



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! Grade 7&8 performed well at the Cross Country event last Friday. The girls team finished in 1st place and the boys finished in 4th. It was an enjoyable event once again. It was also appreciated to see so many of you at our Thanksgiving Assembly that same day...yet another item to be thankful for! We have definitely entered Fall with the significantly lower temperatures. The muddy play areas are more evident, partially because of construction, and partially because of some limited play space, especially among the older grades. As such, there are scheduled gym times for these grades during recesses as well. Intramurals are also on the horizon! That will help to occupy a number of students during recess breaks. Many things to continue our attitude of thankfulness. The main walls of the addition are above ground. Backfilling is nearing completion and things are moving forward. This coming Friday is the first KB Friday. It is also "Canadian Tuxedo Day," so don your toque, your plaid and your logging/hiking boots, and if you have enough to spare to add to the celebration, grade 8 is hosting a Cupcake Craze at Lunch. See below for more information. Read on to find out what is happening in the various classrooms.

Kindergarten

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Memory Work: Song: Hymn 56:1; **Text:** Psalm 136:1
Bible Study: M Isaac Sacrifice Tu/W Isaac Receives a Wife Th Esau Sells the Birthright
Math: Working with the numbers 1 – 5
Language Arts: Letters: Ee Hh Sight Word: and
Science: We will examine pumpkins.
Art: We will make our "Leaf Man". This week we didn't have enough leaves yet. Please gather some pretty leaves and send them to school.

Grade One A

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Memory Work: Song: Hy 4:1(Oct20); **Text:** Gen 17:7a(Oct25)
Bible Study: Jacob returns home and his family
Math: friends of 10 and 10 frames
Phonics: We begin our letter sounds! S,M,T and short A!
Writing: Making our own Antoinette Portis story as a class
Library: library day is Thursday. October's author is Elise Parsley
Social Studies: Grade 6 is helping us trace, cut and colour a life size replica of us!
Show & Tell: M Katy T Kylie W Michael T Reid F Ryker - please send a family photo so your child can introduce your family to our class!

Grade One B

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Memory Work: Song: Hy 4:1 **Text:** Gen 17:7a(Oct20)
Bible Study: Jacob at Laban, Jacob flees, Jacob meets Esau, death of Isaac & Rachel
Church History: The Church Building
Math: Numbers 0-10
Social Studies: Timelines
Phonics: short o, /b/, /c/
Sight Words: with, his, I, they
Reading Comprehension: Retelling using beginning, middle, and end.
Writing: Writers organize - We will write non-fiction sentences about spiders.
Show & Tell: M Mallary T Joshua Th Abby F Lacey

Grade Two A

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 71:3(Oct13), Hy 15:1(Oct20), Ps 111:5(Oct25); **Text:** Disciples' Names (Oct13), Luke 2:8,9 (Oct 25)
Bible Study: T Jesus Ministers to Nicodemus W Jesus in Galilee Th Jesus and the Samaritan Woman F Jesus Rejected in Nazareth
Math: number sense, skip counting; subitizing/using subitizing to learn addition facts; patterns/patterns in numbers
Language Arts: Spelling Unit 3; Story Hour Starring Megan/Ant and the Three Little Figs; radio plays
PE/Health: We will begin a unit on healthy eating.
Monday: Church History: Church Life: Baptism

Math: 3D Geometry: Attributes of 3D solids
Grammar: Review of ending punctuation
Writing: All About Me project final copy
Social Studies: Continents & Oceans
Science: We will learn about suspensions and solutions by mixing solids and liquids!

Grade Two B

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 71:3(Oct13), Hy 15:1(Oct20); **Text:** The Twelve Apostles(Oct13)
Bible Study: M Behold the Lamb of God! W Quiz Th The Calling of the Disciples
Church History: Our first unit is called "Church Life." We will be discussing the sacrament of baptism this week.
M/W/Th Math: We will be wrapping up Unit 1: Sorting & Patterning!
T/F Math: We will be wrapping up our unit on 3D Shapes.
Language Arts: We will be discussing the story of the Ant and the Three Little Figs and we will be performing radio plays! Spelling Unit 4 (short o). Grammar: Nouns. Writing: Trait #1: Organization.
Science: Our first unit is on solids and liquids. This week we will take a look at buoyancy and spend some reviewing for our unit quiz the following week.
PE: We will be working through Unit 6: Locomotor Games.

Grade Three

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A Math test is set for next Thursday, Oct. 19th. The test will cover concepts between the pages 28-71, specifically: modeling with base ten blocks, expanded form with words and numerals, expanded form with numerals only, use of greater than/less than signs, ordering numbers greatest to smallest or visa-versa, adding and subtracting with regrouping and a few word problem solving questions. Oct. 16-20, 2023 Lord willing...
Memory Work: Song: Hy 52:1(Oct20); **Text:** Gen 15:5,6(Oct25)
Church History: M-W Sharing in Each Other's Joy Th-F Sharing in Each Other's Sorrows
Language Arts: story: How Dog Outwitted Leopard (friendship destroyed through greed)
Vocabulary Words: commotion, dusk, embarrassed, moaned, retraced(Oct16)
Math: doubles and scaffolding mental math
Science: structural joints
PE: foot dribbling

Grade Four

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 52:1, 5(Oct 20); **Text:** Ps 100:1-3(Oct 25)
Bible Study: Monday we are reviewing what we studied in this unit on Saul and then on Tuesday or Wednesday we will have a test.
Math: Keep practicing those math facts at home! If students come home with a black math facts folder it would be good for them to go through it at least once as practice.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God," Ephesians 6:10,11a

Reading: Our last story is called *The Western Sentinel* which the students will learn about dialogue and then present as a play!

