



Pink Sheet

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Last week I shared what our new normal looks like at school right now. This week I want to give you some insights into how that has affected life at school on a day to day basis.

- Because students have to stay in their cohorts, there is minimal mingling among the grades. We can't do events like prayer pals (we're looking at another way of doing this), and some service teams have been put on hold. We can't have all school meetings, so chapels and assemblies will all be virtual. All of these were ways of building a sense of community school wide.
- We have put all extra-curricular activities on hold so no sports teams, robotics, etc. for now. These are important activities that allow students to shine in areas other than academics. And they are again ways in which students from multiple grades interact.
- While the weather has been so beautiful, I see classes working outside way more. We're finding ways to learn in different settings. That's a good thing.
- Minimal rotation: Means the students don't move, it's the teacher that moves from room to room. That's unfortunate, because that movement is good for most students. Also, having a French or Art designated room allows the teachers to create that kind of learning environment. That's not always possible in a home-room.
- Means that classes have one teacher for most of the day. Teachers teaching everything means we can't take advantage of their strengths. It also means more work for the teachers, because previously they might teach the same thing to more than one grade. (ie.) grade 7/8 science. In addition, especially for our older grades, having multiple teachers prepares them more for the high school setting.
- We have fewer visitors at school. That's understandable, it's recommended, but it's unfortunate. This is your school and we love seeing parents and grandparents stop by for a visit. Hopefully that day will return soon.

So things are different, but in many ways it feels quite normal. Please continue to remember the staff and students in your daily prayers as we mourn the loss (for now) of some things we love and adapt to new ways of doing school.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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| Isaac | Gr 3 | Sep 23 |
| Noelle | Gr 1 | Sep 25 |
| Evelyn | Gr JK | Sep 25 |
| Mrs. DeBoer | | Sep 25 |

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Picture Day | Sep 23 |
| Pizza/Milk Lunch | Sep 25 |
| Theme Assembly | Sep 29 |
| Curriculum Day (no school) | Oct 9 |



WEEKLY NEWS

Family Information Sheets: Last week one of your children came home with a Family Information Sheet. Please fill in and return to the school as soon as possible. These are used to update our annual family directory but also as a quick reference for emergencies. For that reason we ask that **all forms** are returned. Thanks for your help with this.

Mark your calendars for **Thursday November 19, 2020-Saturday November 21, 2020** for **Huron Christian School's 33rd Annual Auction....ONLINE!**



Christian School's 33rd Annual Auction....ONLINE! Last week your child came home with a donor sheet for the auction and we will send another one home this week. Do you have a special talent you could donate to the auction such as cooking, baking, lawn clean-up, painting, or babysitting? Perhaps get together with friends and create a "Family Game's Night", "Beach Day", "Date Night", or "Camping" basket? Could you or your business donate an item or service or advertise in the booklet? What about supporting a local business and purchasing something from them to donate to the auction? Please send completed forms back to the school no later than October 13, 2020. If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact auction@huronchristianschool.ca.

Needed: The music room is in need of 15 small plastic margarine containers with lids. If you have any that we could have, please send them to school.

Theme: Our theme this year is "Fruits of the Spirit" based on Galatians 5:22-23. We would like to thank Shirley Rylaarsdam and Karen Rylaarsdam for making the banner which is on display in the gym. On September 29 we will have our first virtual assembly introducing this theme to the student body.

Labels: Just a reminder **to label all uniform items!** It is amazing how quickly sweaters and other uniform items are misplaced and if they are all properly labeled we can give them back to proper owner.



Please pray for:

- Safety on the buses while traveling to and from school.
- The health of all our students and families.
- Thanksgiving for a new baby girl in the Taylor family!

If you have a prayer request, please call the office to have it included in this corner.

Dear Parents of Students in grades 3-8,

This letter is to inform you that next week beginning September 30, all students will be taking a **MAP Growth** test on chrome books. This test is a tool that will help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students.

Map Growth tests are unique, and it adapts to your child's response to measure your child's skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question will be more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn-whether it is above, on or below their grade level. Teachers will use this information to plan instruction and focus on skills that students need to master.

The testing we will do will consist of three sub-tests, reading, language arts, and math. Only one test will be taken each day, with a maximum time of one hour. We hope to finish the testing over a two week period, allowing each class a day off between tests. Students do not have to study, but we do recommend lots of rest the evenings prior to tests. We will let you know the days each class will have each test. Also note that the test does allow students who need extra time to finish at another time due to needs, illness etc. We will schedule times in the following week to finish testing.

