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From the Principal – Mr. P. Veenendaal

Our first full week of school has come and gone. Lots of things are happening and it is looking like real school again. Volleyball practices and games are starting, other student activities are beginning, and various committees have started to have their regular meetings.

Near the end of last year the Education Advisory Committee developed a Volunteer Policy and the school board appointed Mrs. Julia Toet as volunteer coordinator to administer it. This policy explains several different types of volunteers and what the school expects from them. The main part of this policy explains that “regular contact volunteers” will need to get Criminal Record Checks including a Vulnerable Sector Check. There are more details which Mrs. Toet will convey to you. Thanks to Julia for taking on this new position.

ICS has a new student council. All received their positions by acclamation. We look forward to working with President Nick Mostert, Vice-president Shayna Toet, Secretary Kristi Raap, and Treasurer Juanita Verhelst. Even though there were no elections, each one was required to present a speech to the student body. These speeches were presented to the students via our new intercom system.

Our Parent Advisory Committee hosted an evening where they showed a DVD of Dr. Jason Van Vliet. We were not at all encouraged with the turnout of parents (there were very few) and we would like to hear from you why this was the case. If we receive some answers to the question “Why the poor turnout” perhaps we can adjust some of the details to help improve that next time.

Next week we will conduct a trial run of our new Lockdown policy. Both students and staff will be prepared and informed how and when this will take place. Our new intercom system plays an important role in this practice.

I am pleased to report that we have found 4 volunteer families to host our 4 Dutch exchange students. I will give you more information about them at a later time. Thanks to the others who were willing to help out. All 4 are girls and we look forward to having them at ICS and showing them our city and province. In the spring we will take part in the other half of the exchange when some of our students will travel to the Netherlands.

On Tuesday morning we will welcome Mr. Andre Schutten from ARPA Canada when he comes here to address the highschool students concerning Canadian political topics.

GENERAL NEWS . . .

1. Show and Save Discount Card and Coupon Book update: Sales of the Card and Coupon Book are going well. In the last Messenger specific grocery stores were mentioned that were not in the Coupon Book. We apologize for this. We did not see the change in this year’s Book. Please ask your children if they have sold the one book that was given to them, if they plan to sell it; and if not to return it to their teacher. This will help to keep the fund raiser going.

2. Student Council positions have been filled. By acclamation Nick Mostert is President, Shayna Toet is Vice; Kristi Raap is Secretary; and Juanita Verhelst is Treasurer. Congratulations from the staff of I.C.S.; and may the Lord bless you in your work, and that His will be done.

3. BLT News: We had a neat first get-together for the 2012-13 BLT season last Wednesday! All the members received info packets and a permission slip that needs to be filled in and signed and returned to us by this coming Wednesday, Sept. 19. We have lots of exciting opportunities in the works that we will let you know about as we receive confirmation. So stay tuned to the Messenger! See you all on Wednesday, BLTers!

4. BLT has your Babies and Little Tots taken care of! - BLT is offering babysitting services to families as a fundraiser and has several young people who would love to look after your children for you! If you would like to make use of this service please call or email: Charlene Van den Akker at 224-5373 or ctoc@mts.net

5. Visit our Student Blog at www.immanuelchristian.wordpress.com at least every Friday! **This Friday – check out the principal’s reaction to the new intercom system!**

6. Where to shine as lights in the world with your writing (see Mr. Dykstra for more info):

1. Write or e-mail the media, its ad sponsors, or your MLA or MP.
2. Check www.arpacanada.ca or www.lifesitenews.com.
3. Click on the tag *activism* or *reasons-to-write* on www.delicious.com/literatureman.
4. Check the photography contest at www.dreamjobcontest.ca (deadline **October 15**).

Scholastic Books:



Are you looking for a way to get your kids excited about reading? Want to stock up on some great birthday presents? Scholastic books are once again available through your child’s (elementary) teacher. This year, the youngest child in your family attending school will take home the Scholastic flyers with the latest specials. Scholastic offers a wide variety of books – from classics, to beginning readers, to Max Lucado books – as well as interactive learning products. With the monthly specials, books are often much cheaper than in a bookstore. Also, when you purchase Scholastic books, Scholastic provides free books and resources for the elementary classrooms.

