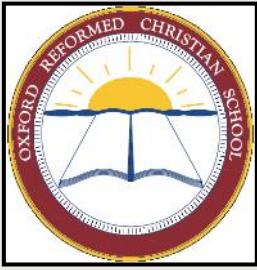


# OXFORD REFORMED CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



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**December 18, 2017**

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**This Week's Psalter: Program Songs**

Theme of the Year: I Am

December's Theme: Light of the World

<b>Monday</b>	Know Psalter 243:2 or Christmas program songs	<b>Friday</b>	High school Christmas luncheon <b>Early dismissal at 1:20 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Milk and voucher orders are due Extra milk for sale starting today, until all is sold ORCS Reformation mug sale in library, 11 am to 3 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	ORCS Reformation mug sale in library, 11 am to 3 pm <b>Christmas Program at 7:30 sharp</b> (wear full uniform)	<b>Sunday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Monday</b>	January 8, Welcome back!

**Early Dismissal THIS Friday, December 22.** Expect your children to be home **two hours earlier than usual**. Buses will be leaving school by 1:20 pm.

**Large Sleds** (such as GT's & toboggans) **cannot be brought on the buses**. The buses are too full to accommodate these additional large items. Dropping them off or picking them up with your personal vehicles is appreciated.

**Note from Bus Drivers:** Please be diligent to **let your bus driver know when you take your entire family home** after school, or throughout the day. There are times a bus gets to a stop after school, but no children get off.

**Bake Sale Proceeds:** A big thank you goes out to the grade 6 girls for organizing the bake sale last week. A total of \$175.10 was raised, and the funds will be sent to a needy family in the community.

**Extra Milk Sale:** To clean out the fridges for the Christmas break, grade 8 students will be **selling extra milk for \$0.75 each, starting Tuesday**, until the extras are sold (in the kitchen for elementary at 2nd break, and in the tuck shop at lunch for high school).

**Milk and Voucher** orders are **due by tomorrow, Tuesday, December 19**. No late orders will be accepted. The most popular vouchers are also for sale in the office for last minute shopping and gift needs.

**ORCS Reformation Mugs:** In honour of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation the library is selling commemorative mugs. The cost is \$5.00 each, and they will be sold **this Tuesday and Wednesday, December 19 and 20** (rescheduled from last week because of snow days), **from 11 am to 3 pm in the library**, on a first-come-first-serve basis. There are approximately 150 available and make great gifts!

**Christmas Program** is planned for **this Wednesday, December 20**. On a promotional flyer recently sent out it was listed as Friday the 22nd, but this is incorrect. Please clarify this with any grandparents and friends that may have received this flyer. Please ensure that all performing students **wear their full Monday uniforms** with white shirts and vest/pullover.

**Catering Volunteers:** Are you able to help **this Saturday, December 23** with the Koppert/Brouwer wedding at the school? They Catering Committee is asking for **10 more volunteers for the dinner, and 15 more desserts** for the buffet. If you are able to help, please sign up at [www.schoolinterviews.ca](http://www.schoolinterviews.ca) using the code nux3a.

**Uniforms:** A new order will be started after the Christmas break, so **consider planning what your family will need** with the time off. You can expect to see a new and easy way of ordering uniforms online through the "school interviews" program! We are quite excited about it, and hope you will enjoy this new system too.

**Mystery Dinner Fundraiser:** **Sign up by Tuesday, January 16** as a host or a guest for the annual fundraiser dinner **planned for Friday, January 19**. It's a great way to meet other families from the school!

**Shop Tool Donations:** An email was sent out listing small and large items needed to supply the school's new shop. If you are able to donate, please sign up for specific items up **by Friday, January 19**. You can either use the link in the email, or go to [www.schoolinterviews.ca](http://www.schoolinterviews.ca) using the code ys697.

**Advance Notice:** High school information evening for all grade 8 students is planned for **Thursday, January 25** at 8 pm.

**Advance Notice:** A guidance information evening for all Grade 9 to 11 students is planned for **Thursday, February 1** at 8 pm.

# ELEMENTARY NOTES

**Kindergarten** The final week of the school year 2017 has come. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our Kindergarten class. We wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year! The students are looking forward to singing on Wednesday evening. We will introduce letter /l/ this week. We hope your child has been actively reading in the booklet sent home. Encourage them to read and write words on paper and make new sentences.

