



## CHOIR ON ICE

The JKCS senior choir sang the National anthem at the October 16th Woodstock Renegades home game. It was great to take part in this fun community event and cheer on our hockey team. If you have a special event that you would like the choir to participate in please contact Margaret Schmor at the school office. The senior choir as well as the grade 4 will be visiting a number of churches in our community this school year.

Upcoming church visits: December 6, 2009 Ingersoll CRC  
February 7, 2010 Tillsonburg CRC

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
Call the Preschool at 421-9755 during preschool hours, or call the supervisor, Janet Scheele at 485-3644

Presenting our Auction of Goods, Services & Talents  
**WINTERFEST 2009**  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20  
at John Knox Christian School

6:00 – Viewing, Silent Auction, refreshments and dessert  
7:00 – Welcome & Auction Rules  
Live auction begins  
Auctioneer: Sjerp VanderMeer  
7:30 – Silent Auction closes  
8:30 – Silent Auction Winners posted

View auction items online @ [jkcs.on.ca](http://jkcs.on.ca).  
Look under news & events.

## COMING EVENTS

- November 11, 2009**  
Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 18, 2009**  
Author visit, Sigmund Brouwer
- November 20, 2009**  
Winterfest GST Auction
- November 21, 2009**  
JKCS float in the Ingersoll & Woodstock Santa Parades.
- November 25, 2009**  
Early Literacy Workshop
- December 2, 2009**  
Start of Book fair Week
- December 15, 2009**  
Seniors Appreciation Tea & Program
- December 16, 2009**  
Christmas Program
- January 4, 2010**  
New Year's Chapel
- January 21, 2010**  
2010 JK & SK Information Night



Reflecting – Renewing – Rejoicing

Fifty years of Christian Education in Woodstock. What a milestone! Praise God for the vision He gave those early supporters. What started as a three room school with three teachers has grown into our present day facility where Christ – centered education continues to be taught by dedicated teachers. Over the years there have been many joys and trials. The tornado of 1979 destroyed the original school building. In September 1980 the new school was dedicated and students were able to move into a "State of the Art" building. Within 10 years another addition to the school was in the works as John Knox Christian School experiencing remarkable growth.

More recently we have seen growth in the programs and curriculum offered. Dynamic Christian curriculum seeks to engage students and challenge them to grow in their faith. Children today learn differently and we are always seeking better ways to teach and impact our students for Christ. As we reflect on God's faithfulness over the past 50 years, we rejoice in all

the blessings we daily receive at John Knox Christian School. May our commitment to Christian Education continue, so that those who come behind will find us faithful.

During this school year we will be celebrating through various activities. The student body plans to celebrate 50th day on November 23rd. Fun activities are planned and students are encouraged to dress up in costumes from the 50's. Our Theme Assembly will be held on February 18th. The grand celebration will be on May 29, 2010, with an Open House during the day and a special evening Dinner celebration with supporters and alumni. At our membership meetings, guest speakers will share their memories of time spent at JKCS. Join us during this school year to celebrate Christian Education at John Knox Christian School.

**– Chris Renkema –**  
Chair, 50th Anniversary Committee



As you walk into our lobby this year you step back in time. Our lobby has been converted into an old style classroom. We hope that you will enjoy reminiscing with us as you visit the school this year.



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



I reached into my t-shirt drawer this week to grab a white shirt to wear with my JKCS fleece vest, and I found that what was once a crisp white shirt, now looked a little pink to me! It turned out that a load of our whites ended up "infected" with something

red, which resulted in everything in that load turning pink. As far as I was concerned, a few options now existed with regards to my new pink clothing. First, I could try to ignore the fact that the clothes were now pink, and hope that no one else noticed them as I wore them in my everyday life. Second, I could give up on these items, and start over by purchasing new clothing to replace the ones now ruined. Or, third, I could work at trying to restore these items to their once crisp white state by introducing them to bleach!

Our lives as humans are similar to this load of laundry. We were once perfect beings who became infected with sin, and because of this, everything in our world has now been affected as a result of sin,

much like that red sock affected the entire load of laundry. Now, everything in our world needs to be redeemed. God had the option of leaving us to our own and letting us live completely sinful lives. He also could have started over after we fell into sin, but He chose to work with us by introducing us to His son, Christ Jesus! With Christ's blood, we have been washed clean and our sins are remembered no more!

The worldview of creation, fall, redemption and glorification is central to how we teach here at John Knox Christian School. We understand that everything God made was once made perfect, but now, everything has fallen short of His glory, and everything is need of redeeming. We teach that Christ came to redeem, and in Him, everything can be made perfect once again, and we can live as redeemed until Christ comes again. We teach that we can live lives that honour God, here and now, by seeking to live right, by serving our Lord, and by serving each other. We teach this in math, in literature, in science, in gym class, and in history! We teach that all of the world is the Lord's, and His hand is intimately involved in our lives every moment of every day! **- M. Meinema -**

## SIGMUND BROUWER

Coming on November 18!

