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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year our Spring Break includes the Easter weekend. Our pre-Easter chapel service took place yesterday, a full two weeks ahead of Good Friday, and we won't return to chapel until after Easter Monday. Our students learn about Christ's life all year long, however, Lent and Easter offer special opportunities for learning. Easter is the most important time of year for the Christian Church and the season of Lent that leads up to Easter is a time for reflection, penitence, and purification. This particular season of Lent is especially important to the Anglican Church on Vancouver Island and to Anglicans everywhere. As I explained to our students in assembly this week, our own Bishop Logan has embarked on a *Sacred Journey* of reconciliation and relationship building with our First Nations brothers and sisters. He will begin his journey at the North end of Vancouver Island in Alert Bay and WALK back to Victoria. Why would he do this?

The Anglican Church landed on these islands over two hundred years ago as colonists, asserting our right to ownership of this land and domination over its Indigenous Peoples. Through our forebears, we entered this land the first time believing we carried God with us. We failed to recognize that the Creator was already here, working in and through the First Peoples of this land. Now we, in our generation, need to re-enter this land in a new way.

Bishop Logan will be re-establishing relations with each of the First Nations on Vancouver Island, first by asking permission to enter each of their territories encountered on his walk of penitence, and also by acknowledging the former trespasses against those First Nations. You can learn more about this historic Sacred Journey and even follow the Bishop on his journey. You can learn more on the Cathedral's website:

<http://www.reentersacredjourney.ca/follow-bishop-logan.html>

A very special Easter Sunday service is planned to coincide with the final stage of Bishop Logan's "Sacred Journey" and his return to the Cathedral. After the 9:15 AM service, the congregation will walk out of the Church, up Vancouver St. where they will meet up with Bishop Logan. Together with the 11:00 attendees, everyone will walk back to the Cathedral.

Report Cards:

You will have received your child's report card yesterday. Once again I am very proud of our students and their teachers. This term, the students made significant gains academically, certainly, but we have also seen significant improvement in the areas of self-regulation and self-management which are also key to effective learning.

Many of you will have double-checked the School Calendar or phoned Bev to confirm that Student-led-conferences are taking place on May 6 this year, and **NOT** tomorrow.

Mount Edwards Court:

Mount Edwards Court neighbourhood meetings have begun. The purpose of these meetings is to provide a forum to bring forth concerns and to make the neighbourhood safe for everyone. The Victoria Cool Aid Society will post the minutes to those meetings on its website here: www.CoolAid.org/mtedwards. The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00pm in the Chapel of the New Jerusalem (upstairs at the Cathedral).

24/7 Hotline: To report any concerns regarding Mount Edwards Court, you may call the Cool Aid front desk which will answer calls any time of day at **778-265-3456**.

Enjoy your Spring Break!

Stuart Hall

Weekly Calendar For detailed listings, see: <http://cathedralschool.ca/about-cccs/school-calendar/>

Upcoming Events, News & Important Information:

Mufti Day — Friday, March 11: Tomorrow is a non-uniform day for students.

Late Arrivals: We have noticed on the attendance records for this term's report cards that the frequency of students arriving late for school has been increasing. Arriving late causes a disruption for everyone in the class. The teacher often needs to repeat instructions and take extra time to get started on the morning's lesson plan. Please be aware that our start time is 8:25am. Doors will be locked at 8:35am. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your child arrives at school prior to 8:25am every morning in all but the most exceptional circumstances. Thank you.

Report Card Envelopes: Please return the envelope that came with your child's report card to the office so it may be reused next term. Thank you!

Bursary Forms: Please note the application deadline to submit bursary applications for the 2016/2017 school year is **March 31st**. Once again all bursary applicants need to apply online through Apple Financial Services. The CCCES Bursary Committee will complete the process and inform families by the end of May.



Christ Church Cathedral Garage Sale — Saturday, March 19: The Cathedral is hosting its Spring Garage Sale at the school on Saturday, March 19th from 9am to 12 noon. Books, household goods, jewelry, attic treasures, toys, furniture, appliances and more.