**Grade 1** Greetings! Grade 1 has some work to finish up and some fun activities for the last week before the break. There will be a spelling test on Thursday and a math test on Friday. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and New Year.

**Grade 2** Gr. 2 is enthusiastic about the snow! If your child is missing a mitten, hat or other snow gear, it may be found in our classroom. This week we anticipate celebrating the birth of Christ with excitement, with extra practices and the Christmas program in addition to our usual school work. Please remember our French Quiz on Tuesday and play practice for Friday! See our weekly note to parents for details!

**Grade 3** Last week before the holidays! We have a Social Studies test on Tuesday (ON & QU), a vocabulary quiz on Thursday and a Spelling test on Friday. One last push before we get a break! Mrs. Horlings and I both wish you good holidays with family and friends, a blessed Christmas and joyful New Year.

**Grade 4** We have reached our last school week before the Christmas break! Much of its beginnings will be spent preparing for the Christmas program on Wednesday. Due to the snow days last week, we will also be having our long-delayed Bible test. Take note that the memory work for this week won't be graded. However, I would ask that your son or daughter memorize it for the Christmas Program.

**Grade 5** Due to the snow days last week, a couple of tests have been rescheduled. Social Studies Ancient Egypt test will be on Wednesday. The unit 2 Bible test will be on Thursday. Spelling test 14 will also be on Thursday this week. Book report boxes are due on Wednesday, and the presentation will be after the break. No memory work over the break.

**Grade 6** It's hard to imagine that we're at the end of 2017 already. On Tuesday we plan to have a test on our reading novel to wrap up our unit, and the L14 spelling test will be on Wednesday! Hope to see you all on Wednesday evening. We wish you and your families a blessed time as you celebrate Christmas and enter the new year, God willing. Memory verse for Jan. 8: NONE!

**Grade 7** It's hard to believe this is the last school week of this calendar year already. Time passes by so quickly, especially when being busy in a vibrant school community. During the last couple weeks, we have practised our Christmas songs every day. We hope you will enjoy this coming Wednesday night when we come together for our yearly Christmas program. This week we will have a Math test on Chapter 5. Our weekly spelling test is on Friday. Friday's early dismissal is at 1:20pm. I wish you all a safe and restful break, a blessed Christmas and all the best for 2018.

**Grade 8** Are you hearing lots of band instrument practicing at home? I hope so, as we prepare for our Wednesday night performance. We'll finish up math chapter 4 this week, with the test Thursday. We'll work on group reader theatre presentations throughout the week, with performances Friday morning. Friday we hope to have a last day of school before the break party, from about 11 am until 1 pm. Food and gift - exchange items should come to school Friday. Hot Chocolate will be provided. I hope that everyone has a wonderful break! See in 2018!

an interactive forestry project which is due on Wednesday.

**CGW4U** This week students will be introduced to their final unit: Towards a Sustainable Global Community in the Future. On Thursday they will be presenting their World Conflict reports.

**CHW3M** We'll conclude our Medieval History unit this week. Students have a chance to work on their ISPs on Wednesday, so it'll be helpful if they have watched their films before then.

**ENG1D** Our media unit is in full swing for the week. Students will be presenting their original commercials on Thursday but will learn how to properly analyze print advertisements before then (a skill important for their final exam).

**ENG1P** There will be an 8-part of speech quiz at the end of the week. We're starting our last unit -- Communication and Advertising -- on Tuesday.

**ENG2D/P** Talk shows will be presented on Thursday.

**GLC2O** This week we will be building cover letters and addressing them to specific job descriptions and companies. Students should have a completed resume and cover letter by the end of the week.

**GLS1O** This week we will be finishing and presenting our Unit 6 Powerpoint Presentations. Students should be ready to present Tuesday and Wednesday.

**HFC3M** We're travelling to South America this week. We hope to do a food lab on Thursday.

**HHS4U** This week we will be looking at different parenting styles as well as what true parenting goals should look like. Students will also be participating in multiple Socratic circles this week.

**HRE33** After learning about a few particular Puritans, we'll look at the historical backdrop of the Dutch Reformed church. Students will have one class this week to work on their course summative PPT, but they are encouraged to work on it during the Christmas Break.

