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# TCS Newsreel

November 21, 2011

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I am attending a Bible study where we are studying "Beloved Disciple: the life and ministry of John" by Beth Moore. Here is the young disciple who began learning at the feet of Jesus, who we can learn so much from. This weekend I spent time studying from his Epistles 1, 2 and 3 John. John has so much to teach us about being in fellowship with God and love. I always try to come away with one tidbit that I can focus on for the week and the one thing that was placed on my heart is Koinonia: being in fellowship with God. When we are in fellowship with God, He shines out through us. As I take stock of my life, I wonder, do the people that I am in contact with see Jesus in me? I can honestly say that sometimes I don't see Jesus in me so how can others? I'm coming to realize that I need to spend more time with my heavenly father so that I can be filled with him. 1 John 1: 5 says "God is light; in him there is no darkness". I want to be filled with that light and the only way that I can is to spend time with him. I read my Bible every day, I go to church every Sunday, I go to Bible study – I can go through all the motions but if I do not take time to fellowship with him, to sit with him, and talk to him and listen to him, it is all for naught. God knows that I'm not perfect and he wants to hear me confess my sins to him so that I can be in his light. I want to be like John, to sit at the feet of Jesus, to learn from him, so that Jesus' light shines out of me with the people that I come in contact with, that they want to know him too.

I hope and pray that you too want to be in Koinonia with God and will take time to fellowship with him: to stop with the busyness of life, and sit at the feet of Jesus, just as John did to learn from the Master, so we can share who Jesus is with each person we come in contact with this week.

Be blessed this week, knowing you are loved by Him who made us!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

#### November

28 Report Cards go home

#### December

5,6 Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences  
 9 NO BUS  
 21 TCS Christmas Concert at Covenant Church  
 22 Skating 1:30-2:30pm  
 23-Jan 6 Christmas Vacation

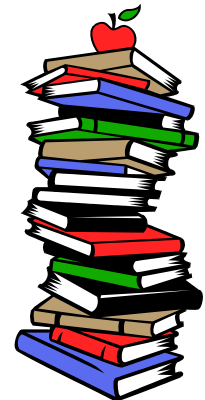
#### January

23 NO BUS  
 25 NO BUS  
 27 NO BUS  
 30 NO BUS  
 31 NO BUS

### LOOK OUT FOR SOME GREAT BOOKS AND....

OUR ANNUAL BOOK FAIR, FEATURING MANY CHRISTIAN BOOKS AND OTHER ITEMS IS ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY.

SO MARK DEC. 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> ON YOUR CALENDAR AND BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE BOOK SALE AFTER SCHOOL OR DURING THE EVENING BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES. ALL THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS MORE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY.



# FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK

## MRS. UBBENS – GRADE 7/8

*"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise."  
~James 5:13~*

*Thank- you heavenly Father for our joy! Joy in you oh Lord is our strength.*

**English -Reading:** 20 minutes reading per night, reading journal needs to be completed as a reading response 2-3 days a week; **Spelling has become Vocabulary for Term two:** assignment and test this week; **Writing:** memoir due Wednesday typed; **Literature:** Grade 8 required to find a book by Thursday on the topic of Black Slavery for our Injustice theme; Grade 7 and 8 short stories project will be assigned this week ; **Bronze Bow** - if your son or daughter is still reading the Bronze Bow, they are one month behind - please encourage them to finish.

**Math:** study sheets and test #1 Algebra on Tuesday; Rational numbers test home for signature today  
**Science:** presentations grade comes home today; Science test home today for signature; two-sided quiz coming home today for signature.

### Mme Hudson - French

**Grade 7: Wed., Nov. 23:** Good copy of Fashion Show due. Our last practice is today.

**Fri., Nov. 25:** Fashion Show! Performance time.

French Club is available every Thursday. Come for extra help or finish French homework.

**Grade 8: Wed., Nov. 23:** Unit test.

Good copy of skit due.

**Fri., Nov. 25:** Skit presentations.

French Club is available every Thursday. Come for extra help or finish French homework.

