



Drayton Christian School

March Newsletter

“Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.”

Psalm 125:1



Dates to Remember:

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| March 1 | Grade 3 Class Begins Swimming Lessons at Park Valley Pool |
| March 1 | DCSS Executive Council Member Meeting |
| March 1 | Outdoor Soccer Registration at the Omniplex from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm |
| March 4 | Outdoor Soccer Registration at the Omniplex from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm |
| March 5 | No Classes due to the WRPS Staff Development Day |
| March 12 | Grades K to 9 - 2 nd Report Cards Issued |
| March 15 | Parent/Teacher Interviews from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm |
| March 15 | Grade 4 Class Begins Swimming Lessons at Park Valley Pool |
| March 17 | Parent/Teacher Interviews from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm |
| March 17 | Celebrate St. Paddy's Day - <i>Wear Green</i> |
| March 17 | DCS Grade 4 to 6 Speak-Offs in the Gym |
| March 19 | M & M Meats Fundraiser |
| March 19 | All School Chapel @ Life Church |
| March 19 | Book Fair Begins in Library |
| March 24 | Book Fair Ends |
| March 24 | WRPS Elementary Speech Competition in Caroline |
| March 25 | Jr. High and Elementary Assemblies in the Gym |
| March 25 | Kindergarten Interview Day |
| March 26 | No School due to 'Day-In-Lieu' of Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| March 29 | Spring Break Begins |
| April 6 | Classes Resume |

DCSS News: The DCSS executive council meeting will be held in Room 21 on Monday, March 1. The Open Forum is open from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Your ideas, concerns and/or questions are welcome at this time.



WRPS Staff Development Day: There will be no classes for students on Friday, March 5 due to the WRPS Staff Development Day. Enjoy your long weekend!!!

Swimming Program: Our grade three class will begin the swimming program on Monday, March 1 and the grade four class will be beginning on Monday, March 15. The



permission form containing details went home already. Please ensure that the permission form and fee is returned to Mrs. Breitkreuz & Mrs. Backstrom, respectively, to allow your child to participate! Remember to send a towel and bathing suit on the swimming days 😊

St. Patrick's Day: Wear green or get pinched! This widely celebrated Irish holiday brings joviality all day long! It's a great way to celebrate the renowned St. Patrick and each other!



WRPS Elementary Speech Competitions: We are incredibly proud of all the students who participate in speeches - it takes a lot of effort to go through with this venture! On Wednesday, March 17 the grade four, five and six classes will have the 'speak-off' in the gym. Thank you to all volunteers for helping to make this occasion so successful every year! In the event that one (or more) of our students wins at this level, he/she will go on to the division wide speech competition at Caroline School on Wednesday, March 24☺



M&M Meats Fundraiser: Remember to go and buy 'yummy stuff' at M&M Meats on Thursday, March 18 for our fundraiser! Just mention DCS and 10% of the sale will come to our school! If you haven't bought anything there yet, you *just have to* try the Too-Tall Lemon or Strawberry Cake!

Library Book Fair: Ms. Ellery is hosting another book fair! The book fair will run from 8:30 – 4:00 Friday, March 19 until Wednesday, March 24☺ All proceeds will go back into the library! What a great way to support our library!



All School Chapel: In February's All School Chapel, Mr. Dargatz invited staff, parents and students to bring in money to support the "Classrooms 4 Africa" missions. Due to the huge success of last year's "**Coins for Jesus**" contest", we will be running it the same way again this year! Mr. Dargatz has assigned each class a 'secret' animal. Students are invited to donate coins and put into their own animal jar. However, they can sabotage other classes from winning this contest by putting 'paper' money into another class' jar. This way of collecting "Coins for Jesus" is fun, competitive and very successful! In our current economic times, we realize it is tough to find the extra cash but it is in *these* times that our giving is very pleasing to the Lord!!! *Be encouraged to give whatever you can - it is all very much appreciated!!!* The next All School Chapel is scheduled for Friday, March 19 at 9:00 am @ Life Church. Come and listen to our 'mystery' guest speaker! Be Blessed!



DCS Report Card #2 & Parent/Teacher Interviews: Students in grades kindergarten to nine will receive their second report card at dismissal on Friday, March 12. If you are interested in seeing your child's teacher(s) for a parent/teacher interview, please indicate this on the letter which will be enclosed with the report card. Usually, the March parent/teacher interviews are scheduled at teacher's request. However, we want to encourage you to come in and meet with the teachers to see 'how things are going', academically, with your child☺ Parent/teacher interviews are scheduled on Monday, March 15 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm and on Wednesday, March 17 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm for children in grades 1 – 9 and all day March 25 for ECS. The interview times are in fifteen minute intervals and will be held in teachers' respective classrooms. Mrs. Redford and Miss Golding will be holding interviews in their offices.