**HRE43** The take-home test is due by 9:00 on Tuesday. Those doing the course summative for this unit are to submit it by Thursday. We will be discovering Philosophical Apologetics this week.

**MFM2P** Having learned about all the properties of quadratic relations, we're continuing to develop our skills of how to solve for properties using both the standard and factored forms of the equation. Students can expect a ch#8 test before the break!

**MHF4U** With only 2 chapters remaining to study in this course, we're on track for a strong finish! Throughout the week we'll work on completing chapter 7, a continuation of chapter 6 which dealt with exponential and logarithmic functions.

**MPM2D** This week the students will continue with their study of trigonometry. The students will write their chapter 5 test on Thursday. This week the students will be introduced to a small project involving similar triangles and trigonometric ratios. Students can expect daily homework which will be essential for a successful understanding of the concepts covered in this course.

**PPL3O** This week is filled with variety: dodgeball, setting up gym chairs, and in class time for our final health unit on making safe choices.

**SCH3U** Last week students were tested on their ability to create standard aqueous solutions and their understanding of solutions from chapter 8. This week we'll attempt to complete our solutions unit before the break. Upon our return in the new year, we'll tackle our final unit dealing with gasses.

**SNC1D** We are continuing with our study of current electricity.

**SPH3U** This week students will wrap up their study of waves and sound. The students will write their Unit 4 test on Thursday. The students will also be given their last project for the year this week as well. Students can expect daily homework which will be essential for a successful understanding of the concepts covered in this course.

**TDJ2O** Students will start the week off by fine tuning their model shops and sprucing up their shop premises with landscaping. On Thursday they will have the opportunity to show case their knowledge and hard work to a panel of guests from our school community.

**TGJ4M** This week will be a scramble as students must complete a desktop publishing assignment before Friday. Looking forward to the last week of school before the Christmas Break.

## LIBRARY



Wednesday: Gr. K, 6, 7 & 8

Thursday: Gr. 1, 2 & 5

Friday: Grade 3 & 4

## Online Encyclopedia Britannica:

<http://school.eb.com>

Username: orcs123

Password: orcs123

# SECONDARY NOTES

**AEA3O** This week, we'll be doing several seemingly random projects. Students are finishing up work related to art in fashion, and we'll look into abstract art with a sculpting activity.

**BMI3C** Students continue working on various assignments this week, including a role play on Wednesday. Many have not handed in this course summative yet. It is important to have these in as I will edit it and return it. Students will hand in their final version at the end of the semester. It is worth 30% of their mark.

**CGC1D** Forestry and mining are the two main industries we will be looking at this week. Students will be working in larger groups to complete

# ORCS 500 Years Reformation Mug

The library has approximately 150 mugs for sale.