CCCS Garage Sale — Saturday, April 9: A Spring Garage Sale sponsored by the CCCS Outreach Club will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 10am to 1pm in the gym. We will be collecting donations of "gently" used books, toys, electronics, household items and anything else that you would find at a *top-notch* garage sale. Donations can be brought to the school the week of April 4 - 8. If you need your items picked up, please contact Todd. Proceeds raised will support both local and international charities. Thank you for your support!

PSG Meeting: The next Parent Support Group meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14th 7:00 pm (location TBD)

Spring Fair: Mark your calendars! The Spring Fair will be held on **Saturday, May 28th**.

Summer Program Registration: Registration forms for the Lux Mundi Summer Program are available in the office or from the school website.

Christ Church Cathedral Weekly E-Newsletter: Click the link to learn what's happening at the Cathedral and see news about our school. <http://eepurl.com/bSN861>

Thrifty Foods Smile Cards: A reminder to keep filling up those Smile Cards and using them for your grocery shopping. A percentage from your purchases will go towards our school, without you purchasing anything extra! We are well below target for this time of year, so please stop by the office to pick up a Thrifty's Smile Card if you don't have one. Proceeds raised are used to reduce the cost of extra-curricular student programs. Thank you for your support!

Yoga for Children

Kindergarten - Grade 2:

1/2 hour class: Thursdays in April and May - 12:10 - 12:40pm / 8 classes: \$25.00

1 hour class: Thursdays in April and May - 3:10 - 4:10pm / 8 classes \$60.00

Grade 3 - Grade 5:

1/2 hour class: Tuesdays in April and May - 12:10 - 12:40pm / 8 classes: \$25.00

See Educational Assistant Vicki to register, or for more information please call: 250-882-2325

Email: omshanti89@gmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/SanjanaYogaAndWellness>

Check out the Top 5 Reasons Yoga Helps Children:

<http://karmaspot.wordpress.com/the-top-5-reasons-yoga-helps-children/>

Recognition:

Thank you to Passmore Hockey for their donation of \$1,200 which will go toward gym supplies and equipment.

March Break recommendations from the Learning Centre

Make time for some learning apps during your Spring Break. 😎

I have also included two very good websites for math activities for all grade levels.

~ Mrs. Coleman

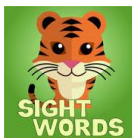
Learning Support Teacher

Reading apps:

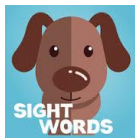
- Early reading: Montessori crosswords



- Sight words: There are numerous sight word apps. Here is one I have used from Maelstrom Interactive. They have a Kindergarten, Intermediate and Advanced version:



(Kindergarten)



(Intermediate)



(Advanced)

- Increasing reading Fluency (grade 1-4):
Reading fluency One minute Reader



Writing apps

Younger students:

-Learning formation of letters and numbers, this app also provides cursive practice:

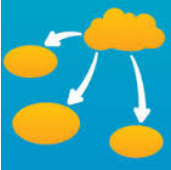
Writing wizard



Older students:

Help with organizing their ideas:

Inspiration



(This app can help a student organize their ideas for larger writing assignments and projects. There are many ready to go templates. Download the free version and start exploring and experimenting).

Dictating their ideas: speak your ideas and copy and paste into Google Docs

Dragon dictation



Math apps:

Operation math (for helping with math fluency – thinking about math operations quickly):



Sushi monster (for helping with math fluency- thinking about math operations quickly):



Montessori Math: Montessori's strength is visually showing the numbers; this allows for a stronger cognitive understanding of mathematical concepts.



(Primary Math)



(For learning and practicing multiplication)

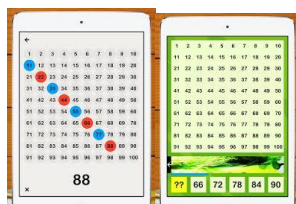


(Addition and subtraction)

Splash Math (good overall app that offers many different operations and concepts at different grade levels):



Hundreds board math: For working with the hundreds board and recognizing patterns. Try these versions for free, both from James Munro.



(hundreds board with sequences)

Math websites to check out:

<http://nrich.maths.org/6343> (great website for thought provoking math activities, supports the new BC curriculum)

<https://ca.ixl.com/math/> (practice at your level, activities are sorted by grade)