Please note that browsing a Scholastic flyer is just like going to a bookstore – you will need to use your discretion to decide what products are suitable for your family; the products are not endorsed by the school or the teachers.

To place a Scholastic order, fill out the order form on the back of the flyer and **return the order form with payment** to your child’s teacher by the last Friday of the month. **This month’s orders are due Friday, September 28.** Taxes are already included in the price on the order form. **Payment is by cheque only.** Cheques can be made out to: Scholastic Canada Ltd. Orders will arrive at the school about 2-3 weeks after the due date and will be sent home with your child (or you can arrange to pick them up from your child’s teacher). If you decide you do not want an item you have purchased, you can return it to Scholastic for credit or refund but you will have to pay the return shipping costs.

If you misplace your flyers, you can also view them online at <http://scholastic.ca/clubs/> . Just click on the title of the flyer on the left-hand side of the screen and scroll down to view the available flyers. Extra order forms are also available on the website or through your child’s teacher.

If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher. Happy reading!

RESOURCE NEWS . . .

- **Opportunity for students in grade 7 -12:**

The St. John's Ambulance Youth Cadet Program starts next week **Tuesday, September 18th** and continues every Tuesday during the school term. Students will receive free training in Emergency First Aid (ages 12- 15) and Advanced First Aid (ages 15-18). I'm not sure whether this will conflict with your designated catechism time slot or not. You'll have to phone 204-784-7018 or email raylene.jonassen@mb.sja.ca to inquire and/or register. This program may count towards your optional hours in Phys. Ed, and may lead to volunteer opportunities towards a Community Service Credit if you'd like to pursue that as well.

Trying to figure out what you want to do in your future? Or any parents want to make a career change? Check out www.careercruising.ca for "lots of info" and assessment tools. Our school's username is manitoba166, and our password is careers.

- **Upcoming Events:**

| Date | Event | Information/Description |
|------------|---|---|
| October 10 | Christian Post-Secondary Fair – Parent Info Night | Grant Memorial Baptist Church 877 Wilkes Ave(Linden Christian) 7- 9pm |
| October 12 | Christian Post-Secondary Fair | Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute 173 Talbot 12:35- 3:15pm |

- **Scholarships and Bursaries:**

| Deadline | Name | Criteria |
|-------------------|---|--|
| October 17, 2012. | Loran (formerly Garfield Weston) Leadership | Student needs to exhibit good leadership, service, and character within his or her community. |
| December 31, 2012 | Driver Ed Challenge \$2000, \$1500, and \$1000 scholarships and other prizes such as gift cards and computers. | Currently enrolled in or completed Driver Ed training. Go to www.mpi.mb.ca and start with the online quiz. |

Sports Desk!

Review of the Parent's / Coaches Information Evening:

Well, the Parents and Coaches evening has come and gone. It provided parents with the opportunity to talk to the athletics committee about the sports program at ICS. It was an opportunity to talk about the Sports Evening, the various teams and programs, incoming players and how we could provide them with learning opportunities in the future, ensuring athletes are dropped off and picked up in a timely manner, and much more.

The Athletics Committee wanted to remind athletes, parents, and coaches to conduct themselves in an appropriate and controlled manner when attending practices, games, and tournaments. We understand that there is a great deal of emotion present when playing, watching, or coaching a sport, but we are image bearers of our Lord and Saviour. So, please let us act as Children of Light and let's help one another in this task.

Coaching Needs

We are in desperate need of a Junior Girls volleyball coach. They practice around twice a week, play a few exhibition games, and enter 2 – 3 tournaments during the season. Also, the season goes to about the middle of November. Please consider taking up this great and rewarding task. Please contact me via phone (661-8937) or email (sports@immanuelchristian.ca).