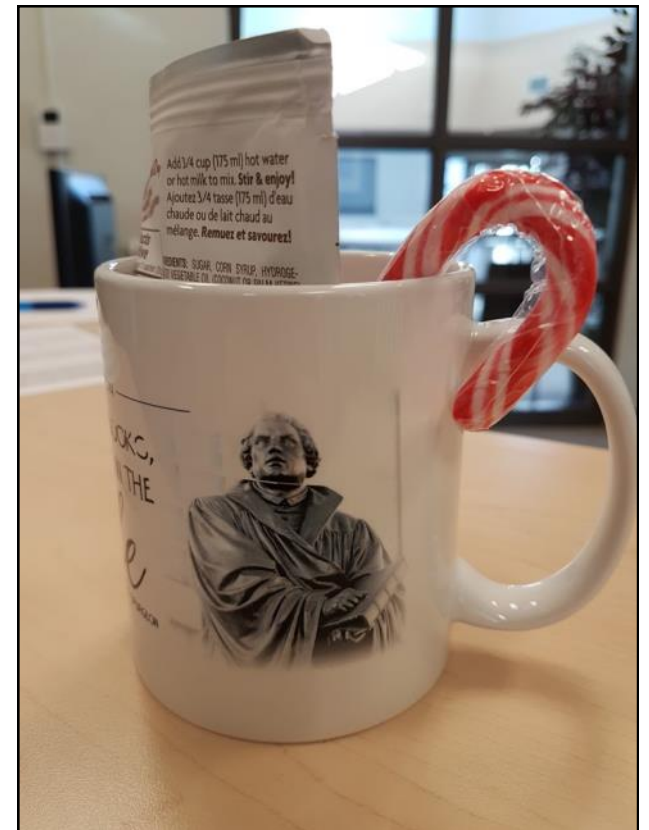
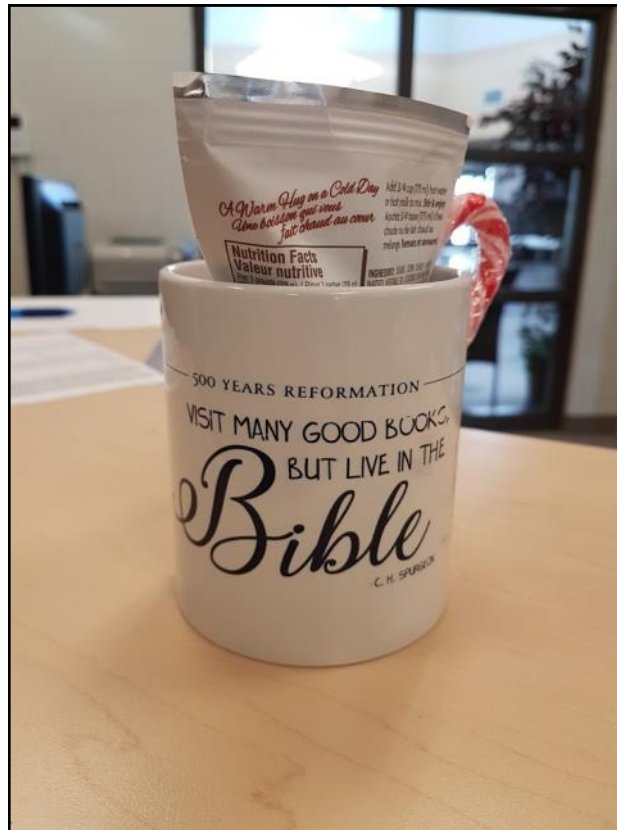
They are \$5.00 each and will be available in the library on

**Tuesday, December 19 and Wednesday, December 20,** (rescheduled due to snow days last week)

**from 11 am to 3 pm both days.**

They will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis.

(The pictures below show 3 sides of the same mug)





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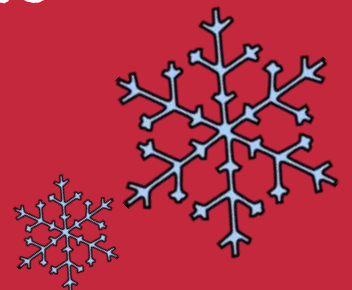
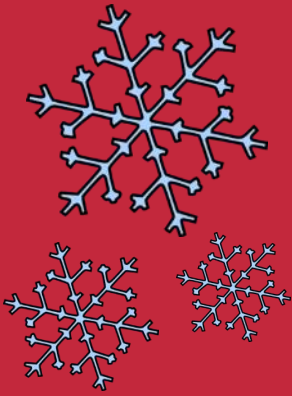
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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 20

at 7:30 pm - In the Gymnasium

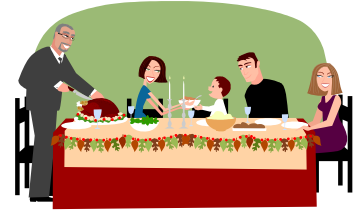
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# Mystery Dinner!

Friday, January 19, 2017  
at 6:30 pm



## What?

A mystery dinner is a dinner that is served by a mystery host at a mystery location with up to 6 mystery guests!

## Where?

This clue will be revealed to you by a telephone call about an hour before dinner!

## Why?

It's a fun way to raise money for ORCS.

## Who?

That's part of the mystery! We'll match you up with compatible guests to ensure a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

## How?

We are in need of several hosts to put on a fantastic dinner! If you would like to host, let us know. Your host will collect your donation. Think of how much you would have paid at that fancy restaurant... consider the needs of ORCS...and dig deeply into your wallet! You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.

## But...

Sure! A special person, another couple...either one is fine! A group of 6? Absolutely! Well yes, it's the 8th annual Mystery Dinner.

## Reserve Your Spot Today ~

SIGN UP BY  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16!

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