JKCS is getting ready to welcome SIGMUND BROUWER, noted author and speaker, on the afternoon of November 18th, during "Canada Book Week." He is on a list of prestigious authors sponsored by the Canadian Children's Book Centre to participate in a speaking tour. He attended Calvin College, and is known in many evangelical Christian circles. Sigmund has written scores of books, many of which are in our JKCS library. Keep posted for further details!



JK & Grade 4 buddy classes celebrate "Orange Day" with many hands on activities.

## J.K.C.S 2009 GOLF TOURNAMENT

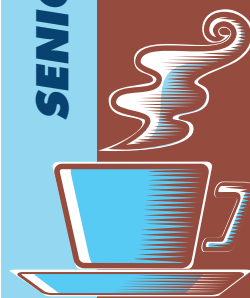
Thank you to the golfers and sponsors that participated in our recent golf tournament. Over \$22,000 was raised to support the ministry of John Knox Christian School.

## SENIOR'S APPRECIATION TEA

You are cordially invited to attend the annual Senior's Appreciation Tea Tuesday December 15th at 1:30 p.m.

Please join us in the JKCS Gymnasium for home baked desserts and a time of fellowship together.

This will be followed by "The Reason For the Season" student Musical and drama presentations at 2:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.



Is your child ready for school? If your child is four years old, we have January openings in our Tuesday & Thursday Junior Kindergarten program. For more information or schedule a personal tour please contact the school office at 519-539-1492.

JKCS Home and School is hosting a Parent Workshop

## EARLY LITERACY IN THE HOME

WHEN: Wednesday November 25th, 2009

WHERE: Junior Kindergarten classroom at JKCS

TIME: 10:45 am and 1:35 pm (repeat)

Sessions will last approximately 45 minutes

The purpose of this workshop is to promote reading with children at home. Practical advice will be given that supports the skills and strategies of emergent and early readers. Reading programs throughout the grade levels, currently employed at JKCS, will also be presented and discussed.

RSVP: School Office 519-539-1492

Childcare will be provided, in the school, by senior students.



## WELCOME WEDNESDAYS 2010 OPEN HOUSE

Every Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon during January and February.

JUNIOR & SENIOR KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. For more information call: 519-539-1492

## OUR EXPERIENCE AT JKCS

We were already parents to a very large family, (raising biological, adopted, and foster children over the last 30 years), when the Lord surprised us with the opportunity to adopt a beautiful baby girl. It is always our desire to give our children every opportunity to hear the truths of God's Word and come to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that our youngest daughter, Lexi, will grow to love the Lord with all her heart and that she will seek to honour Him with her life. When new shopping opportunities brought us to the west end of Woodstock 2-3 years ago, we happened to notice the Wee Creations Pre-school sign in front of JKCS, inviting new registrations. Our experience has been only with the public school systems in the past, (not without many concerns), and we were eager to send Lexi to a Christian pre-school where the program upheld God as the centre of all things, and where she could enjoy a social experience in a Christian environment with a teacher who loved the Lord.

Our daughter loved her pre-school experience, and during that year, we ourselves made a very pleasant discovery. We fell in love with John Knox Christian School! As we regularly walked the halls to deliver and pick up Lexi at Wee Creations, we couldn't help but notice all the Scripture on the walls, and the wonderful artwork on display, based on Biblical themes. We often lingered awhile to take it all in! We were also very impressed with the friendly, well-mannered, and wholesome students that travelled the hallways, and we were equally impressed with the staff and teachers that demonstrated a genuine care for the students and a joy in their work that is rarely seen elsewhere.

We loved what we saw, and longed to be able to provide this setting for Lexi's continuing education. We even found we were checking our ancestry for any traces of Dutch blood, so that we might fit in! But we knew in our hearts that wasn't necessary. We had a stronger relationship through the Lord Jesus Christ, and there isn't any kinship or fellowship greater than that! We grabbed the JKCS information from the holder in the hallway, and shortly after registered Lexi for JK. We were all thrilled with Lexi's experience in JK with a wonderful teacher who overflowed with love for the children, and with enthusiasm for teaching all those things of importance at that level, with a godly perspective. We loved to hear Lexi go about the house quoting Scripture verses and singing songs that she learned at school. Now Lexi is beginning her year in SK with another wonderful teacher. We are looking forward to watching her grow and learn. We are so thankful to know that the values and beliefs we teach at home are being upheld at school, and that she is being cared for and taught by those who demonstrate the love and character of God everyday. We also appreciate the standard of excellence sought in the school academically, and the obvious success achieved by many students in various areas of study. We hope we can be a meaningful part of the JKCS family for many years to come. We pray that together we will continue to bring great glory to God. (Romans 11:36) **- R. and G. W. -**