



March 3, 2010

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

News #24

"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:

- Mar. 5 - Report Card Writing Day (**No School**)
- Mar. 10 - Hockey Tournament in Strathroy
- Mar. 10 - Board of Directors Meeting
- Mar. 11 - Hep. B/C Immunization Clinic (Gr.7)
- 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



From Mrs. Baird's Desk:

The teachers are busy working on grading and writing report cards. It is a busy time for staff and students as projects are due and end of unit tests are administered. It is also a time of reflection for the teachers as they think about what has been accomplished over the second term and what has to be addressed in the last term. Please pray for the staff as they diligently strive to give a fair representation as to how your child is doing in school. The staff will have Friday to complete the report cards and you get a day at home with your children.

- ▶ **You Should Have Seen:** The grade 3 & 4 class coming in school this week with completed French projects. I love the face of a child who proudly shows me work that they have put their best effort in!
- ▶ **You Should Have Also Seen:** The Battle of the Books team. I peeked in on them while they were preparing for the upcoming April 7 event. They were so engaged and they have become a real team. It is a pleasure to see them so happy together.

GENERAL:

- * **Invitational Parent/Teacher Interviews - March 30th (students SK to Grade 8):** You are invited to request an interview with your child's teacher if you have anything you would like to discuss concerning your child's second term report card. The staff may also request you to come if they think it would be beneficial. If you would like to come, please contact your child's teacher and they will let you know when it works for them. We will be booking all appointments on one evening - **March 30**. If you are unable to meet on that day, please call the teacher and they will be glad to talk to you on the phone at your convenience.

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.

* **STCCS Certificates** - We will be taking March Break off for certificate orders, so please plan your orders for next week accordingly. Certificate orders will be **available for pick up on Tuesday, March 9 and Wednesday, March 10** (Mrs. Groenberg will not be in the office on Thursday, March 11 but will be on March 9)) and starting again on Wednesday, March 24. Please note that orders are to be placed Monday before 7 p.m. Thanks so much. <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).

<p><u>From the Treasurer:</u> Donation and Child Care receipts were sent home last week. If you did not receive yours, please contact our treasurer, Aileen Pennings.</p>
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* **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. Groenberg will send one to you. Please have your registrations in by March 8th.

* **Activity for Spring Break:** The Art Gallery in St. Thomas is displaying artwork from many schools in the area, including our own. Students who have been selected to have their art displayed are invited to a special opening of the exhibit on Saturday, March 20 from 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. Invitations have been given to the students who have been selected. However, it might be a nice outing for all families of our school community to come out to the exhibit to see our artwork as well as art from the schools in our town. The exhibit runs from March 20 – April 17. The Art Gallery hours of operation are Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Thursday and Friday 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., Saturday 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. The Art Gallery is closed on Mondays.

* **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 9th. We will again 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.

* **Pancake Breakfast** - Don't forget to mark your calendars for a free Pancake Breakfast on **next 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!**

* **Concert Band:** Practices continue to be on Mondays at 12:45 p.m. and Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. It is important that everyone is at both practices — with their instrument and music! There will be no practice next Thursday, March 11 due to the pancake breakfast.

* **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

- * **STCCS Grocery Days** - Today was grocery day...have you picked up your order yet? If you missed out, the next Grocery Day is **Wednesday, April 7th**. You can go to the website <http://www.stthomaschristian.org/Groceries/> and place your order now. The deadline for orders is March 24. We will be featuring the Turkey Shoppe, Hollandia Cookies and some new products from TOPS Fundraising. We have added 3 lb pails of Muffin Batter and Cookie Dough, as well as Pizzas. If you have any questions, please email us or call Linda at 519-633-9802.
- * **Adobe Creative Suite 4 - Special Student and Staff Pricing:** AdobeStudentSoftware.com and Adobe have set up an exclusive agreement with the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools for Adobe CS4 software bundles. This deeply discounted pricing is available only to staff and grade 6 - 12 students or their parents. For example: save 80% on CS4 Design Standard vs. the typical Canadian retail price of nearly \$1500. For complete details and to order visit our website at: www.AdobeStudentSoftware.com
- * **Before and After School Care:** We are thankful that our Before and After School Care program is doing very well. The children are enjoying time playing and learning with Mrs. Fox. Please let us know if you need to use this flexible care program.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. BAKER

This week in JK we have started our new unit of study entitled, 'Order.' The children were introduced to "Hungry Bear" who eats toys that are not put away in their proper place. Our puppet show demonstrated the value of keeping our things in order.

