



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

JANUARY 2022 MEMOS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back!

“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which one can say, “Look! This is something new”? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time.” Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 Over the last month, the phrase “there is nothing new under the sun” has been repeating in my mind. Considering the time we live in, with Covid passports, Bill C-4 passing in the Senate, and this cloud of fear that surrounds so many today; these words offer me deep comfort. “There is nothing new under the sun;” there is no new sin, no new health crisis, no new political power beyond understanding; there is nothing outside of God’s knowledge. God is sovereign over all things; there is nothing outside of His authority, control, or understanding. Colossians 1:16 and 17 reminds us that all things were created for Him, by Him, through Him, and “in Him all things hold together.” When the world seems upside down and decisions are being made that are completely out of our control, when the worry, fear, and darkness seem to creep in and take control. Remember, our God has the control; He has not surrendered it to anyone else! He holds all things together. “There is nothing new under the sun.” Hold fast to this unchanging truth and it will be the anchor that holds us fast in this storm. Happy “New” Year!

These are some of the things to look forward to this month! We will be taking the grades 1-9 swimming during the months of January and February; more information and permission slips will need to be signed before your student can participate. The grades 5-9 will be doing some swimming lessons with Mrs. Wiebe and Ms. Jeffrey, while the 1-4s will be enjoying some water fun. We are doing class photos this week on the 11th. At the end of the month and into February the grades 1-9s will be writing Canadian Achievement Tests (CATs); these will provide valuable data and impact planning.

Alberta Education will be providing each family with a small supply of rapid tests and each student with new masks; we will distribute these items to families, but it is YOUR CHOICE whether to use them or not. They have not updated or changed the masking rules and the change in masks are a choice, previous masking rules still apply.

Thankful for the Almighty, our anchor!

Ms. Jeffrey

CLASSROOM REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECS – GRADE 1

ECS

***Note:** It will be an ECS day on Friday, Jan. 28 to make up for the Friday lost on Jan 7th.

LA: In class, students learned all the alphabet sounds before Christmas break. In January, we will be covering long vowel sounds and digraphs. There will be a digraph sound book that will be updated after each lesson in the students' agenda pockets. Students will be encouraged to take home books to read at home; books will be at reading level A or B.

Math: In January, we will be learning about geometry. We will learn about different types of shapes, use prepositional words to describe positions of shapes, and symmetry.

GRADE 1

LA: The students will be working on using interesting words in their writing.

Math: We will be starting a Geometry Unit. We will be learning about how to identify shapes, sort shapes, and composition of shapes.

Science: We will be starting a new unit of study on senses. Students will develop an awareness of their own senses and how they are used. Students will learn to identify each of the senses God has given us and explain how we use them to interpret and enjoy His world.

Social: We will continue to learn about Ancient Civilizations. We will focus on early Greeks and China. Students will compare today's laws with ancient laws.

GRADES 2 - 4

Welcome back! Trusting you had a restful break and a wonderful Christmas!

Reminders: Spelling test and Memory Verse test every Friday!

Language Arts: Review of concepts from before the break. We will also be learning about synonyms, antonyms, and homophones (words with same sounds, different spelling). Our writing will focus on how to choose a topic and generate a well thought out paragraph for that topic.

Math: We will start with review of what we have learned so far in our unit on measurement. Gr.2 is 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 with cm, m, km and converting mixed measurements to a single unit of measure.

Science: Before the break our unit on Testing Materials ended. Students worked in groups to design a test to be carried out by their peers. This served as a unit assessment so no test will be given. Our new unit, Building with a Variety of Materials, begins today. We will be needing some supplies from home to assist us; a supply list note is coming home today (separate from memos). If you have any of these items at home, please send them along.

Social: Focus will be on the services people need. We will compare the services we have in Canada to each of the four countries we have been learning about.

Bible: Building on the Rock-comparing the wise and foolish builders in Matthew 7. Learning how to apply that parable to our lives in practical everyday ways. We will also begin looking at some of Jesus' "I AM" statements as presented in the Gospel of John.

GRADES 5 - 6

LA – We will wrap-up our novel study this week and then move into a functional writing unit. Functional writing is focused on writing information, research, and opinion writing; it includes paragraphs, research reports, and letter writing. We will continue with

our reading challenge, spelling, word work, and grammar throughout this unit. The students will be bringing cursive writing home starting this week.

Math - The 5 & 6s will both begin a geometry unit to start this month; we will spend a few weeks learning about lines, angles, triangles, and quadrilaterals. The grade 5s will move into a measurement unit after, while the grade 6s will begin a unit on fractions. We will continue with multiplication practice and mad minutes.

Science – We will begin our new unit on Air and Aerodynamics; we will be learning about the properties of air, Bernoulli’s principle, and streamlining. We will also be learning about animal and insect adaptations that enable flight.

Social Studies – We are continuing our study of some historical models of democracy; we will wrap up Ancient Athens this week and then begin learning about the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. We will be studying their historical culture and the application of democracy within their society.

GRADES 7 - 8

LA – We will wrap-up our novel study this week and then we will begin a functional writing unit. We will be focusing on various skills, such as, essay writing, note-taking, summarizing, and editing. We will continue with the reading challenge, vocabulary, and grammar throughout this unit. The Jr Highs will have an **LA mid-term Friday January 21st**.

Math – The grade 7s will begin a unit on geometry, focusing on lines, angles, triangles, and quadrilaterals, while the grade 8s will begin a unit on ratios and circle geometry.

Science – New unit on interactions and ecosystems

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Gr 8 – Will start a new unit on mechanical systems

GRADES 7-9

Bible – We will begin looking at the Biblical worldview of ethics. We will be looking at what is right and wrong? Who sets the standard? Students will look at the Biblical foundation of ethics and will write their own paragraphs explaining the Christian worldview of ethics.

Science - Gr 9 – We are finishing the unit on environmental chemistry

LA - Gr 9 – Starting a unit on poetry

Math - Gr 9 – Starting the unit on polynomials

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
3. Swim Schedule/Health Check
4. Swimming Permission 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 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

Jan 1: New Year's Day

Jan 7: Staff PD Day No School

Jan 10: Classes Resume

Jan 11: ECS Grad & Class Photos

Swimming:

Gr 1-4: Jan 12, 19, 26 - 1-2pm

Gr 5-9: Jan 11, 18, 25 – 1-2pm

Please remit payment of \$20.00 per student by Jan 14th.

(HLCES) UPDATE FROM THE BOARD:

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
- Jerry Krahn – Fundraising & Maintenance
- Suzanne Wolfe

**We are looking for volunteers to shovel the school sidewalks; volunteers can reach out to Shawn Wiebe

The board would like thank Cecil Lebby for all his time, hard work, and dedication while serving as treasurer on the HLCES board. Cecil has resigned from the board in December. More information will follow.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS

CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING FOR SENIORS