Jr. High and Elementary Assemblies: Our next Jr. High and Elementary assemblies will be held on Thursday, March 25. The Jr. High assembly is scheduled for 8:45 am. The Elementary assembly is scheduled for 9:30 am. Both assemblies will be held in the gym. Awards are always handed out during the assemblies; therefore, you may be receiving a call from your child's teacher for this 😊



'Day-in-Lieu' and Spring Break: There will be no school on Friday, March 26 due to the Parent/Teacher Day-in-Lieu! Spring Break begins on Monday, March 29! Relax, enjoy, go visiting, or to the movies, or go shopping, or just plain sleep in... but have fun doing whatever it is you'll be doing! Regular classes resume on Tuesday, April 6. We are expecting the staff and students to come back wearing great big smiles 😊

News Too Good Not To Share: The Drayton Valley Family School Liaison



Program will be offering a spring break camp. Kool Kids Camp will run Tuesday, March 30, Wed. March 31, and Thursday April 1, 2010. It will be hosted at Aurora school and open to ages 6 - 12 yrs old. It will run from 9:00 till 3:00 daily. There is no cost. For further information or to register, please call Juanita G. Smith at 780-621-3682.

Battle of the Books: Yah! Miss Wicks will be co-ordinating another contest of the Battle of the Books!!! They are looking for readers to participate! Students from grade three to six are eligible to participate and will have the opportunity to show their interest by signing up! We will soon be having a 'mini-battle' to decide who will make it onto each team and represent DCS. Two teams, each made up of four students, will commit to reading at least one book a week for one month before the real 'battle' occurs on Thursday May 6, 2010. Meetings for the teams will begin the week after spring break. We are looking for a few good adult volunteers to help the students prepare for the battle. If you are interested please contact the office at 780-542-7066. Thanks! Your support makes the difference!



Lost and Found: There is a MOUNTAIN of stuff in our lost and found boxes! Mrs. Demchuk is going to lay all the items out in an orderly way and our hope is that you will find your child(ren)'s items during Parent/Teacher interviews or at some point this month. Anything that has not been claimed by March 26th will go off to charity!



Shop and Support: Mrs. Braaten will be placing a Shop and Support order on Thursday, March 4. We have a lot of extra cards in the office if you would like to purchase some! 😊 Otherwise, send your *order (form attached-emailed parents please come and pick up at the office 😊)* and money by 9:30 am on the above-mentioned day!

Band Instruments: Did you used to play an instrument? Is that instrument now collecting dust in your closet? Does that instrument want a home where it will be loved by a

child and made to make a beautiful noise again? If so, we have the answer! You can donate your gently used instruments to our band program!!!! You can contact the office or just bring your instrument in for us to cherish!! ☺

Housekeeping Issues: We love our school! It is one of our main goals to keep it safe, clean and efficient! Your careful attention to this matter is not only appreciated - it is counted on. In order to do this we put into effect the following items: *Thank you for loving us by keeping the following enforced* ☺



- Please send extra clothing (socks, underwear, sweats, and a t-shirt) in your child(ren)'s backpack! The playground is wet and children love to play in the water!
- Please remember to call the school before 1:30 pm to make certain that your child(ren) will receive your message!
- Please check in at the office if you are coming into the school building. Also, if you are taking your child out for an appointment or dropping him/her off late, please sign him/her in or out☺
- Please call the school if your child is going to be absent from school, with the reason. Often our parents are unnecessarily alarmed when the office calls home for absences and the student has not signed in - be advised that the office ladies do not know that your child is in or out of the building unless he/she signs in or out.

The 1st and 2nd Jr. High Option fees are due. The fees are as follows:

\$65.00/Food Studies

\$75.00/Outdoor Ed

\$50.00/Extended PE

\$50.00/Band

\$120.00 to \$225.00/Instrument Rental (call office for details)

Please make cheques payable to the Drayton Christian School

The WRPS#66 mandatory school fee was due in October 2009. The elementary student fee is \$40.00 and the Jr. High student fee is \$70.00. Please make these cheques payable to the Drayton Christian School. If you have questions or concerns regarding the WRPS mandatory fee please call WRPS#66 division office at 1-800-771-0537 or visit the website at www.wrsd.ca and check out the policy on the mandatory fee.