Volleyball Games and Practices

Monday

- JV Girls 3:45 – 5:15 pm
- JV Boys 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Varsity Girls 8:30 – 10:00 pm

Wednesday

- JV Girls 7:00 – 8:15 am
- Varsity Girls 8:30 – 10:00 pm

Thursday

- Junior Boys 3:45 – 5:15 pm
- JV Girls @ St. Boniface 6:00 – 7:15 pm
- JV Boys @ St. Boniface 7:30 – 9:00 pm
- Varsity Girls St. Maurice @ ICS 6:00 – 7:15 pm

Friday & Saturday

- Varsity Girls Tournament @ ICS
 - o Friday – ICS vs CRGR @ 4:30 pm
 - o Friday – ICS vs Gimli @ 7:30 pm
 - o Saturday – ICS vs Westpark @ 9:00 am
 - o Playoffs start at 1:45 pm



Cross Country - Cross country running for grades 9-12 has started. We have a fairly large group this year, so far 14 runners. For the first time in a long while, we can field teams in 2 categories - JV Girls and Varsity Girls. It's encouraging to see that there are runners willing and determined to prepare themselves for these events. Our practice workouts can be quite grueling at times. We were out running already on the third day of school. Practice times and races will be posted in the gym. The first 3 races this season are on Thursdays at various venues beginning at 4:00 p.m. Our first race was run at Assiniboine Park this past Thursday, September 13th, a great day, temperature wise, for running.

As usual, Assiniboine's races are shorter distances, 2 kms for the girls, and 3 kms for the boys. The rest of the races are the standard distances, 3 kms for girls, and 5 kms for the boys. Shayna and Stephanie came to the race a bit late; about 2 minutes, so I told them drop their bags, and run anyways. (*-2 minutes)

Results are as follows (Zone 12 was timed separately this year):

Stephanie Dewitt (V Girls) 11:20 (5:40/km) *[9:20 (4:40/km)]

Shayna Toet (V Girls) 11:30 (5:45/km) *[9:30 (4:45/km)]

Brianna Raap (V Girls) 11:31 (5:45/km)

Mikayla Teitsma (V Girls) 13:13 (6:37/km)

Bethani Toet (JV Girls) 9:12 (4:36/km)

Lori DeBoer (JV Girls) 10:05 (5:03/km)

Eden Dewit (JV Girls) 10:48 (5:24/km)

Nick Mostert (V Boys) 10:41 (3:34/km)

Jamie Kanis (V Boys) 15:52 (5:17/km)



Kevin Dykstra (JV Boys) 11:44 (3:55/km)
Austin VanDelden (JV Boys) 13:03 (4:21/km)
Michael Teitsma (JV Boys) 13:05 (4:22/km)

Great start everyone! Next week's race will be a better indicator of how well your training is going. Hopefully we'll see all the runners participate.

Next practices . . . usual times and places (see bulletin board in gym). Reminder to parents, we will be finished early - 9:45 a.m. this Saturday.

Next race: Thursday, September 20th, Crescent Drive Park, beginning at 4:00 p.m. We'll leave the school between 2:45 and 3:00 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS:

**Check out *POWER ZONE MAGAZINE* (from our school library)
as it investigates "CRIME INVESTIGATIONS" in Volume 9, Issue 4**

Students have their own library times, but here are the **library hours** for the rest of us:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings – 8:45 a.m. – noon.

| Type(s) of Dot(s) on the Spine | Meaning |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Green | Elementary |
| Yellow and green together | Elementary-Junior |
| Yellow | Junior |
| Yellow and red/orange together | Junior-Senior |
| Red/orange | Senior |
| Pink/purple | Biography |
| Maple leaf | Canadian content |

Note to Parents: Some of your children have been asking who has Library time on what day. Here is a rundown: Kindergarten – Monday; Grades 1 through 6 – Thursday; Grades 7 and 8 – Monday; Grades 9 through 12 – Wednesday. Students in kindergarten to grade 6 are allowed to sign out 3 books which need to be returned on a weekly basis. They may renew them if they are not finished with them, but they need to bring them to school in order to renew them. If they are not returned weekly they will be classified as "overdue." Students in grades 7 through 12 are allowed to keep their books for 2 weeks at a time. Hopefully this information is helpful to all of you.

The following students have overdue library books:

Grade 1:

Joshua V.

