



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! Happy New Year! And the Lord’s blessings for the year of our Lord 2024! As we head into our more traditional winter weather, it would be good to review the bus cancellation/school closure process. As a rule, the school knows about cancellations by 6:15AM. You can look at the status on the Student Transportation website at <https://stwdsts.ca/>. If Wellington North OR Wellington Centre is closed, we have no buses. Additionally, if Brenmar Transit determines that our routes are too dangerous, we also have no buses. Since we are heavily bus dependent, no buses equals no school. Additionally, when we know that school is cancelled, an email to all parents (addresses recorded on the membership list) is sent out. Finally, the school website also has a “Closed” caption near the top. If you are not getting the emails, please check your spam folder and mark us “not spam.” If that isn’t the problem, just email info@mcsfergus.ca and we will look into the issue. That also means that the school needs to have any updated email addresses as well. Read on to find out what is happening in the various classrooms.

Kindergarten

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 81:1; Text: Is 12:2
Bible Study: M/T Israel Complains W/Th The 10 Commandments
Math: We continue to explore size and measurement.
Language Arts: Sight word – not, Letter: Bb
Science: We will look at various rocks and gems.
Aboyne Museum Trip: On Wednesday and Thursday morning we plan to visit the museum. Please remember to send along a booster seat to school. We will be leaving the school at 9:45 and return around 12:20.

Grade One A

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 131:3(Jan19); Text: Ps 119:105(Jan19)
Bible Study: Israel enters Canaan
Math: Timed addition drills, counting by 2,5,10 and pictographs
Phonics: Long vowel A spelled with a bossy e.
Sight words: no, came, ride, into
Reading Comprehension: Learning about friendship in the story “Matthew & Tilly”
Science: The sun gives energy to all living things!
Health: We get energy from healthy food and understanding the Canadian food guide
Library: Thursdays. Jory John is this month's author.
Music: Starting to learn our concert songs and learning quarter and half notes with the bells
Alphabet Show & Tell: M Asher (C) T Claire (D) W Connor (E) Th Emma (F) F Georgia (G)

Grade One B

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 131:3(Jan19) Ps 24: 1; Text: Ps 119:105(Jan19)
Bible Study: Moses dies, Review, The Spies in Jericho & The Crossing of the Jordan
Church History: Unit 2- People in Church History - Peter, Preacher of the Gospel
Math: New unit: Data Management. We continue to work on addition facts!
Sight Words: up, other, out, many
Phonics: R-controlled vowels - /ar/, /er/, /ir/, /ur/
Writing: How to Make Hot Chocolate
Science: Food Chains & Renewable Resources
Show & Tell: Henry the Hippo
Week of Jan 8th: M Bennett T Lauren Th Jenna F Jacob

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 42:3(Jan19), Ps 86:4(Jan26); Text: Deut 6:4,5(Jan19)
Bible Study: Jesus’ Parables: Th The Talents F The Weeds & The Mustard Seed T The Tenants W The Labourers Th The

Parables of the Ten Maidens and of the Wedding Feast F Parables Quiz
Math: number sense: place value, skip counting; subitizing/using subitizing to learn addition facts; Units of time: days; months; years; calendar; telling time on analogue clocks
Language Arts: Spelling: words with w- or wh-; syllable division for reading and writing; theme: Kindness: The Shoemaker and the Elves; The Paper Crane; Radio plays
PE/Health: finishing static balances and beginning fitness; healthy eating
(Monday): Church History: God uses people from all places and times to gather and protect His Church. We will continue to look at how God used John Chrysostom, a preacher in Antioch and Constantinople.
Math: Sorting 2D figures according to their attributes
Grammar: Adjectives
Writing: We will begin to write about our opinions.
Social Studies: We will continue to “travel” the continents of the world and will explore South America.
Science: God created animals with different characteristics that help them survive in their habitat.

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 147:5(Jan12), Ps 42:3(Jan19); Text: Deut 6:4,5
Bible Study: M Jesus Calms the Storm W The Healing of the Demoniac Th The Paralytic in Capernaum
Church History: We are working Unit 2: People in Church History. We will continue to look at John Chrysostom, a preacher in Antioch.
M/W/Th Math: We will be learning counting patterns over 100.
T/F Math: We will be starting Unit 5: Data Management.
Language Arts: Our Unit in Kindness continues, and this week we will be reading “The Whale’s Song”. In Spelling, we are focusing on the differences between “w” and “wh” words.
Science: Animal Life Cycles & Animal Adaptations.
PE: We will continue with our Fitness Unit, with a focus on our “Snowfall Fitness Circuit”.

Grade Three

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On Monday, January 15th, we plan to begin Church History in England, studying how God used the imperfect life of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer, as a catalyst to bring about the English Reformation. Jan 15-19, 2024 Lord willing...
Memory Work: Song: Ps 39:1(Jan19); Text: Ps 23:4-6(Jan19)
Bible Study: Th Gen 49:28-50:14 F Gen 50:15-26
Church History: Thomas Cranmer 1489-1556(reformer in England)
Language Arts: Through Grandpa’s Eyes (unit theme: Imagination)
Spelling: review (vowel/consonant/e effect) and introduce rep/tile rule

Spelling Words: driver, umpire, pavement, exhale, pinecone, sunshine, admire, pruning, disliked, flames, waved, scope, thrive, using

Vocab Words: N.A.

