



February 24, 2010

Theme: "Helping all to Serve" (H.A.T.S.)

News #23

"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up. And we urge you, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each and to everyone else."

1Thessalonians 5:11a, 14 & 15

Calendar of Events:

Feb.26	-	Electives
Mar. 3	-	Grocery Day
Mar. 3	-	Grade 7 & 8 Sing at Seniors Building
Mar. 3	-	Open House
Mar. 5	-	Report Card Writing Day (No School)
Mar. 10	-	Hockey Tournament in Strathroy
Mar. 11	-	Pancake Breakfast / Last day of school before Break Report Cards Handed Out
March 12 - 21	-	March Break (No School)
March 22	-	First Day back after March Break

Advance Notice:

April 7	-	Battle of the Books
May 5	-	Grandparents Day



GENERAL:

- * **STCCS Open House** - Wednesday, March 3, 2010 The staff and students at St. Thomas Community Christian School invite you to come to our upcoming open house. Please come and check us out for yourself on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. The classroom doors will be open and coffee will be ready! Please invite your friends and relatives.
- * **STCCS Certificates** - Just a reminder that orders are to be placed on Monday BEFORE 7 p.m. and will be available for pickup on Wednesday morning. Please note that orders after 7 p.m. may not be processed until the following week and we ask that you do not call / e-mail after Monday to "slip" orders in. We're hoping this will cut down on extra work for us. Thanks so much! If you need the link for certificates, here it is: <http://stthomaschristian.org/Certificates/>
- * **Magazine Sales Campaign** - Our totals came to **199 sales for \$5,806.04!!** (Last year totals were 205 sales for \$5,958.62.) We were so close to our goal!! Your hard work and efforts in doing the magazine sales this year were very much appreciated!! Approx. 37% of the sales are profit for our student Fund. The QSP prizes will be sent to school for each participating student in approx. in 4 - 6 weeks time. Families selling 3 or more subscriptions will be invited to an ice-cream party (date to be finalized).

The mission of St. Thomas Community Christian School is to assist Christian parents in providing Christ-centred quality education, in a caring environment, to develop the academic abilities and talents of children through the integration of faith and learning and living.

- * **Concert Band:** We are already half way finished learning the notes to our first song! Here is a reminder about practices: Mondays at 12:45 p.m. and Thursdays at 8:00 a.m.

From the Treasurer: Donation and Child Care receipts are being sent home today. Please check your child's backpack for them.

- * **JK Registration:** Please send in your child's registration form for JK 2010-2011 as the class is filling up fast! If you are needing a registration form, please contact the office (633-0690) and Mrs. Groenenberg will send one to you. Please have your registrations in by March 8th.

Lunch Box Corner:

More tips from the London Middlesex Health Unit:

- Pack food in reusable containers - but make sure they can be opened easily.
- Kids love a lunch packed in a container with lots of compartments for their favourite vegetables, fruit, cheese and crackers.
- Hot lunches can be a nice change. Use an insulated thermos to send foods like homemade macaroni and cheese, pasta or soup.



Pack a healthy lunch.....save money.....and be good to our earth.

- * **Milk Order Form** - for March is being sent home today.
- * **Hockey Team:** The hockey team has been chosen from those students who played in the elective this year. The hockey team will have a practice on March 2nd and March 9th. One of these dates will be a game against Aylmer. Both ice times will be at the Timken Centre (new rink) from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. You will be able to pick up your son or daughter from school at approximately 4:45 p.m. The tournament will be on Wednesday, March 10th in Strathroy. A calendar with these dates and a permission slip will go home on Friday. Thanks.
- * **Pancake Breakfast** - Don't forget to mark your calendars for a free Pancake Breakfast on **Thursday, March 11th**, to celebrate the beginning of March Break! Bring your family and any other folks interested in STCCS. Breakfast will be ready from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. If you are able, we would love to have a few families stay to help clean up afterwards. **Thank you!**
- * **Grandparents' Day Dress Request:** We are preparing to perform 'The Sound of Music' this year. All students are learning the songs the "children" sing. The teachers and I are asking, well in advance, that the students wear traditional "Austrian" clothing like shorts (with suspenders if possible), white collared shirts, and white knee socks for the boys and flowing skirts (to the knees), white blouses, vests if possible, and white knee socks for the girls. A letter with pictures of the dress will be sent home soon. Thank you in advance. Mrs. Miedema

- * **Girls Basketball Team Lunch**

When: Friday, Feb. 26

Why: To celebrate a great season of success on the court and wonderful team spirit and cooperation!