### Mrs. Porter - Band

- Keep taking advantage of lunch time practices to record on practice calendars
- Concert Band on Wed. at 11:45 am- practice At the Feast of Stephen
- Beginners: practice music for upcoming concert on Dec. 21st (ask Mrs. Porter for details and #'s in Yellow book during next band class)

## MS. MIEDEMA – GRADE 5/6

- **Socials:** Today, students will begin preparing slideshow presentations with a partner. Their task is to research information about ancient Egypt and China to find examples of how those societies were creative, constructive, and cooperative. Students will also have to connect this theme to their own lives: how are they creative, constructive, and cooperative? Class time will be provided, but some research and "finishing touches" will need to be completed at home.
- **Literature:** The Fantasy unit test was moved to Wednesday, Nov. 30. Students will need to know the various story elements (setting, character, plot, theme) and be able to identify each in the stories from our unit.
- **Gr. 6 Health:** An information package for parents will be sent home at the end of the week. Health classes will begin next Friday, Dec. 2. Students: Please bring a baby photo of yourself by Thursday, Dec. 1. These will be used for our first lesson and returned without damage.
- **Spelling:** New word lists were distributed today.
- **Memory Work:** Amos 5:14, 24
- **News in a Nutshell:** Yun Jea, Danny (Be prepared to present on Friday.)
- **Devotions Leaders:** Tuesday – Jeremy                      Thursday – Bradley

This week:

**Fri. Nov. 25**                      Spelling Test

Next week:

**Mon. Nov. 28**                      Socials Presentations

**Tues. Nov. 29**                      Grammar Test: Unit 6 (Study Skills)

Memory work due

**Wed. Nov. 30**                      Literature Test: Fantasy

**Fri. Dec. 2**                      Spelling Test

### PARENT LETTER

Please take note of an important letter to parents attached to the newsreel.

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Remember to send in your Parent-Teacher Conferences Request Form as soon as possible.

### PIZZA LUNCHES

The next lunch is THIS Friday November 25.

### VOLLEYBALL

We had a fantastic showing at the Bowmanville Tournament with many solid serves, pass-ups, sets, volleys hits and game wins into the semi-final games. Thank-you to all our drivers for the safe travelling to a variety of Volleyball Tournaments. The players had an excellent time playing and growing in volleyball skills. Thank-you to Amy and Nathan who regularly came out to practice to help the players grow in skills training. Additionally, thank-you to Julia and Mark for helping with team play. A community together is a great way to train up a child.

Barbara Ubbens, Coach

### YOU ARE INVITED

Join us for TDChristian High School's annual Christmas concert and Fine Arts Display. You'll love the concert band, concert choir, jazz band, worship team, soloists, congregational carol singing and refreshments. It will be a night of wonder and worship not to be missed. That's Thursday, December 1st at 7 PM.

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### **Mme. Hudson - Grade 6 French**

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**Fri., Nov. 25:** Fashion Show! Performance time.

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## MRS. HUDSON - GRADE 3/4

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Brr! We had some chilly and some warmer days last week. Please remind your children to dress in layers. The classroom is always hot on a sunny day, but on a cloudy day it can be a little cooler. Water bottles are still a good idea, too.

Our spelling words will be tested on **Thurs., Nov. 24. Grade 3 words:** there, their, they're, let's, hopeless, enough, before.

**Grade 4 words:** classify, electricity, prettier.

\*There will be no personal word lists to study for the next couple of weeks, so we can give more focused attention to Grammar.

In Math, Grade 3 is working on subtraction with regrouping. Grade 4 is reviewing multiplication concepts and facts and will soon move on to double digit multiplication.