Grade 2:

Damian S.

Jaxon W.

Grade 3:

Nelda P.

Grade 4:

Winston R.

Summer T.

Grade 5:

Shayna R.

Serena S.

Megan T.

Grade 6:

Madison V.

ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM NEWS:

Kindergarten: We had a good week in Kindergarten! We are quickly learning our routine and starting to get to know each other well. We enjoyed Bible stories about God creating Adam and Eve. We also played a game, in small groups, involving colour recognition and started using our picture cards for center rotations. We made a class book about our names.

It was nice to see so many healthy lunches at school. I'm doing my best to get the children to eat their sandwiches first at lunch (and not at snack time or not at all). Please take the time to remind them of this as well.

If you haven't sent a paint shirt, head set or a spare set of clothes along to school, please do so soon. Here's what we hope to do next week:

Bible Stories: Monday – The Fall Into Sin; Wednesday – The Flood, Noah and the Rainbow

Memory Work: Song: Hymn 56:1 (sorry about the error last week) **Text:** Genesis 1: 1, 31a

Show and Tell: Monday – Brett & Brooklyn; Wednesday – Caleb & Chelsea

Math: We will be experimenting with manipulatives.

Language Arts: We will start talking about the letter **P and Polly Panda**. Each student may **bring in one item (on Wednesday) that begins with the letter P sound**. Make a game of it, trying to find something that begins with “p”. This is one way in which you would be assisting me in something that is called “phonological awareness” (hearing, manipulating and playing with letter sounds- a pre-reading skill). **It will be a show and tell of the letter sound for the day.** Together with learning the letter sound, we will also learn how to print this letter (beginning with the capitals first) using the “Handwriting without Tears” method and manipulatives.

Theme: We'll start comparing ourselves to Franklin. We'll measure ourselves and talk about how old we are. We'll talk about our hands, feet and favorite things.

Have a good weekend!

Music: We are working on learning our theme song, O Canada and trying to move to the beat of a song using a variety of songs.

Physical Education: Continue with listening games and spatial awareness (so we don't crash into each other!!)

Thank- you to all the parents who came to our parent information evening. I covet your prayers as I, by God's grace and strength, take up this important task.

Grade 1: Mrs. Heidema

First a thank-you to all the parents who read the Messenger so diligently! The agendas are being signed daily and the students are bringing in their paint shirts. On Monday they proudly “set the table” for snack and lunch using their “table cloths” (aka tea towel). Please keep it up; these tea towels really help keeping the work area clean.

On Tuesday was the first fire drill. It was supposed to be announced to the students, but the teacher forgot ;-(Nevertheless, the students responded calmly and they quickly exited the building. Great work Grade 1!

We had another wonderful week in Grade 1. The students know and apply the routines and are getting comfortable in the classroom. (For those rare moments someone gets too comfortable there is a time-out-

chair ;-)) The atmosphere is nice and the students show a willingness to please God, also by being kind to one another. We are thankful that God hears our prayers!

For next week:

Helpers: Ryan, Fenton, Logan and Joshua V.L.

Memory Work: Song (due Friday September 21): Ps 8:1 (*Please note, this is different from the list you received!*); **Text** (due Friday September 21): Genesis 1:1

Bible: We learned a poem about the Creation of the world, to remember the story better. Ask if your son/daughter remembers! This week the stories will be about the paradise, man's fall and Cain and Abel.

Word Wall Words: God – a – an – I

Did you see the words in the agenda? Every week the students will write their word wall words on the right hand side in the agenda. This will also help you to keep track of the words they learned so far. Make sure you practice the words together. A fun way is to keep track of the words of the week when they read their library book, when you read to them, or browsing a flyer, using the computer, the Bible... Or if you write the words on cards and collect them in a container you can review them easily. The possibilities are endless!

Letter Work: We will start the reading groups and review the sounds from the Animated Literacy program. We are also going to continue with the "Handwriting Without Tears" penmanship program. Last week Grade 1 started their journals. Every day after recess they write one or more words or sentences and then draw about their writing. If you think they cannot write yet come check it out. The writing was amazing. Not all students know all their letters yet, but they all tried their hardest making real words or sentences. They also helped one another sounding out or figuring out the spelling, and they made good use of the word wall. Keep it up students!

