



High Level Christian Academy

"WALK WORTHY"

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

Ephesians 4:1



March 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

March has arrived! It has been almost a year since lockdowns began and there seems little chance that life will return to normal anytime soon. A new normal has arrived. I am so thankful that our God never changes; He "is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). We can trust in His faithfulness through all of life's changes. This hope has anchored us and continues to hold us secure through it all. I pray that as we remember Christ's death and resurrection that we would share our hope with those around us, our friends, and our neighbors. Paul, in Philippians, reminds us that,

"if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; . . . Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance of a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:1-8)

Fear is palpable across our nation, and our world, and yet as God's children we have "encouragement in Christ." We have "fellowship with the Spirit", joy, unity in spirit, and the "consolation of love" that gives us security and confidence to live in humility and obedience, just as Christ Himself lived.

There are many things happening at HLCA this month; our Creative Writing and Public Speaking Academic Fair is on March 2nd. We are swimming every Thursday! Report cards will go home on the 16th and Parent-Teacher interviews are on the 17th and 18th. Team Spirit day will be on March 19th; students will get to wear their favorite team colors and have some school-wide fun in the afternoon. Also, our students are working hard on their spring production and spring break begins March 27th. Finally, as the Easter season draws closer, may it be a season of great joy and hope as we remember His amazing grace and His confounding sacrifice. We live in confidence and without fear, not because we are special or have some great immunity, but because Christ has triumphed over death.

Have a blessed Easter season!

Ms. Jeffrey

CLASSROOM REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECS – GRADE 2

I hope everyone has a fruitful month of March as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Thank you to all the parents for dressing up the students in occupation costumes for our 100th Day Class Party. And thank you for your prompt response and dedication for supporting students' trips to the pools.

ECS:

Language Arts - We are continuing to read Level A books. Students are learning to recognize their sight words in picture books. We are continuing to learn digraphs. In handwriting, we have finished learning all uppercase letters. We have started to practice lowercase letters. Students are learning to practice writing sentences using finger spaces. We are also learning how to tell stories through play. Children are very imaginative, and they have come up with very interesting stories!

In **Math**, we are practicing addition within 10. We are also learning how to count to 100.

In **PE**, we are going swimming. Thank you for preparing your child for swimming.

In **Music**, we are practicing choreography for the Spring Banquet.

Grade 1-2

Language Arts - We have been learning how to write poems. We will continue to work on poem writing by focusing on small moments with big feelings.

Math – We are continuing to practice addition and subtraction within 100.

Science – We are starting the Magnetism unit. We will be learning all about magnets and attraction. We will also learn all about what God is attracted to.

Social – We are learning about Meteghan, Nova Scotia. We recently had Tanner's family members visit us to teach us about trapping. Please ask your child about all the animals we got to see.

In **PE**, we are going swimming. Thank you for preparing your child for swimming.

In **Music**, we are practicing choreography for the Spring Banquet.

GRADES 3 – 6

Math:

The **Grade 3s** are mid-way through their unit on division and will move from division to learning about fractions. Keep your eye out for a pizza fractions project that will be coming home mid-March.

The **Grade 4s** will continue to learn about fractions and will move from fractions to decimals later this month. Keep your eye out for a pizza fractions project that will be coming home mid-March.

The **Grade 5s** are also learning fractions and will have a pizza fractions project coming later this month; once they are finished their fractions unit, they will move on to decimals. They will finish the month with a unit that shows the practical application of decimals in life.

The **Grade 6s** are beginning a unit on multiplying and dividing decimals and will finish the month with looking at percentages and ratios. The Grade 6s will also have a pizza project coming this month, but it will relate to ratios and percentages.

LA: We will be wrapping up report writing and will move into a story writing unit for the duration of March. The students will continue with cursive writing, spelling, and working towards their reading challenge.

Science: We have been learning about electricity and magnetism; we have learned about safety and various types of circuits, conductors, and insulators, etc. The class has been participating in a Canada-wide energy classroom challenge and we will continue to do extra activities that examine energy sources and proper stewardship of Canada's energy resources. We also have an in-house field trip with the *Telus World of Science* in Edmonton; we will be learning about making electric cars! The kits have arrived, and the class is eagerly looking forward to this activity, as am I.