### **What's coming up?**

**Thurs., Nov. 24:** **Spelling tests (see above)**

**Fri., Nov. 25:** Student-led Devotions: TBA

**Mon., Nov. 28:** Library-Please return books to sign out new ones.

**Tues., Nov. 29:** Bible Unit Test

**Wed., Nov. 30:** Recorder practice calendars due

### **Mrs. Lise**

**Gym:** Students will be learning volleyball skills during the month of November and December.

**Bible:** This week we will be studying: more about Samson and also why during the time of the judges everyone did as he saw fit. We will be having a test on the unit of the judges next Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. A review sheet will be coming home this week. We will also review together as a class on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Socials:** The students did a wonderful job presenting the provinces and territories of Canada through power point, poster or brochure form. Way to go grade 3 and 4! This week in socials we will be introduced to the government of Canada and why we vote, as well as the privileges and responsibilities of being a Canadian.

**Art:** For the next few weeks we will be making Christmas Cards for disbursement to our neighbours inviting them to our Christmas program.

### **Ms. Miedema**

**Music:** Practice: Year 1 – Jingle Bells and #23, 24, and 26. Year 2 - #53 and “Air” from Water Music. November Recorder Practice Calendars are due NEXT Wednesday, Nov. 30. Keep on practicing and remember to sign the calendars.

## MISS CHIANG – GRADE 1/2

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We have been blessed with such wonderful weather so far this November. However, we must prepare for the bitter cold that will soon surround us. Please send your child to school with appropriate winter wear including hats and gloves.

It is also great to hear of so many parents willing to volunteer in our class. This means that our students will be getting additional practice with reading and other subjects than what is typically received in a regular class. This is fantastic news! There is always more room for more volunteers. Please don't hesitate to come speak with me to find a time that works best for you.

We have emptied Frank's mouth four times already! This means that everyone has been busy reading at home. Keep it up! If we are able to empty Frank's mouth one more time, we will be having a special activity.

It was great to see so many students put up a comment on our blog! The question of the week is “if you could do anything you wanted for a day, what would it be and why?” You can access our blog at [www.kidblog.org/misschiangclass](http://www.kidblog.org/misschiangclass).

In Math grade one has been busy looking at patterns. They are able to identify the core terms in each pattern. We will now be practicing how to write the rules for each pattern. Grade two continues to practice subtraction this week. We have been busy looking at how to use our fingers to help us with subtracting larger numbers.

In science we have been busy looking at different characteristics of soil. We collected soil samples from our playground last week to take a closer look at the different types of soil. This week we will be discussing why God might have created the different types of soil and what their benefits are.

**Word Wall Words:**     Grade 1 - for, her, car, over, after  
                              Grade 2 - nice, black, green, beautiful, favourite  
                              Grade 2 Extra Spelling Words: clouds, window, temperature

**Spelling Test:** Friday

**Show and Tell:** Group A - Student's choice.

**Blog:** <http://kidblog.org/misschiangsclass>

**Bible:** We continue our study of the Lord's prayer and memory work is due on Thursday. We start to practice in earnest for our upcoming Christmas concert on Dec. 21st. Watch for words to learn for our new Christmas songs.

## MRS. GROOT & MRS. PORTER – JK/SK

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Last week was exciting in Kindergarten. Wednesday we had a fabulous time touring Pet Smart and looking and even touching some of the pets. Our tour guide, Shannon was great. Thank you again to parents for driving us. A special thank you to Joseph's mum who took some awesome pictures. Come check them out on the bulletin board just outside our classroom.

On Friday we celebrated 50 days of school and had fun wearing our hats in class. Zero the Hero left us a 'zero' treat to help celebrate another 10 days of school. The treat was fun and different - red pepper rings. Now we begin our count down to our 100 days of school party. In our devotions we thanked God for providing us with many blessings including a Christian school that we may attend. Psalm 50:1 tells us "the Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. Psalm 50:12b says ".... for the world is mine, and all that is in it."

Our letter of the week is Gg: **God** saw all that He had made and it was very good. Genesis 1:31a. 'G' is also for goldfish, gerbil and guinea pig. Our sight words are: 'this' and 'is'.

Today we went to the library. Enjoy your books. Your child is coming home with the poem we have been practising in class (My apologies, I forgot to send it last week.), and the Home Activity Page. Please keep practising the words even if it is only once or twice in a week. Next week I will send the words to the song we are learning with the junior choir.

Wednesday is Yellow day. Wear something yellow.

Have a wonderful week.

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