Where: In the school library

What to Bring: What you offered to bring at our planning meeting



JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. BAKER

This week in JK the children used their scientific observation skills to figure out some "magic tricks". The boys and girls asked questions and noticed things about the tricks. Your child can tell you about them. On Thursday, we finish our science unit with a senses celebration. We look forward to two games: the listening game and the tasting game.

We are also in the middle of learning about Jesus' miracles; the children's books reviewing Jesus' miracles will be coming home soon!

Letter of the Week: "Hh"

Math: Numeral recognition

SENIOR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. VANDENBRINK

The boys and girls enjoyed making and eating homemade ice cream on Friday. The recipe is going home on Friday, just in case you would like to try making it at home. The **Snuggle-Up-and-Read** sheets are coming in slowly. Remember to record the books read with your child, and then send the sheet back to school once it is full. The children did a great job at **Storytelling**. Tiffany and Kate were chosen to retell their story at the Assembly. Way to go everyone! **Library** days are on Wednesdays — please send the books back on Library Day.



Handy Helpers: Friday, Feb. 26 — **Kate**; Monday, Mar. 1 — **Kaylie**; Wednesday, Mar. 3 — **Keegan**

GRADE 1 & 2 - MRS. DEWEGER

Our memory work for this week is some reviewing of the verses we have learned so far. We will do this in class together.

We have begun our new unit on Home and School communities. A related assignment will be coming home **on Friday**. This unit is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn about God's plan for communities such as our families and our school family. The students will be learning all about responsibility and serving with lots of opportunities to serve within these communities.

Grade 2 has a Secret Word assignment due on Friday. Grade 1 will take their sight word booklets home for practise this weekend. Please return them on Monday.

GRADE 3 & 4 - MR. VANDERKOOI

All the students in Grades 3 and 4 did a great job with their storytelling; their stories were very entertaining. Congratulations to Ben DeJong and Jessica Dolby for representing our class at the Speech and Storytelling Assembly. The Grade 3 and 4 class has really been enjoying the snow lately, creating a huge village just outside of our classroom. We have used the village as an opportunity to discuss the complex issues of land claims and land ownership that arise from our Social Studies unit. All land is a gift from God so we need to be careful when we say something belongs to us. What about those who came before us? We have reached our third Accelerated Reading goal so we get to enjoy an afternoon of board games next week. There is no memory work this week but we will start again next week.

French - Tuesday, March 2 - French poster project and presentation due. Please see handout that was given last week.



GRADE 5 & 6 - MISS SAARLOOS

A big thank you to Mr. Portelance, Mrs. Drenth, and Mrs. De Vries for driving us to the London Children's Museum last week. We are continuing to work hard on our scrapbooks in class and keeping up with events at home. Students are required to complete daily journal activities as part of their scrapbooks and will be assessed on neatness, completeness, and creativity in the design of their scrapbooks. A rubric will be sent home at the end of the week to help you understand how this assignment will be assessed.

Schedule:

Thurs., Feb. 25 - MW: Matthew 5:3-5 (the first 2 Beatitudes); Science healthy diet menu is due (postponed from a previous day).

Fri., Feb. 26 - All World of Literature worksheet assignments are due.

Mon., March 1 - Grammar test on verbs.

Wed., March 3 - Olympic scrapbook is due, be sure to have all necessary materials included; Grade 5 French vocabulary quiz on "Dans les nuages" flying instruments - spelling counts!

Thurs., March 4 - MW: Matthew 5:6-8; Math test for Grade 6 on Chapter 6: multiplication and division.

Fri., March 5 - P.D. Day (No School)

GRADE 7 & 8 - MRS. MIEDEMA

In History, this year, the students are learning about our Canadian roots. Our first unit deals with the Natives, the French in New France, the British in New England, and the eventual capitulation of the French to the British on the Plains of Abraham. As part of the unit, the students are asked to do a creative project on New France. The instructions went home with the students about two weeks ago. Students can choose from writing assignments to creative assignments like drawing, drama, cooking, or making models. The students appear to be rather engaged in these projects, much to my delight. I cannot wait to see or taste the end results. Projects are due Monday, March 1.

We have begun practising the musical *"The Sound of Music"* in earnest. Blocking and positioning of eventual props always take a long time. Practices have gone well. We are going to be needing furniture and other props again this year. A list of the props and costumes will be going home soon.

The **schedule of the week** is as follows: tomorrow **Thursday**, February 25 - Vocab Test #9; **Friday** - Bible Memory (II Corinthians 4:18); **Monday** - History Project; **Thursday** - Vocab Test #10; **Friday** - P.D. Day

Grade 7 & 8 French & Computers

Friday, February 26 - French quiz on preceding and following adjectives. Know masculine, feminine, and all plural forms and remember the placement of adjectives.

Tuesday, March 2 - Computer biography project due.