MAP Growth testing has been carried out throughout EDVANCE Schools (Ontario Christian Schools) over the last 5 years. We are excited to be able to join other schools in taking part of this resource. We hope to carry out this testing three times a year. This will give us the opportunity to track your child's growth and progress. This information will not be used on report cards. We do hope to be able to share this information with you at parent teacher conferences.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself via email or phone call.

Sincerely,
Karen VanWyk
Director of Student Services.

CLASSROOM NEWS

JK: Mrs. Cameron ~ Email: ncameron@huronchristianschool.ca

Language: Letter T on Wed, Letter I on Friday and Letter P on next Tuesday.

Math: We will be working on sorting objects according to their color, size and shape.

Bible: We are learning the story of Creation, this week and into the next week.

SK: Mrs. Soer ~ Email: dsoer@huronchristianschool.ca

Last week we welcomed Madelyn to our class. Today we welcomed Sam.

Send water bottle and back & forth bag to school every day.

Tomorrow:

- picture day

Friday:

- Recite Genesis 1:31a "God saw all that he had made and it was very good."

Grade JK/SK: Mrs. VanEssen ~ Email: mvanessen@huronchristianschool.ca

Grade One: Mrs. Dekens & Miss Hodgert ~

Emails: tdeken@huronchristianschool.ca and ahodgert@huronchristianschool.ca

Memory Work: Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Word Wall Words: big, can, I, on, not

Grade Two: Mrs. DeBoer ~ Email: edeboer@huronchristianschool.ca

Memory Verse: James 1:19-20

Creation Studies: Please bring a tool to dig with tomorrow (Wed, Sept 23rd).

Reminder to send your child to school with a waterbottle and headphones if you have not already.

Grade Three: Mr. VanBreda ~ Email: steve.vanbreda@huronchristianschool.ca

Our *Word Wall Words* this week are: could, favourite, have, best, and jump. We are learning which words have logical and illogical spellings. See if your child can sort these words, and why we considered certain words illogical.

Our *memory work* is Genesis 1:27&28, which we've been practicing for two weeks- most students know almost the whole thing already! Ask your child to practice at home by prompting, "So God created..." and see how far they can go on their own!

Grade Four/Five: Mrs. Wubs ~ Email: swubs@huronchristianschool.ca

Word Wall Words: scooter, ruler, afternoon, blood, outdoors, broom, room, root, move, noon

Recite *Memory Work* September 29 and 30

- Grade 4 - Psalm 51:10-12
- Grade 5 - Hebrews 11:1-3

Bring in a Ziplock Bag of (any colour) icing for next Tuesday September 29th.

Grade Five/Six: Mr. DeBoer ~ Email: ddeboer@huronchristianschool.ca

Grade Seven: Miss Petrusma ~ Email: rpetrusma@huronchristianschool.ca

Grade Eight: Mrs. Scott ~ Email: jscott@huronchristianschool.ca

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hensall Saturday Night Hockey: Will be returning soon! For more information or to sign your children up, please contact Ray Heyink at rayheyink@gmail.com or call him at 519-878-1631. Covid restrictions are in place.





Education, Inspired by Christ

**Huron Christian School presents the 33th Annual Goods & Services Auction
- ONLINE**

It's time again for the H.C.S. Annual Goods and Services Auction on
Thursday, November 19-Saturday November 21, 2020. We appreciate your
support through donation of product or service, advertising,
and or financial donation.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

1. DONATION OF PRODUCT OR SERVICE

Description: _____ Retail Value: _____

2. FULL COLOUR ADVERTISING in Auction Booklet and Online

Over 800 copies distributed throughout Huron County.

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| Full Page | \$200.00 | Paid By: |
| Half Page | \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque |
| Business Card | \$50.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash |

Please forward electronic copies of advertising to auction@huronchristianschool.ca
or attach a hard copy to this form. Please forward payment to an auction committee member or send
directly to HCS, sealed in an envelope labeled "HCS Auction". Thanks.

3. FINANCIAL DONATIONS (please clearly label for HCS Auction)

Amount: _____ Would you like a charitable receipt? Yes/No

Canvasser: _____ (for auction committee use).

***Forms can be found online at www.huronchristianschool.ca and submitted electronically to:
auction@huronchristianschool.ca by **Tuesday October 13, 2020.**

Thank you, The H.C.S. Auction Committee