



Dear Parents

Welcome, Parents and other friends of MCS! The weather has been as the weather always is...unpredictable. For the next couple of days, we have some warmer weather, resulting in some wet, yucky and potentially muddy conditions. We continue to feel the pinch of our increasingly limited playground space, but soon our water excavation should be done, and with a good frost and a bit of snow, that area could be reclaimed. Our latest round of intramurals is behind us. Thank you to those grade 8 students on the Intramurals Team! Our "water day" is getting closer. It will likely be early next week, or so I've been informed. Read on to find out what is happening in the various classrooms.

Kindergarten

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Memory Work: Song: Hy 21:6 (Dec20/21), Ps. 100:1 (Jan17/18);

Text: Mat 1:21

Bible Study: M/Tu The Burning Bush W/Th The First 5 Plagues

Math: Patterns and the numbers 0 – 10

LA: Letters: Yy Xx (not Zz as on the calendar) Sight Word: have

Science: Hibernation and Migration

men to care for and gather His Church. We will begin with John Chrysostom.

Math: Naming and describing the attributes of 2D figures

Grammar: Verbs

Writing: We will continue practising our informational writing skills by writing about another one of God's creatures. Next week the students will write about an animal of their choice - so they can begin thinking about which animal they will choose!

Science: We will begin to explore the world of vertebrates. We will also begin working on our animal lapbooks!

Grade One A

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Memory Work: Song: Hy 11:1(Dec15); **Text:** Exo 20:2-3(Dec22)

Bible Study: God dwells among His people Israel in the tabernacle

Math: Addition and subtraction to 12 and doubles

Phonics: Digraph TH

Sight words: do, did, what, so

Reading Comprehension: Discovering a game in the story Jafta

Science: Taking a look at different ways humans survive the seasons.

Library: Thursdays. December's Author is Drew Daywalt.

Show & Tell: M Kylie T Michael W Reid Th Ryker F Tess

Grade Two B

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Memory Work: Song: Hy 9:1(Dec8), Ps 119:40(Dec15); **Text:** Joh 6:35(Dec8)

Bible Study: M The Healing of the Centurion's Servant W Jesus Raises the Widow's Son Th Jesus is Anointed by a Sinful Woman
Church History: We will be starting Unit 2: People in Church History. The first person we will take a look at is John Chrysostom.

M/W/Th Math: We will continue to work through Unit 2: Number Relationships. This week our focus will be on Counting by 10s, place value and the 100s chart.

T/F Math: We will be continuing Unit 9: 2D Shapes.

LA: Much to the students' excitement, we will be reading the story of Corduroy in the upcoming week! This story ties in nicely with our unit on Kindness. In Spelling, we will learn the Floss Rule. Grammar: Verbs. Writing: Trait #2- Organization.

Science: We will continue looking at how animals are classified, and take a look at the life cycle of certain animals and humans.

PE: We will continue with our Unit on Fitness and Hockey!

Grade One B

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Memory Work: Song: Hy 11:1(Dec15); **Text:** Exo 20:2,3 (Dec22)

Bible Study: The Tabernacle, Review & Unit 4: Aaron & Miriam Oppose Moses

Math: Addition & subtraction from 0-12.

Sight Words: their, if, will, up

Phonics: Digraphs - sh, th, ch, tch

Reading Comprehension: A Loud Winter's Nap

Writing: Scruffy has lots of problems. We will write him letters with advice.

Science: God provides humans with innovations to survive the seasons.

Show & Tell: Christmas Traditions: (show & tell included on Wednesday for 2 weeks)

Week of Dec.11th M Dominic T Zekiah W Mallary Th Joshua

Week of Dec.18th T Abby W: Lacey Th Taya F Mrs Vanderveen

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A geometry test is scheduled for Monday. Review: Venn diagrams, polygon names (quadrilateral, pentagon, hexagon, heptagon, octagon), vertices, angles (acute, right, obtuse), parallel lines, congruency, & distinctives between square, rhombus, and rectangle. On Tuesday Dec 12 we'll begin learning how to play Chess during Math over nine classes. Why? a) Students work with rows and columns b) Chess assists brain development (exercises both sides of the brain), grows dendrites, improves concentration, increases creativity, improves memory, increases problem-solving skills, teaches planning and foresight (no prior knowledge of Chess is expected.) Dec 11-15, 2023 Lord willing...

Memory Work: Song: Hy 82:1(Dec15); **Text:** Ps 23:1-3(Dec22)

Bible Study: M Gen 40 T Gen 41:1-37 W Gen. 41: 34-57 Th Gen. 42 F Gen. 43

Math: attributes of chess figures one day per figure (starting with pawn)

LA: Story: City Superheroes

Vocab Words: encounter, nocturnal, omnivorous, solutions, zoologist

Science: differentiating Urban from Rural Communities

PE: badminton(serving)

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Memory Work: Song: Hy 9:1(Dec8), Ps 119:40(Dec15), Hy 1(Dec22); **Text:** Joh 6:35(Dec8), Luke 9:23-24(Dec22)

Bible Study: T Jesus Teaches the Disciples to Pray W Review/Quiz Th Unit 4: Jesus' Parables: The Parable of the Sower F The Good Samaritan

Math: number sense: place value, skip counting; subitizing/using subitizing to learn addition facts; Units of time: days; months; years

LA: Spelling Unit 7; syllable division for reading and writing; theme: Kindness: Mushroom in the Rain

PE/Health: static balances; healthy eating

(Monday): Church History: We have finished our first unit on Church Life. We will now learn how God uses weak and sinful

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Memory Work: Song: Hy 6:1, 2(Dec15); **Text:** Joh 3:16-18(Dec22)

Church History: Coming up in our unit on the Household of Christ we'll be learning about teaching the children of the household, and the place and role of the elderly in the household.

