



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



November 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I love November! It is one of my favorite months of the year and it has nothing to do with it being my birthday month. November is a month for remembrance, and we have so much to remember and honor. I am proud of my family's military history, but I am equally humbled by the courage they had in the face of war. John 15:13 reminds us that, “greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.” As believers, we have an even greater example of sacrifice in Christ Jesus, who died for us, for the world, while we were still his enemies (Romans 5:10). The Israelites were told many times to build an altar as a memorial for them before the Lord. Memorials are meant to remind us of a heroic act, of God's goodness towards His people; they are meant to help us remember the stories of how God worked in their circumstances. I hope that you also will take the time to reflect this November, perhaps on the sacrifices of family, but especially on the goodness and faithfulness of God. We have had multiple years of difficult circumstances, but God is always good. He is always working, and He is always in control. Let's remember and rejoice!

Winter is now here; please ensure that your students have warm clothes or layers for recesses. Remember that if a student is sick at school, they will be sent home and a Covid test must be negative for them to return to school. If you have a student complaining of not feeling well, please be proactive and keep them home. We will be sending home report cards this month and parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for the 18th and 19th of November. If you are unavailable during these dates, please speak to your student's teacher and she will schedule a time that works for both of you. We are in the early stages of planning our Christmas program (Dec 15), as lines and things come home for students to practice please take the time to help them with it.

May you have a warm season of Remembrance!

Ms. Jeffrey

CLASSROOM REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECS – GR 2

October has already gone by! In the month of October, we have made a lot of progress. As the cold winter looms, I hope that everyone stays healthy and safe with God's protection. Thank you to all the parents for guiding students to success.

ECS:

LA: We have continued to learn letter sounds. Please continue to review the sounds with the children at home using the Sound Book.

Social: We have learned about the concept of “me”.

Math: We have learned to count to 20. We will continue to practice number recognition. Since the last week of October, we started to learn about shapes.

Science: We will be discovering awareness of objects and events through themes. For the month of October, the theme was fall. Please ask your child about how his/her scarecrow was created! For the month of November, the theme will be about Remembrance Day.

PE: We have practiced kicking the ball. We also practiced locomotive skills such as galloping, hopping and skipping. Please ask your child to demonstrate.

Music: We have recently started to practice for the Christmas production.

GR 1-2:

LA: We have made progress in stretching out details in our stories. Students are learning to add details in stories by stretching out small moments.

Social: We have been learning about the Iqaluit, Nunavut.

Math: We have been learning about patterns. Students have learned to identify the core, describe the pattern rule and to extend the patterns. Students really enjoyed this unit!

Science: We have been working on different projects like our Hot and Cold Safety poster and we have each designed and built a thermos of our own to apply and test our knowledge of insulation. We also learned that God is in control of the weather.

PE: We have practiced kicking the ball. We also practiced locomotive skills such as galloping, hopping and skipping. Please ask your child to demonstrate.

Music: We have recently started to practice for the Christmas production.

GR 3-6

In **LA** we will continue our novel study, *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry. We will continue to work on spelling and typing as well as building our grammar knowledge.

In **Math**, the Grade 3s will wrap up their unit on measurement and then begin to study patterns; while the grade 4s will also study patterns and then Multiplication. The grade 5s will continue with Division and then move into a unit on patterns, and the grade 6s will focus on patterns and algebra.

In **Science**, we will begin a new unit on weather; we will study clouds, air pressure, wind speeds, and much more.

In **Social Studies** we will continue to study the Great Lakes/ St. Lawrence Lowlands region of Canada's geography. During the week of November 9- 13th we will take time to study a little about World War 1. The Canadian War Museum sends out boxes of historical artifacts for students to explore and study; the students will have opportunities that week to learn more about Canada's role in the war.

In **Bible** we are learning about the importance of knowing the truth and living out our faith, while learning to study the Bible. We have been learning to ask the 5 Ws and H questions, to take notes and to look for key words

while studying God's word. We have been applying these skills to the book of Titus.

GR 7-9

Gr 9

LA –The students are completing a short grammar unit before starting their short stories unit.

Science – The students are wrapping up their unit on biological diversity and will be starting a unit on matter and chemical change.

Math - The new unit we are entering is on rational numbers.

Gr 8

LA – We have started a unit on short stories.

Math – The students are finishing a unit on patterns and algebra before starting another number sense unit.

Science – This month we will complete the unit on mix and flow of matter and start a new unit about cells and systems.

Gr 7

LA – We are still working on our novel and film study about Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C.S. Lewis.

Math – The students will wrap up their unit on factors, multiples and fractions about mid-November and will start a unit about geometry. Your child will need a geometry set for this unit if they do not already have one.

Science – We are nearly done our unit on structures and will begin a unit about heat and temperature.

Gr 7-9

In **Bible**, we will finish our unit on the Biblical worldview of sociology; then we will move into our unit on the Biblical worldview of law.

In **Social Studies** we will be studying how the British came and colonized Canada. During the week of November 9- 13th we will take time to study a little about World War 1. The Canadian War Museum sends out boxes of historical artifacts for students to explore and study; the Junior Highs will have opportunities that week to learn more about Canada's role in the war.

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

- **Note Change:** The meal has changed for the Mac & Cheese & Hot Dog, since there were too many students not able to finish the meal. We've changed it to roasted, cut up hot dog (weiner) in the mac & cheese.

ATTACHMENTS

1. November 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 will be 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.

EARLY DISMISSAL/STUDENT PICKUP

Our early dismissal time is now 1:50pm. The regular pm 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.hlacademy.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

- Nov 1: Time Change** – Fall Back
- Nov 11: Remembrance Day** – No School
- Nov 18: Parent Teacher Interviews** – 5-8pm
- Nov 19: Parent Teacher Interviews** - 5-8pm
- Nov 20: PD Day** - No School
- Nov 26: Early Dismissal** – 1:50pm
- Nov 27: Theme Day**

HLCA HAPPENINGS

Having snow much fun!