Math: repeated addition, counting by 2s, 4s, 5s, 10s (a primer for multiplication)

Social Studies: Urban & Rural Communities

PE: Badminton serving and reciprocation skill development and assessment

Grade Four *hvansydenborgh@mcsfergus.ca*

Memory Work: Song: Ps 9:4,5 **Text:** Is 40:28,29

Church History: We have a class trip on Wednesday! Dress warm enough to walk! This connects to our last two lessons on the seniors and special members of God’s household.

Spelling: Lesson 16: death, breath, ahead, thread, already, wear, lightly, lightning, broke, globe, froze, November, score, porch, Tuesday, music, few, during

Grammar: Because of the snow days we had to focus on spelling, so next week we will get back into reviewing what we have learned so far about commas, and continue learning more rules to work with.

Reading: Continuing to work with Aesop’s Fables.

Art: We just finished our personal colour wheels, so in the next couple classes the students will learn about and work with coloured and black and white value scales.

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Memory Work: Song: Hy 55:1(Jan 19); **Text:** Rom 1:16-17(Jan 26)

Bible Study: We will see Jesus’ time on earth nearing its end with Judas’ betrayal and Jesus before Pilate.

Math: We are continuing our look at data and graphs. We will be specifically focusing on making our own graphs using various data in the coming week.

Language Arts: We have started off our poetry unit looking at metaphors, similes and personification. We hope to create personification poems in the coming week in which students have to describe their object without using the name of the object.

Spelling: Lesson 17: August, audience, autumn, automobile, caused, caught, taught, daughter, naughty, astronaut, aunt, often, honest, holiday, knock, control, consent, content, conduct, contract

Social Studies: We will be researching different explorers that discovered Canada.

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 141:1,2(Jan12), Ps 123:1(Jan19); **Text:** Ps 47:1-4(Jan19)

Bible Study: We are studying Church History and will be looking closer at the Rise of Islam and Charlemagne.

Math: We are starting our new unit on Data Management.

Novel Study: We have just started our next novel study *Stormy*.

Creative Writing: We will be starting to write our Fairy Tales.

Books and Bagels *January 25, 2024*

Books and Bagels: Group A will be meeting on **Thursday, January 25th** to discuss our next book: *City of Ember*. Please arrive at the school by 7:15am, but *no earlier than 7:00am*. Come prepared to discuss the book. It will be assumed that the students have read the entire book prior to our meeting. We hope to see you there!

Calendar of Events	
Books and Bagels(Group A)	Jan 25
ECHS Exams: Early PM buses	Jan 24- Feb 2
Soup Day	Jan 26
PD Day	Feb 2
Term 1 Reports	Feb 9
P/T Interviews	Feb 13&15
Books and Bagels(Group B)	Feb15
CARE PD Day	Feb 16
Family Day	Feb 19
LINK Due	Feb 21
KB Friday	Feb 23
Declamation Contest(Provincials)	Mar 1

Spelling: Lesson 15: weave, league, breathe, speaker, creature, treatment, defeat, retreat, beneath, appeal, disease, release, increase, theatre, realizes, meant, measure, pleasure, jealous, search, unfriendly, encyclopedia, energetic, preference, vehicle.

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

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 123:1; **Text:** Ps 47:1-4

Bible Study: Joseph in Egypt.

Church History: Next week we will focus on a test on the last 4 lessons and preparing for it.

Math: Equations and integers. In Geometry, we continue our “Measurement” unit with Volume.

Language Arts: We have begun our unit on the novel *Stormy*; a reminder to students that they also have a second novel by Jim Kjelgaard to read. 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: Lesson 14: plank, sprang, scratch, scramble, glance, advance, balance, damage, manage, command, gallop, wrapped, planned, manner, scatter, frankly, lasting, landlord, practice, plunge, *navigator, scampered, antique, amateur, examine*

Science: Batteries and magnets: how do they influence electricity?

Social Studies: We will do a wrap-up on what we have studied for “communities” so far—from our own Dutch community to First Nations.

PE: on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday

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Monday	Devotions: Ren
Tuesday	Devotions: Michael Bring PE clothes
Wednesday	Devotions: Ava Spelling Lesson 14
Thursday	Devotions: Christian Bring PE clothes
Friday	Devotions: Maya Bring PE clothes Science Test - Chapter 4&5 Memory Work: Psalm 69:11; Jeremiah 31:31-34

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Monday:	Devotions: Hailey
Tuesday:	Devotions: Hansen
Wednesday:	Devotions: Logan Spelling lesson 15 Church History Test Unit 2a
Thursday:	Devotions: Liam Draft copy of speech due
Friday:	Devotions: Ethan Psalm 82:1