Math: The upcoming week is focussed on learning about all the attributes of quadrilaterals and how we can classify them with these attributes. Don't forget to keep up with practicing math facts at home!

Science: Dec. 19, we have Scientists in Schools doing a virtual visit to teach us all about sound! Students will get to work with their hands in their guided workshop. Information has already been emailed home about this.

Social Studies: All aboard! As students take a trip across our beautiful country of Canada! We get to see the wonderful physical regions, exploring the landscape and physical features! Each student will keep a travel journal to describe all that they will see!

Spelling: Lesson 13: bid, dim, tin, mix, sixth, sixteen, mint, mist, ticket, chart, March, marble, marker, farther, reward, plane, replace, skating

Reading: We'll finish off the last couple chapters of Stone Fox next week!

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 128:1(Dec15); **Text:** Mat 5:8-12(Dec22)

Bible Study: We continue to look at Jesus' life on earth and are nearing the end. We will be focusing on parables and stories that teach about the coming times.

Math: We have finished our unit on decimals and plan to do a mini-unit on financial literacy lasting until the end of the calendar year.

Novel Study: We continue to hear of the adventure of the Norwegian children in Norway as they try to get the gold out before the Germans catch them!

Spelling: Lesson 14: model, bodies, copies, problem, offer, copper, shopping, dollar, collar, bottom, blossom, cloth, toward, quart, quarter, court, course, ballow, shovel, dropped

Social Studies: We have looked at the early history of Canada, what history is and how we know about history through primary and secondary sources. We hope to shift this week to studying the First Nations.

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 78:1,2(Dec15); Hy 12:1(Dec23); **Text:** Exo 20:8-17(Dec23)

Bible Study: We have finished our unit on Moses and the Exodus and will be moving on to our first Church History unit.

Math: We continue our study of decimals and will look at multiplying and dividing decimals.

Novel Study: We will be finishing our short stories unit with a test at the end of this week.

Special Days: Winter Wonderland

December 22

On Friday, December 22nd, the theme of the day will be "Winter Wonderland". Come to school wearing your favourite hockey jersey, Christmas sweater or Christmas hat. We are excited to see all of your festive cheer. This themed day will coincide with Skating, so don't be afraid to bundle up with all of your Christmas favourites.

Calendar of Events

Books and Bagels(Group B)	Dec 14
Board meeting	Dec 18
LINK materials due	Dec 20
Hot Dog Day	Dec 20/21
"Winter Wonderland" Theme Day	Dec 22
Skating(9AM-1PM)	Dec 22
Assembly: Christmas(2B&3)	Dec22(2:30)
Assembly: New Year's(Principal)	Jan 8
Gr.5/6 Ski Trip	Jan 18
Books and Bagels(Group A)	Jan 25

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Creative Writing: We will be starting to write our own fairy tales this week.

Spelling: Lesson 13: acre, labour, major, flavour, favourite, capable, dangerous, stranger, exchange, arrangement, invitation, operation, observation, radiation, transportation, stationary, area, solo, echo, volcano, dominated, domain, beige, proposal, reservation.

Science: We continue to do different experiments to look at different types of electricity, specifically static electricity

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

Grade Six B

Memory Work: Song: Hy 12: 1; **Text:** Exo 20: 7-17(Dec22)

Bible Study: Unit 3: Jacob's Life

Church History: We started looking at Charlemagne and the Carolingian Renaissance, and will look at the Schism of 1054 next--followed by a test.

Math: Number patterns and recognizing functions. In Geometry, we continue our "Measurement" unit with Volume.

LA: We're learning to write an essay as the final assignment for *Underground to Canada*. In Short Stories we will focus on stories around the theme of Victories.

Grammar and Writing: We will wrap up our first Grammar unit.

Spelling: Review of Lessons 7-11

Science: Static shocks and electrical circuits: electricity is all around us!

Social Studies: We now look at First Nations across Canada, and wrap it up before Christmas.

PE: on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Grade Seven

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Monday	Devotions: Keira
Tuesday	Devotions: Heidi Bring PE clothes Church History - Unit 1 Quiz
Wednesday	Devotions: Addison Spelling - Lesson 11
Thursday	Devotions: Weston Bring PE clothes
Friday	Devotions: Zachary Bring PE clothes Memory Work: Psalm 51:1; 1 Chronicles 16:8-13

Grade Eight

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Monday	Devotions: Chase
Tuesday	Devotions: Cohen Bring reference picture for gesture drawing
Wednesday	Devotions: Declan Math test on integers Spelling lesson 10
Thursday	Unit 4 Bible test
Friday	Psalm 51:6