



March 10, 2010

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

News #25

"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. 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
- March 22 - SK Class Trip to Sugarbush at Springwater
- March 31 - SK Class trip to Covent Garden Market
- March 31 - Assembly Kick-Off for MS Read-a-thon



Advance Notice:


- April 1 - Easter Assembly - 3:00 p.m.
- April 1 - LDCSS Seniors Appreciation Day
- April 2 - Good Friday
- April 6 - Art Show at Timken Centre - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- April 7 - Battle of the Books
- May 5 - Grandparents Day

From Mrs. Baird's Desk:

Mark Your Calendars! Our hardworking Development Committee, Mrs. Nancy Baker, Mrs. Miedema and especially Mrs. Peggy DeVries have done some work with students engaging them with the Ford Plant in St Thomas. The students learned the history of the plant, various cars that have been made over the years and personally interviewed Ford workers about their experience of working at the plant. Students demonstrated what they learned through three pieces of art. These art pieces will be displayed at the Timken Centre and there will be a special art show scheduled for April 6 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Many dignitaries have been invited as well as the people of St Thomas. There have been many positive responses from people who have heard about this project and the work that the students have done. Ford has been such a big part of our city and their presence in the community is worth acknowledging. This is a real opportunity for our students and us to connect with and engage our community. We hope to see you all there. Please bring your younger children as well as it is good for them to see what the older students have been involved with!

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.

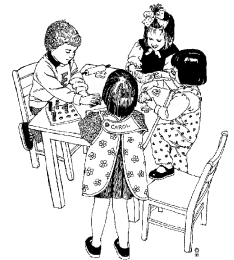
GENERAL:

- * **Pancake Breakfast** - Come out **TOMORROW** morning from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. for a free Pancake Breakfast to celebrate the beginning of March Break! Bring your family and any other folks interested in STCCS. If you are able, we would love to have a few families stay to help clean up afterwards. ***Thank you!***
- * **Lost and Found** - The lost and found box is overflowing with hats, mitts, snow pants, sweatshirts, etc. etc. Please come in and check it out before the break.
- * **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.
- * **STCCS Certificates** -Certificate orders will start 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/>
- * **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.
- * **Concert Band:** There will be **no practice tomorrow**, Thursday, March 11, due to the pancake breakfast. The pieces we are working on are coming along very nicely. By our next practice, please learn all your notes for *Raider's March* and measures 77 to the end for *The Sound of Music*. It is also very important to show up on time for the practices, since practices are already a bit shorter than in previous years. Have a wonderful March Break! 
- * *****Grandparents' Day Dress Request** - As promised, a note went home yesterday. Did you see it? If not please ask for it or obtain one from the school.
- * **STCCS Grocery Days** - Last Wednesday was grocery day...did you remember to pick up your order? 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.
- * **Scholastic Book Clubs** - are being sent home today. Orders are due Thursday, March 25th.

- * **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.
- * **London District Christian Secondary School** - Our Seniors Appreciation Day will take place on Thursday, April 1st. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m., and class visits will begin at 10:00 a.m.. Our assembly will be held at 11:00 a.m., followed by a 12:30 p.m. lunch.
- * **Report Cards** - Just a reminder to return your child's report card to school after the break.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. BAKER

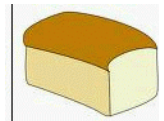
God created order and the students are discovering the joy of order. Putting our things away creates order and helps them feel calm. The children are learning that order is a worthwhile goal and are learning some strategies to achieve order. Hungry Bear told us that he is coming back to look for toys that aren't in their place. Our math lessons show another kind of order: Numbers always go in the same order.



Thursday Play store: Please send in 25 pennies (as the children will be asked to count higher - prices are going up!)

SENIOR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. VANDENBRINK

We have started with the Breads and Cereals food group in our new unit on 'God's Gift of Food.' We talked about how these foods give us energy and supply carbohydrates to our bodies. Today we baked bread. Remember — we go on a class trip the first day back after March Break. Please pay attention to the weather to determine proper clothing.



Handy Helpers: Mon., March 22 — **Seth**; Wed., March 24 — **Tiffany**; Fri., March 26 — **Ben**

GRADE 1 & 2 - MRS. DEWEGER

Memory Work is due for tomorrow! (Proverbs 3:5,6)

The Family Treasure Bag is also due tomorrow. Hopefully, a few family pictures will come in to display on our Family bulletin board.

Both grades will be coming home with their 2nd term work folders on Thursday. Grade 1 especially can use their reading booklets and word folders for some practise during the break!

GRADE 5 & 6 - MISS SAARLOOS

I want to wish you all a restful and blessed spring break. May God keep you safe whether you remain near or travel far from home. Please keep in mind the following assignments for the week we return!

Schedule:

Tues., March 23 - Students will receive a take-home test for our science unit (more details to accompany this assignment).

Thurs., March 25 - MW: Matthew 5:3-8 (review of the Beatitudes); science quiz on The Urinary System.

TBD - Grade 5 Math Test on Multiplication & Division.

GRADE 7 & 8 - MRS. MIEDEMA

It's hard to believe but the second term is finished and the third term has begun. The third term is generally an exciting one with lots of activities, new experiences, and of course, work. May God bless us all as we begin our last term.

There is only one assignment that needs to be accomplished by the end of the Spring Break and that is the memorization of the lines and songs of the musical. I pray that all of you may enjoy a well-deserved break.

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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.

Bridgeview Motors	519.633.0240	
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
The Shepherd's Guide	519.633.0123	www.ShepherdsGuide.ca/London
Elgin Carpet One Flooring & Home	519.631.8428	
Yurek Pharmacy	519.631.3330	www.yurekpharmacy.com
Hayhoe Homes	519.870.9545	www.hayhoehomes.com
All Season Patio	519.631.9838	www.allseasonpatio.com
Briwood Farm Market	519.633.9691	
Burgess Chiropractic	519.633.9333	
CMG Capital Management Group	519.637.7700	ryancmg@bellnet.ca
Doug Tarry Homes	519.637.6819	www.dougtarryhomes.com
Elgin Realty	519.637.2300	www.elginwebsite.com
Mattress Brands International	519.637.3362	
RPM Envelopes Inc.	519.361.8656	

Remember to tell them that STCCS sent you!