



# High Level Christian Academy



**“THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH”**

*“Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”*

Nehemiah 8:10

## DECEMBER MEMOS

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Merry Christmas!

Time has flown by yet again! We leave behind the busyness of November for the light and joy of the Christmas season. Though our days are short and dark; the joy of His birth brightens our homes and hearts. With only a few weeks before the Christmas break, there will be plenty to look forward to. We are hosting a Christmas production at HLEC on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm! Please invite family and friends to come celebrate this joyous time with us. We are so eager to gather with you! Teachers will be sending word home about class parties, and we will wrap 2021 on December 17<sup>th</sup> with another fun theme day! May you all experience the joy of the Lord this Christmas season; may you find hope and comfort in knowing that the Mighty One, our God and Savior, is the faithful and the Almighty One.

“And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has been mindful  
of the humble state of his servant.  
From now on all generations will call me blessed,  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—  
holy is his name.  
His mercy extends to those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.  
He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;  
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.  
He has brought down rulers from their thrones  
but has lifted up the humble.  
He has filled the hungry with good things  
but has sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful  
to Abraham and his descendants forever,  
just as he promised our ancestors.” (Luke 2:46-55)

Have a wonderful and Merry Christmas!

Ms. Jeffrey

Christmas stockings are hanging on classroom and office doors for parents or students to have the opportunity to bless staff members with little gifts!

## CLASSROOM REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ECS – GRADE 1

Greetings,

As we approach our season of Advent, I hope that “the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7).

#### ECS/Grade 1:

The reading challenge for December will continue. December’s reading log sheet will be sent out this week. To receive the incentive for reaching 500 minutes of reading for the month of November, please return the November Reading Log sheet.

#### ECS

**LA:** We will be covering all the sounds of the alphabets by the end of December. Please continue to practice the sounds at home.

**Math:** We are learning to count to 60. We will also compare numbers using math terms such as “greater than”, “less than”, and “one more than”.

**Music:** Please practice the “Jesus Saves!” song with the students. I expect the students to have their parts memorized for the performance. Thank you!

#### Grade 1

**LA:** Students are receiving guided reading instruction on level F books during class time. We are also working diligently on writing complete sentences.

**Math:** In December students will continue with the Measurement Unit. We will learn about measuring length and units of measurement for length and mass.

**Science:** We are working on our Building Things Unit. Afterwards, we are going to work on building classroom furniture. If you have any cardboard boxes at home, please send them to school. They could be any assortment of cereal boxes, shoe boxes, cookie boxes, etc. We will also make a pop-up Christmas card.

**Social:** We are learning about Ancient Civilization in our current unit; we are learning about Egypt.

**Music:** Please practice the following songs for the Christmas Production: Joy to the World, O Holy Night, O Come All Ye Faithful and Jesus saves. Thank you!

### GRADES 2 - 4

**Reminders:** please bring water bottles and **spare utensils** for lunch.

**Language Arts:** Spelling tests are every Friday, please practice at home with your child. If you need suggestions of how to do that, please let me know. We are focusing on sentence structure and adding descriptive words to sentences. Gr.4’s are also working on topic sentences, and keeping to one idea per paragraph.

**Math:** All three grades have begun the unit on measurement. Gr.2 are working with nonstandard units of measure (e.g., how many paperclips long is an object in the room) Gr. 3 and 4 are working on measuring using centimetres and metres as a standard unit of measure. Gr. 4 are also measuring with millimetres and rounding to the nearest centimeter.

**Science:** Our Testing Materials has been an exciting one! We have been building and testing different types of beams and supports to compare which will hold the most mass. We are just about at the end of this unit and will be moving on to Building with a Variety of Materials. We may need some supplies from home to assist us; please be on the look out for a supply list coming home soon.

**Social:** We finished Unit 2 of Social and are wrapping it up with a unit assignment that was due today. Students were given this country report assignment on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and have spent some class time working on it as well. Our next unit focuses on the services people need and working together.

**Bible:** The beatitudes and practice for our Christmas program has begun.

### GRADES 5-6

**LA** – We will conclude our novel study of Wonder; we are going to watch the film after we are finished the book, so please ensure that your students don't watch it while we are reading the book. We are continuing with spelling, the reading challenge, and our word work.

**Math** – The grade 5s are still working through their unit on division; they will be learning long division this month. After long division, they will complete a unit on reading and creating graphs to display information. The grade 6s are wrapping up a data management unit and will then move into a unit on divisibility. Both grades are being tested and challenged to know their multiplication tables by heart. We are starting with our 10x10s but will move to 12x12s by the end of the year.