Math: The students learned about the "invisible number line"; they practice how to step (in ones) and/or hop (tens) to a number. They also drew their own number line. Did you see your son's/daughter's? Some were quite long! These activities focus on number sense. We do a lot of counting as well ... by tens, by fives (still hard), by twos.) This is something you could do at home as well!

Grade 2: Mrs. Vandermeulen / Mrs. Buist

Here we are getting ready for the third week of school already! The grade 2 students are learning their classroom routines and school expectations. Please take the time to discuss these at home as well – especially in relation to "being kind and respectful." Keep up the effort and focus grade 2!

NOTE: Starting Monday, the Grade 2 students will no longer be allowed to have water bottles in class, except for at Lunch time. If the students need a drink, they can request a drink from the water fountain. Feel free to ask your child or either teacher if you need more information. Thanks!

For next week:

Memory Work: Song - Psalm 12:4 (due Sept. 21). Text - Psalm 105:4-6 (due Sept. 28): "*Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, O descendants of Abraham his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.*"

We practice the text and song in class several times a day, so it just needs some quick reviews at home please.

Church History: We have been discussing Orderly Worship and Baptism. We will continue from there and begin our discussion of Profession of Faith and Lord's Supper.

Science: Growth & Changes in Animals – This week we've been working on classifying animals according to their animal groups (fish, birds, mammals, reptiles, insects, amphibians) as well as on identifying the characteristics of each group. Next, we will learn about life cycles of different animals in each of these different groups. We will even learn about complete metamorphosis! This is when an animal goes through four stages of growth and change in their lives: egg, larva, pupa and adult. We will first study the butterfly in relation to this. We'll study mealworms too since they also go through these four stages.

Grade 1&2 Gym: Gym days: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are continuing with formation practice, and basic movement skills, activities and games.

Math: Next week we will do activities which involve measuring and comparing: longest to shortest and shortest to longest. We will also be weighing different objects to compare their mass.

Spelling: The words for Sept. 21: band, fit, have, him, list, mitt, sad, skin, tack, will

Word Wall words for Sept. 21: about, again, best, city, every

Home Reading: We are starting the Home Reading Program today! Students have the materials ready to go. I have assigned the level students had at the end of grade 1. Please read the letter and accompanying guidelines carefully. I hope you will enjoy the reading time with your children! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at 663-1237 or email me at lizbuist@hotmail.com

Show and Tell: Sept. 21: Damian, Hannah, Emma; Sept. 28: Cody, Matthew, Jesse; Oct. 2: Zack, Tim

Grade 3: Mrs. Vandermeulen

Memory Work: For Sept. 21 – Hymn 24:1, 6 **Text**: Proverbs 4:5

Bible: We have a test on Sept. 18. This unit covers Genesis 1-11.

Spelling Words: For Sept. 21 - ever, sick, well, dragon, hill, woods, tell, pick, smell, because, kill, bit

Word Wall Words: For Sept. 21 – have, into, off, people, said

Recorder: This week we learned and practiced the “b” note. Next week we will add the “a” note and we will be able to play 2 note songs!

Science: What did we do with that precious soil from your garden? We put some soil in a sealable glass jar, filled it the rest of the way with water, turned the lid on tight, and shook it really hard! So, you may ask, what did we learn? After the soil settled to the bottom of the jar, we could see layers of the different kinds of rock that are found in their soil. On the bottom we see sand, next is silt and finally, on top there is clay.

Grade 4: Mrs. Dykstra

We had a great trip to Kelburn and Greenlea Farms! Well, except for the extra scenic driving! Students learned a lot about farming in Manitoba, both crops and animals. They scored a box of white chocolate crispy cookies in the cookie auction and were treated to milk at lunch which was donated by the dairy farmers of Manitoba. All in all it was a great day, and we were tired when we returned to school. Thanks again to Mrs. Wiersema and Mrs. Heeg for driving us, and especially for your GPS! This coming Friday, September 21, we'll be off to Linden Christian School for the Annual Grade 4 Christian Schools Soccer Tournament. Permission slips will go home shortly.