In **Social Studies**, we are wrapping up our study of Canada's physical geography and natural resources; we will begin looking at the stories of Canadians, starting with Confederation up to the turn of the century. Then we will look at Canada's involvement in World War 1 and the changes that resulted because of it.

In **Bible** we will be looking at how historical context and cultural context impacts the interpretation of Scripture.

GRADES 7 - 9

Grade 7-9s:

In **Bible** we have just started our study of the Biblical Worldview of Economics; we are focusing on the question: how should we use our resources? There are some difficult concepts taught in this unit; it may be useful to discuss them with your students. Economics, free exchange, socialism, capitalism, stewardship, and social welfare are all key terms for this unit. The key idea of this unit is: private ownership provides incentives for better stewardship and leads to economic advancement. Every student will benefit from discussions on these concepts, especially from a Biblical perspective.

In **Social Studies**, we are learning about what drove Canada to Confederation. We will be studying Sir John A Macdonald as well as other key figures in Confederation. We will also be asking what is responsible government and how was Canada's government formed? From there, we will begin to study the Red River Métis and Louis Riel.

Grade 7

LA – Students have finished their short story unit and will be working on poetry this month.

Math – Grade 7 students will be completing multiple units in math including: probability and data management, patterns and algebra and a unit about integers.

Science – We are currently learning about Earth.

Grade 8

LA – We are working on our poetry unit.

Math – Students will be covering multiple units including patterns and algebra, measurement, and probability and data management.

Science – The month of March will be spent learning about light and optical systems.

Grade 9

LA – Grade 9 students will be reading Shakespeare’s play *The Taming of the Shrew*.

Math – Students will be writing a practice PAT Friday, March 5. It is for marks so please encourage your child to study for it. The rest of the month will be spent covering similarity and transformations.

Science - March will see students completing their unit on electricity and likely will start their 5th unit on space exploration.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

PTIs are scheduled for Wednesday, March 17th from 5-8 pm and Thursday, March 18th from 5-8 pm. There will be a signup sheet on the office counter for parents to book interview times. You may call the office, email, text Mrs. Brock @780-926-6176 or come in to book. There will be 15 minute blocks per student. Please book ASAP to ensure your preferred time is reserved.

ECS SCHEDULE UPDATE

March 30th was scheduled as a ECS day by mistake as it is one of the Easter break days. Instead, we have added Friday, April 30th and Tuesday, June 15th as ECS days. We needed to add an additional day to accommodate the required number of annual hours needed for kindergarten. Please see attached ECS Schedule.

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 new month. Please return the orders by the first Wednesday of the month.

ATTACHMENTS

1. March Calendar
2. Hot Lunch Order Form
3. Swim Schedule
4. Updated ECS Schedule for ECS Parents

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

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we have shut off our water fountain and are using a water cooler stationed in the hallway for students to be able to fill up their water bottles. Students must bring their own water bottles. The water is tap water and is not filtered.

VISITOR SIGN-IN

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

STUDENT PICKUP

The afternoon dismissal time is 3:20pm. There is no bus service for any HLCA students this year, therefore 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 3:20pm. 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 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.hlcacademy.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.

FUNDSCRIP

The High Level Christian Academy is enrolled in a fundraising program called **FundScrip**. This is a program where supporters use *gift cards* to pay for things that they are going to buy anyway, such as grocery, gas, restaurant, and household item expenses. By simply changing your method of payment for everyday spending, the school will receive a percentage of the sales. We encourage families to take advantage of this fundraising opportunity to help HLCA raise funds for operation. The cards are available at the office and are payable by cash, debit, credit, and e-transfer. Please call the office if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 2: Academic Fair Submission Deadline – 3:30pm

**Mar 14: Daylight Savings Time Begins – move clocks
ahead one hour.**

Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day

Parent/Teacher Interviews 5-8pm

Mar 18: Parent/Teacher Interviews 5-8pm

Mar 19: Team Spirit Day

Mar 29-31: Easter Break