six A***pbouwman@mcsfergus.ca***Memory Work: Song:** Ps102:11(Oct6), Ps50:5,6(Oct13); **Text:** Ps8:6-9(Oct16)**Bible Study:** We have finished our second unit looking at God's covenant relationship with Abraham and Sarah. Next, we will be starting our unit on Isaac.**Math:** We are working with mental math concepts and with the order of operations.**Novel Study:** We hope to finish reading our novel and have a test, then, start on another small project.**Spelling:** Lesson 4 - sole, throne, postage, postpone, cooperate, ghost, stroll, thrown, organize, force, perform, reform, resort, import, explore, enforce, accordingly, broad, abroad, coarse, *forgery, doughnut, fortress, moral, notify*. Spelling tests on Friday.**PE:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Don't forget those PE clothes!**Special Days***Canadian Tuxedo Day(Oct13)*On **Friday, October 13th**, students and staff alike are invited to dress up for the fall weather in the most stereotypical Canadian way. Bring out your best denim (jeans), plaid, toques, boots and braids for a fun day celebrating the fall season.**Calendar of Events**

Soccer Tournament	Sept 30
Membership Meeting	Oct 5(8:00)
Cross Country 7&8	Oct 6
Assembly: Thanksgiving(Gr1A/1B)	Oct 6(2:30)
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 9
Kindergarten B Friday	Oct 13

*mhoeksema@mcsfergus.ca***Grade Six B***ksikkema@mcsfergus.ca***Memory Work: Song:** Ps 102:11(Oct6); **Text:** Ps 8:6-9(Oct13)**Bible Study:** In Unit 2, we are studying the account of Abraham.**Church History:** We looked at Patrick, the spread of the gospel from Iona with Columba and Aiden, and the conclusions of Synod of Whitby, 664, about the tonsure and the date of Easter. This week we will look at the sad rise of Papal Power.**Math:** continuing our work with whole numbers, we'll practice Order of Operations and adding, subtracting and multiplying large numbers. In Geometry we proceed from angles to constructing figures and nets.**Language Arts:** Novel study *Underground to Canada* continues, following Julilly's move to the Deep South. We have started with a few lessons around the Armenian genocide; the next lesson or two will be about not just a mutt.**Grammar and Writing:** There are good connections between these two subject areas, and we will make ample use of that.**Spelling:** sole, throne, postage, postpone, cooperate, ghost, stroll, thrown, organize, force, perform, reform, resort, import, explore, enforce, accordingly, broad, abroad, coarse, *forgery, doughnut, fortress, moral, notify*. Spelling tests on Fridays.**Computers:** We will soon start using the Typing Club program and use available Typing slots across the curriculum.**Science:** Work on finding information about your chosen animal for our Diversity Research Project.**Social Studies:** We are part of a Very Special Community amidst many others. Which one?**PE:** on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.**Grade Seven***avansydenborgh@mcsfergus.ca***Monday** Devotions: Isaac**Tuesday** Devotions: Lucas  
Bring PE clothes  
French Chapter 1 Quiz**Wednesday** Devotions: Lucy  
Spelling Lesson 4  
Bible Test**Thursday** Devotions: Aidan  
Bring PE clothes**Friday** Cross Country at Dundas Valley  
Conservation Area**Grade Eight***wbartels@mcsfergus.ca*

This is a short week of classroom time for the students due to our trip to Dundas Valley on Friday, but there are also a number of units to wrap up. Thankfully, the class is generally quite strong in both Math and French, and things have gone well in these subjects so far!

**Monday** Devotions: Jonah**Tuesday** Devotions: Chloe  
Ch. 3 French quiz**Wednesday** Devotions: Kylee  
Unit 1 Grammar test**Thursday** Devotions: Eden  
Ch. 2a Math test (ratio and rate)**Friday** Cross Country at Dundas Valley