Memory Work: For Thursday, September 20, Psalm 62:1 and for Friday, September 28, the Old Testament books up to, and including Job.

Bible: We began our unit: “The Bible as a Book”. We discussed how history was first passed on orally, then through pictures (pictographs), and then with a system of wedges called cuneiform. We also talked about the hieroglyphics invented in Egypt, (which did not use cuneiform) and how God led Moses to be trained in Egypt. Moses wrote the first five books of The Bible known as the Pentateuch. Next week, we'll practice using the footnotes, headings, and the concordance which are tools that help us understand the Bible better.

Math: We continued working in our unit on *Patterns and Relations* learning how recording information in a chart format can help us find and express patterns found in drawings and shapes. Next week students will practice solving equations. They will write a quiz on Wednesday which will be based on the material we've covered so far.

English Language Arts (ELA): Students read and answered some questions about the story *The Moccasin Goalie*. They also read the biography of William Roy Brownridge the author of both this story and the novelette called *The Final Game*, which we will study next week within Literature Circles.

On Wednesday I sent home the instructions and schedule for the “Reading Across Canada “Challenge.
The first book needs to be read by Friday, September 28.

Social Studies: **This week** our field trip exposed the students to the importance of the agriculture industry in Manitoba. They also made 3D maps (using Plasticine) of the communities, water, vegetation,

and landforms in Manitoba learned about other resources in the province. Next week we'll start our study of the different cultures and each student will write a report about one community.

Phys. Ed.: Soccer skills and Fitness continued.

Grade 5: Miss Mans

This week we have been able to establish more concrete routines and are transitioning from our "summer mode" back into school mode. This year our Spelling is due on Tuesday so please remind your child to work on their lesson. They should have the expectations and success criteria to share with you as well. Overall as a class we all need to work on improving our multiplication. The students should have "Big Races" that they can take home and practice. This is an essential skill and will make math class and everyday math easier for all. I have also set up a class website. On this website assignments will be posted. Students also have the capability of sending me messages. The link is <http://www.engrade.ca/msmans>. Have a wonderful weekend!

Memory Work: Psalm 117 & TEXT Micah 4:2

Bible: We have started to learn about Jesus' birth and how it factors into God's plan for us and his people.

Social Studies: We will be beginning a new unit on Canada's First Peoples. We will be learning about the different groups found in Canada's geographical zones.

Math: We have begun to get into algebra components in our patterning unit. Ask your child(ren) if they remember what a variable or expression is. We are learning how when we know what the expression is, it can make our work a lot easier.

Gym: We have continued our flag football unit. We will be getting into game play shortly, and hopefully will not have as many injuries as "No flag, flag football". Please keep practicing your throwing and catching!

ELA: We have been learning about verbs and how verbs with energy can make our sentences more exciting. We want our readers to be able to picture the action! This year "said" will not be included in any of our sentences. We have also been working on the *Ideas and Content Writing Trait*.

Spelling: The second lesson will be due on Tuesday September 18. We have to do *Observing Patterns* ODD, *Discovering Patterns* ALL, *Exploring Patterns* ODD, and *Challenges with Words* #1, 2. Our words to learn are: laser, sending, melt, metal, electric, speed, seemed, feeling, beam, seat, heat, disease, cheap, medical, lens, temperature.

French: We should know the numbers from 1 to 20. Please review these if you do not remember.

Art: We are learning about warm and cool colours and the mood that they can provide.

Grade 6: Mr. Folkerts

It's been a great week. Students are finding the routines once more. Thank-you to all my students for throwing a wonderful party for my 30th birthday!

Industrial Arts: I.A. will be on Thursday.

Memory Work: Song: Psalm 3:1 Text: Matthew 5:4-6

Spelling: Spelling: Lesson 2 – Long Vowel Review. Write the list words in alphabetical order. *Observing Patterns*: 1, 3, 4; *Discovering Patterns*: 1, 2; *Exploring Patterns*: 3, 4; *Challenges with Words*: 1, 2. Remember to check your work over carefully by using your checklist to catch silly mistakes.