**Science-** We are in the middle of our Sky Science unit; studying space, specifically, the sun, moon, stars, and planets. This requires tasks for homework as we cannot observe the night sky during the day, but hopefully with our days getting shorter the homework can be completed before normal bedtimes. I am aware that there is often cloud cover, so have the students do their best. I know that it is a challenge to do the homework faithfully when there is little to see.

**Social Studies-** We began our next unit on the Historical Models of Democracy. For the month of December, we will learn about how democracy worked in ancient Athens.

### GRADES 7-8

**LA** – We will complete our novel study of The Bronze Bow. The students will be writing a character analysis essay for their final project. Students are continuing to work towards their reading challenges and weekly grammar lessons; they are also studying vocabulary and tested on them each week. They are asked to use each word in a sentence, with correct usage, punctuation, and grammar.

**Math** –The grade 7s are studying decimals and fractions, they will begin their unit on geometry after. The grade 8s are working through a unit on geometry, focusing on uses of the Pythagorean Theorem. After they will begin a unit on measurement.

### GRADES 7-9

**Social Studies-** We are in the middle of our unit on the Renaissance; we are examining what happens when worldviews encounter each other for the first time. Students are learning about the development of ideas and how various humanist thinkers built on each other's thinking. We have learned about the use of the Scientific Method and how that led to developments in astronomy, medicine, mathematics, art, and in the church.

**Bible** - we are currently in the middle of our unit on Philosophy; students are learning about what is truth and how do we know what is real. Students have paragraphs due on their Biblical Worldview of Philosophy. Students will be writing their unit test before Christmas break; please encourage them to study for this exam.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

#### ALLERGIES/MEDICAL

Please let us know if any of your children have any allergies or medical concerns, we need to know about so we can best accommodate them.

#### HOT LUNCHES

A hot lunch will be offered every Thursday. Order forms will be sent home the last Monday of the

month for the following month or the first Monday of the month, depending on what day the first day of the month falls on. Please ensure the orders are in at least 2 days before hot lunch day.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Monthly Calendar
2. Hot Lunch Order Form

### CUTLERY/UTENSILS

The school WILL NOT be providing any cutlery to students except for hot lunch. The students MUST bring their own. We suggest they always have a set in their backpacks or lunch kits.

### WATER

There will be a water cooler in the hallway available for students to fill up their water bottles just as we had last year. The water fountain is functional also for students that forget to bring their water bottles.

### VISITOR SIGN-IN

Please report at the office by signing in before proceeding to any classroom. Scan the COVID-19 health check list posted on the entrance door before entering the building.

### STUDENT PICKUP

The afternoon dismissal time is 3:25pm. All students must either walk home or be picked up by a parent or guardian. If someone other than the parent or guardian is picking up a student, the school must be notified prior to dismissal time.

### STUDENT SIGN-IN

Please stop by the office to sign your child "in" if you are dropping them off after 8:50am or "out" if you are picking them up throughout the day before 3:25pm. This will assist us in knowing which children are on site.

### NEWSLETTERS – MEMOS

Each last Monday of the month the **youngest child** in the family will bring home the Monthly Newsletter (Memos) with attachments for the coming month. Please take time to read the newsletter to keep yourselves informed of the upcoming expectations and activities.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Please check out our website @ [www.hlccademy.ca](http://www.hlccademy.ca) for upcoming events and homework. HLCA has a Facebook group. Its purpose is to be an additional source of information for parents, supporters and alumni to keep up to date on current events at HLCA. It is a supplement

to our school newsletter. If you wish to have something posted, (information, encouragement, praise/prayer) please contact the school. Essentially, it is like an electronic billboard. Questions, comments, and concerns need to come to the school by way of phone, text, email or in person. Questions related to your child's class are best communicated by phone, text, email, or a note in your child's agenda.

### IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

**Dec 5: Staff Christmas Party** 3-8pm @HLCEC

**Dec 14: Christmas Production** – 7pm @HLEC

**Dec 17: Theme Day** – more details to follow

**Dec 17: Last Day** before Christmas break

**Dec 20-31: Christmas Break**

**Jan 5: Classes Resume**

### (HLCES) UPDATE FROM THE BOARD:

**HLCES AGM – tonight @7:00pm**

**Dec 13: Board Meeting**

On Schoology in the HLCA Parents group is an open discussion forum for asking questions of the board; Ms. Jeffrey will be notified when a question is posted and will seek a response from a board member.

Board Members are:

- Shawn Wiebe – Chairman
- Ray Lapka – Vice Chair and Secretary
- Cecil Lebby – Treasurer
- Jerry Krahn – Fundraising & Maintenance
- Suzanne Wolfe

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**Purdy's:** This fundraiser has completed and very successful. Thank you for your generosity!

**Little Caesars:** This has also completed and successful. Enjoy the pizza!