Spelling: Review of lessons 1-5 with a test on Friday (20th)

Science: There are 3 lessons left in the unit before we have a test. We will be doing an art activity that connects to what we have learned about camouflage. Keep a heads up in the agendas for a date to be set. Students will need to bring or wear old clothes as we interact with paint.

Music: We are done learning about the Orchestra. We will be doing a small project on an instrument and some songs connected to it over the next little while. Students will also be practicing for our Remembrance Day Assembly.

Grade Five

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 48:1(Oct20); **Text:** Joh 3:14-16(Oct25)

Bible Study: We continue to study many signs and miracles Jesus performed. We see what Jesus is revealing about himself, for example revealing his power and mercy.

Math: After a difficult week of multi digit multiplication, we move on to another challenging concept of long division.

Language Arts: We will be starting our novel study project this week that will focus on various themes and connections to our novel.

Spelling: Review of the last 5 lessons

Science: We continue to study our respiratory system and how God created it to work together with our respiratory system. We hope to try to make model lungs this week!

Grade Six A

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 14:1(Oct20), Ps 118: 1(Oct25); **Text:** Gen 9:12-16(Oct25)

Bible Study: We will have a test late next week to wrap up our unit on Jacob.

Math: We are wrapping up our first unit and will be having a test on Tuesday.

Novel Study: We will be having a test on our novel *Underground to Canada* on Wednesday.

Spelling: Lesson 6 - anxious, headache, estate, locate, spade, uneasy, cheap, complete, meter, evil, mining, finally, infant, sicken, sprinkle, postpone, thrown, reform, enforce, coarse, amusement, value, human, figure, capture.

Science: After a fascinating study of the many different animals throughout God's creation each student will be starting to study a specific animal of their choice!

PE: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Don't forget those PE clothes!

Terry Fox Walk

A sincere thank you to all the parents that participated in the Terry Fox walk with us and the families that helped raise \$1340.41 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Canadian Tuxedo Day

October 13 2023

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.

Cupcake Craze

October 13 2023

On Friday we are celebrating the Stereotypical Canadian by dressing up and by raising a cupcake to each other in celebration! The Cupcake Craze Fundraiser event will take place at lunch and each person will be able to purchase a cupcake for \$1.50 which will support our Grade Eight Class in funding their year end trip to Arowhon. Please dress up for our Special Day Friday and also support our Grade Eight Class! Let's raise a cupcake in celebration!!

Calendar of Events

Kindergarten B Friday	Oct 13
Canadian Tuxedo Day	Oct 13
Cupcake Craze	Oct 13
LINK Due	Oct 18
Compass Reformed Educators' Convention	Oct 26/27
Assembly: Reformation Day(6B/8)	Oct 31(8:45)
Interim reports	Nov 3
Interviews (by request)	Nov 8

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Grade Six B

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 14:1; **Text:** Gen 9:12-16(Oct30)

Bible Study: Unit 2: God's covenant with Abraham and his family

Church History: We will be looking at missionaries to Frisians and the Saxons next week.

Math: Division strategies. In Geometry, a review and Test are imminent.

Language Arts: Novel study *Underground to Canada* continues. Have you noticed the sad news about Armenia? We will be looking at a missionary story.

Grammar and Writing: There are good connections between these two subject areas, and we will make ample use of that.

Spelling: Lesson 5: refuse, confuse, dispute, amusement, useless, issue, statue, value, valuable, discontinue, union, human, humor, jury, curious, figure, future, injure, insure, capture, *commute, urged, unique, utensils, youthful*. Spelling tests on Fridays.

Science: Looking at the various orders of animals and what makes them unique.

Social Studies: We will soon be working on a little project that leads to a display on the wall in the hall. We hope to see some guest speakers about immigration on Tuesday.

PE: on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Grade Seven

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Monday Devotions: Olivia

Tuesday Devotions: Ren

Bring PE clothes

Geography Chapter 1 Quiz

Wednesday Devotions: Michael

Spelling Lesson 5

Thursday Devotions: Ava

Bring PE clothes

Friday Devotions: Christian

Bring PE clothes

Unit 2 Math Test - Ratio and Rate

Memory Work: Psalm 12:1,5

Grade Eight

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Monday Devotions: Kayla

Girls volleyball

Tuesday Devotions: Declan

Wednesday Devotions: Derek

Ch. 2 Science test

Spelling lesson 5

Boys volleyball

Thursday Devotions: Lily

Friday Devotions: Cohen

Psalm 32:5

Ch. 3 History test