ELA: This week students were introduced to Ultrakey. Students are encouraged to build good keyboarding habits when they are typing at home. Students will be revising and editing their summer stories next week. We will be focusing on the writing trait "ideas."

Math: Students have been busy finding patterns in figures and recording these patterns in a table of values. In math we also spend time learning mental math strategies and practice our multiplication math facts. Students are encouraged to practice these math facts at home.

5/6 Science: Next week we'll continue to study properties of air that make flight possible.

Church History: Presently we're studying Martin Luther.

Grade 7/8:

Grade 7 French: We'll continue to work through unit 1 this coming week. Each week new concepts and new vocabulary are being taught. The volume of new words adds up quickly so students could really benefit from copying out vocabulary in a neat and organized fashion. This will help them to study for quizzes.

Grade 8 French: Students showed in review time that they remembered quite a bit of the material they learned last year. Therefore we jumped right into our study of adjectives. Students will have a short quiz on Thursday which covers some of the new vocabulary found in the textbook. Students will receive a specific list of which nouns they are responsible for.

Grade 8 ELA (P. Veenendaal) - We are continuing with our Spelling (Unit 1 needs to be done and handed in on Wednesday). We are moving along well in our novel "Cue for Treason" and we are also regularly working on some grammar exercises. Students should count on regularly having some ELA homework.

Math 8 – Tues. – QUIZ on Estimating Square Roots; Fri. – QUIZ on the Pythagorean Theorem.

Science 8 – Wed. - QUIZ on the Cell Theory and on the Names of the Parts of Plant and Animal Cells.

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION:

Math 10F – Wed. – QUIZ #1 on Laws of Exponents; Fri. – QUIZ #2 on Laws of Exponents.

Reformed Studies 9: We are wrapping up our first unit dealing with the intertestamental period. We studied the exile into Babylon, the rise of the Persians, the return of the Jews, the Greek invaders, the divided Greek empire, the Jewish revolts and the Roman conquerors. We'll finish up by studying different Jewish groups as well as the state of Judaism during the time before Christ's birth.

Futures in Business: First test on Module 1 on **Tuesday, September 18.**

Careers 10S: First unit – Personal Management – for an assignment in October.

English 10F: First READO journal due **Wednesday, September 19.** (Consider what school library book you would make a book teaser for.) We're starting Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* – about love/lust and idolatrous infatuation. We'll also work on grammar.

Desktop Publishing (DTP) 35S – Mon. Sept. 24 – The hands-on exercises (the End-of-Chapter-2 Exercises #2-5,7,8,12,13) AND the Chapter 2 Review Questions p. 65 #1-9, 10a, 11-14, 16-18 are due; – Wed. Sept. 26 – TEST on WORD - Part I (Chapter 2).

Pre-Calc30S – Tues. – QUIZ on Geometric Series (incl. Infinite Series); Thurs. – TEST on Sequences and Series (Chapter 1).

RefSt 31G (Grade 11): First assignment due **Friday, September 28.**

English 30S: READO journal due **Wednesday, September 19.** (Consider what school library book to make a book teaser for.) Finishing our look at the guilt-ridden *Macbeth*. Keep thinking about what wisdom you could pass on, or gain yourself, and where and how to get it.

English 40S (Grade 12): READO journal due **Wednesday, September 19.** (Consider what school library book to make a book teaser for.) Ponder whether the media helps us get wisdom. First deadline for media studies essay: **Friday, September 21.**

Western Civ40S: This past week we spent our time looking at the history of Ancient Greece and examining how it formed the foundation for much of western civilization. We examined the humanism of their culture and could also see despite the fact that they were a secular society; God was clearly using them to carry out his plan of salvation through His Son Jesus Christ. This coming week we'll continue on in history with our study of Ancient Rome where we can continually be amazed at how God used this civilization as well to spread the gospel message far and wide. A test will follow this unit, perhaps as soon as Friday. Students are reminded that their first Biography is due on September 26th.