The JK Playstore will be held next week Thursday, March 11.

Letter of the week: "li"

SENIOR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. VANDENBRINK

We have begun a new unit on the four food groups and healthy eating. There are 2 fun class trips coming up in connection to this new unit. One of them is on the first day back after the March Break (Mar. 22nd). Please consider being a driver — a note about this is coming home on Monday. Sound Books are updated and back in the Communication Books — please keep practicing these at home.

Handy Helpers: Monday, Mar. 8 — **Lauren**; Wednesday, Mar. 10 — **Noah**

GRADE 1 & 2 - MRS. DEWEGER

Memory work for **next Thursday** is Proverbs 3:5,6.

Tomorrow the students will be taking home Family Trees which need to be filled out and returned by Monday. In this unit, we are currently talking about responsibilities in our families.

Third term work folders will be coming home next week with the report cards.

GRADE 3 & 4 - MR. VANDERKOOI

The end of a term is once again here. Time does go by fast. February has been a very exciting month for Grade 3 and 4. Electives, Accelerated Reader, the Olympics, and Storytelling have all been great, but also a little taxing on them and their teacher! We do have a few items to take note of this week as well. Today we had a short Math quiz in both grades on Division. We are also wrapping up our unit on the early Explorers to Canada. Today we will be having a Circle Talk where the students debate and explore both sides of land claim dispute. Tomorrow we will have a short quiz on the unit as well.



GRADE 5 & 6 - MISS SAARLOOS

Our daily tracking of Olympic events has now come to a close, but we have many good memories of Canadian victory that we can celebrate. The students have put a lot of time and effort into their scrapbooks and we are excited to see the finished results in class today! Thank you to parents for "sharing" your television and Internet time with students this past month. Our Accelerated Reader program is almost over, so remember to finish up those books!

Schedule:

Thurs., March 4 - MW: Matthew 5:6-8 (2nd section of the Beatitudes); Grade 6 Math Test on Multiplication & Division.

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Mon., March 8 - Vocabulary Quiz on Lesson #12; Vocabulary Lesson #12 due.

Wed., March 10 - Literature Test on stories *Arachne*, *How Jahdu Became Himself* & *The Fatal Flower*.

Thurs., March 11 - MW: Matthew 5:9-12.

GRADE 7 & 8 - MRS. MIEDEMA

The History projects are great! We enjoyed taste-testing some of them. The people in New France produced tasty recipes. The models, drawings, and written work were also well done. Bravo!

Presently, in History, we are studying the beginning of the Seven Years War which left a lasting impact on North America. It's the reason that our native tongue is English. Why not ask your son or daughter what happened on the Plains of Abraham.

The schedule of the week is as follows: **tomorrow** - Vocab Test #10; **Friday** - PD Day; **Tuesday** - Math Test.

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Friends of the School Business Campaign

The following businesses have joined the Friends of the School Business Campaign. You are encouraged to shop at the following businesses and show your support for them in return.

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GCW Kitchen & Bath	519.631.8373	www.gcwkitchens.com
Geerlinks Home Hardware	519.631.8346	www.homehardware.ca
*Heritage Country Gardens	519.457.6106	
Kielstra Siding & Windows	519.631.1012	
MP General Contracting	519.633.7119	www.mpcustomhomes.ca
Oegema Turkey Farms/ The Turkey Shoppe	519.633.0527	www.turkeyshoppe.com
St. Thomas Foodland	519.633.9370	foodlandyourhometownadvantage.ca
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Elgin Carpet One Flooring & Home	519.631.8428	
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CMG Capital Management Group	519.637.7700	ryancmg@bellnet.ca
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Remember to tell them that STCCS sent you!