



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



May Memos

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Spring Greetings!

We are very thankful that May has arrived; April was a strange month. Between Covid-19, our Alberta Education Monitoring, and Ms. Ahn’s Teacher certification process, we are thankful the month is over! We are rejoicing over a good monitoring and with Ms. Ahn for completing her permanent Teacher’s certificate! We know that God is good and that He carries us through all circumstances. Because Covid hit our school, we did have to delay our Spring Production; we are not able to have a banquet this year, but our students have been working awfully hard on our play and we want to celebrate those efforts with a production. Friday, May 14th is our new date for our production; more information will be sent out in the next week.

Our Bible Memory passage for May calls for us to walk faithfully and with integrity before the LORD. 1 Kings 9 outlines God’s covenant with Solomon after the temple was completed, and the LORD promises Solomon that if he chooses to “walk before me faithfully with integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did, and do all I command and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever,” The Lord continues later in the passage to warn Solomon “if you or your descendants turn away from me and do not observe the commands and decrees I have given you. . . then I will cut off Israel from the land I have given them and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. Israel will then become a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples.” These words serve as a warning even for us today as we must choose to obey the truth, regardless of what that may cost us. Should we not walk faithfully, with integrity before Him, then we cannot stand firm and we will become a ridicule among people.

While many government actions recently have us concerned, there is one that is particularly concerning for our school, Bill C-6. Bill C-6 is in its 3rd and final reading before the House of Commons, and there is no doubt that it will pass. Our only hope at stalling or putting an end to it will be when it goes before the Senate; we need to be making our voices heard, not just with our MP Chris Warkentin, but now with the many Senators across Canada. The Senate needs to hear from us as believers and as citizens. Their contact information can be found here: <https://sencanada.ca/en/contact-information/>. If you are interested in writing a letter, but are not sure how to write one, there is a tool on the ARPA Canada website that will help you draft one, <https://easyletter.arpacanada.ca/>. We need to use the legal forms of protest we have NOW, while we still have them.

Blessings!
Ms. Jeffrey

CLASSROOM REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFETOUCH PHOTO DAY – May 6

The Lifetouch photographer will be at our school at 1pm on Thursday, May 6th to take individual student photos and Kindergarten Grad photos. Parents will be sent proofs of the photos shortly after picture day, then will have the opportunity to purchase them online. **Have your smiles ready!!** 😊

ECS – GRADE 2

Spring is finally here in High Level! I hope everyone enjoys the beautiful weather and I wish all the mothers a wonderful Mother's Day this coming Sunday.

Thank you for submitting your work from home.

ECS:

Language Arts: During in-class guided reading time, kindergarten students are now reading Level B books. Students are more familiar with short and long vowel sounds. To support students' literacy skills, students are now permitted to borrow two leveled books from the classroom library at a time. Students must return books before borrowing new ones.

By the second week of May, students will have practiced the formation of all uppercase and lowercase letters. Afterwards, we will be focusing on sentence writing. Students are learning how to write a complete sentence using capitals, periods, and spaces.

Math: We are finishing up our Patterns unit. Students learned to identify and create patterns. After this, we will be working on the Solid Shapes unit where we will be learning about 3D shapes.

Grade 1-2:

Language Arts: We have just started a new unit where we are working on Science Lab Report Writing during Language Arts. Students will learn to write about their science experiments by breaking down the report into different sections.

Math: Grade 1: We are working on building the understanding of addition and subtraction by learning how to solve word problems. Students are learning to identify parts and wholes in word problems.

Grade 2: We are learning about Money. Students are learning to count the value of money.

Science: We are learning all about insects. Students are excitedly learning about small and crawling creatures. It is pretty amazing to learn about God's unique designs for each insect! Presently, we are taking care of ants in our classroom.

Social: We will continue to learn about Saskatoon. We are noticing many similarities between the people of Saskatoon and the people in our community. Did you know that Palm Sunday is called Willow Sunday in Ukrainian culture? It is very cool!

GRADES 3 – 6

In **Math**, the plan for April changed a little with our isolation; I did move a few units around for easier at home learning. So, for the month of May, the **grade 3s** will be learning about estimation and will then move into a unit about money. The **grade 4s** will continue with learning about 3 dimensional shapes like pyramids and prisms. Then they will move into Patterns and Algebra unit, where they will be learning to solve for the unknown. The **grade 5s** will be studying geometry for this month also; they will study translations, 3-dimensional figures, and coordinate planes. The **grade 6s** will begin the month with Patterns and Algebra, solving for the variable using various ways. Finally, they will end the month and their year with Geometry, translation of figures and coordinate planes.

In **LA**, we are continuing our poetry unit for the next week or so, then we will move into letter writing. We are coming close to the end of our year, so students need to keep working on their reading challenge if they have not finished it already. We will continue with spelling, reading groups, and typing this month also.

In **Science** we have begun our Wetland ecosystems unit; this is our final unit of the year. In this unit we study ecosystems, animal adaptations, interactions between living things, and food chains among other things. High Level has local wetlands, so we will be taking our learning outside at times. A permission slip will be sent home for these outings.

In **Social Studies**, we are examining what forms a Canadian identity; we will be looking at Canadian symbols and looking at the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

In **Bible**, we will finish our final chapter; we are learning about how to look and dig for themes in passages of Scripture. We will be studying portions of the gospel of John for this. Then, we will begin reviewing our Bible Memory for the year and also put our years learning into practice.

GRADES 7 - 9

In **Bible** we are studying the Biblical Worldview of History and asking the key question of “What is the meaning of history?” We will also be looking at the significance of the life of Jesus in history. Then we will move into our final unit which is a review of the entire curriculum.

In **Social Studies** we are studying growth in Western Canada, specifically leading up to the development of the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan in 1905. We also explore how PEI, BC, and Newfoundland join confederation. Then, we will examine the many immigrant ethnicities who came to Canada as well as the effects of the numbered treaties in the west.

Grade 7

LA – We are on our final unit about historical fiction. Students are reading the novel *A Father’s Promise*. Students will also be working on a project that requires them to create and post a blog/vlog showing what they are learning.

Math – The month of May will see student’s complete two units: Probability & Data Management and another geometry unit.

Science - Students will continue in their unit about plants.

Grade 8

LA – The final unit of the year is the novel study for the book, *The Bronze Bow*.

Math – We will be learning about geometry and powers & exponents throughout the month of May.

Science – We will be completing our freshwater and saltwater systems unit at the end of May.

Grade 9

LA – Students will spend the month of May studying the novel *Animal Farm*.

Math – Part way through May, students will finish their unit on circle geometry and then start their final unit about data analysis and statistics.

Science – We will finish our space exploration unit by the end of May.

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. May 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

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.

(HLCES) UPDATE FROM THE BOARD:

- Pie Auction has raised \$23,100 for the school!
- Thank you for making so many pies!
- Annual General Meeting will be May 27th at 7pm – Location TBD
- The monitoring with AB Education went well. Praise the Lord!

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

May 6: Lifetouch Photo Day – 1pm

May 7: PD Day – no school

May 14: Spring Production Presentation

May 24: Victoria Day – no school

May 27: Annual General Meeting @7:00pm

May 31: ECS Orientation 10am-12pm