

# The COMMUNITY

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FALL • 2011

## COFFEE CORNER

Please join us in the school lobby for a coffee (or tea) and a sweet treat! We will be open November 17 and December 13 from 8:25 until 10:00! Stop by to chat!!

## COMING EVENTS

- November 11, 2011  
Remembrance Day Chapel 8:30 a.m.
- November 17, 2011  
Coffee Corner
- November 18, 2011  
GST Auction
- November 19, 2011  
Woodstock & Ingersoll Parades
- November 25, 2011  
Senior Choir sings at Navy Vets game
- November 30, December 1, 2011  
Book Fair
- December 13, 2011  
Coffee Corner
- December 20, 2011  
Grand Friends Tea
- December 21, 2011  
Evening Christmas Performance
- January 9, 2012  
New Years Assembly 8:30 a.m.
- January 9, 2012  
Welcome Wednesday
- January 12, 2012  
Coffee Corner
- January 18, 2012  
Welcome Wednesday
- January 25, 2012  
Welcome Wednesday
- January 26, 2012  
JK/SK Information Evening

## - INTRODUCING -

Hi John Knox Christian School friends and families. We are the Boersma family – Ray, Elizabeth, Judah and Keaghan. Judah started Junior Kindergarten this year, and we (he especially) are thrilled that he is attending JKCS. Ray works for the Salvation Army London Village as the Team Leader for a Respite program for children and adults who have an intellectual disability. Elizabeth is a Midwife with Womancare Midwives out of London. Keaghan is two, and can not wait to join her brother on the bus to school. We are expecting our 3rd child in February.

Our journey to JKCS began in December 2010 when we moved to a home just outside of Ingersoll. It was at this time that we began the process of considering where our children would be going to school. After much discussion and other, as well as with family and friends, we came to the realization that JKCS was the best fit for our family. The first month of school has been a huge blessing to us as we start the journey of Christian education with our children. We have enjoyed attending several school events in the first month and meeting many new people. We look forward to many wonderful years as part of the JKCS community.

many prayers with each



- Shalom -

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



On a recent drive out in the country, I was once again struck by how beautiful the trees look. The local landscape looked as though an artist created the scene I was viewing, and as a Christian, I believe that to be true! Knowing that our world belongs to God helps me to understand that everything

in creation is His; it comes from the Lord and everything is for the Lord's glory. Every tree that grows, relationship fostered, smile we see, and every leaf that falls belongs to our God, and that gives me great comfort. God's handiwork permeates in everything around us, and He is intricately involved in all that happens in our world.

Many of the trees I saw were not just turning colour, but they were starting to lose their leaves and the branches were becoming bare. In Luke 12:7, we are told that God even knows how many hairs we have on our heads, and Luke shares this to confirm how much God loves us and how connected He is in our lives. Imagine how much more God loves us compared to the countless leaves falling all around creation this time of

year, and he even made that process beautiful!

This year at John Knox Christian School, our school theme is "Passion for Jesus; Compassion for Others". We all mean so much to God, and our desire at JKCS is that we can grow this relationship so that we can love God back to the best of our ability. But God's desire for our lives does not stop there; this year, we are encouraging our students to also show His love to others. We are priceless to the Lord, worth far more to Him than anything else in His creation, so we need to be treating each other this way. God commands us to love Him first, but to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. Our goal this year at John Knox Christian School is to help our students to see that each of us has been fearfully and wonderfully made and that God loves us deeply, so we need to love Him back! We also want to help our students to see that God calls us to love those around us in the same way that He wants us to love ourselves. He wants us to treat others the same way we would want to be treated. Our theme may be complex and it is already manifesting itself in countless ways all around John Knox Christian School, but the message should be simple.

Have passion for Jesus and compassion for others; Love God; Love Others!

**- Michael J. Meinema - Principal and COO**

## "WINTERFEST" GOODS, SERVICES AND TALENTS AUCTION

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THIS ANNUAL EVENT!!!

Join us on Friday, November 18, 2011, DV for our Annual GST Auction. This promises to be an exciting evening of fun and fellowship with so many items that there will be something there for everyone. We will have Silent & Live Auctions to enjoy. The Silent Auction begins at 6 p.m. with the Live Auction beginning at 7 p.m. in the JKCS Auditorium. The Auction is an Adult Only event. Any questions? Call the school at 519-539-1492.

Beginning in November you will be able to access the JKCS website for updates on the donations that we are receiving.

Go to [www.jkcs.on.ca](http://www.jkcs.on.ca) under Events.



We are once again planning to participate in both the Ingersoll and Woodstock Santa Parades and planning is underway! The date this year is Saturday, November 19, 2011. Grades 2 and 5 will be participating. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our love for Jesus with the Ingersoll and Woodstock communities. So let our lights shine for Jesus this upcoming season.

## BOOK FAIR

Book Fair will be happening again at JKCS. Children will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class on Tuesday, Nov. 29 and Wednesday Nov. 30. It will be open for parents Wednesday Nov. 30 in the evening, and all day Thursday Dec. 1. Scholastic, Usborne Books and the Christian Supplier will have books for sale throughout our hall-ways!



## JKCS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you for your support of our 7th annual Golf Tournament held on September 10, 2011. We were able to raise about \$28,000 to support the various education programs at John Knox Christian School. We thank all of you for your contributions, to make this event a success. The 8th annual golf tournament will take place on September 8, 2012 D.V.

## WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

Welcome Wednesdays are Open House style visits to our school! Invite your family and friends to attend any Wednesday in January and February from 9-12

## MEET THE STAFF OF JKCS!



*L-R: Back row; Lesa Racicot, Janet VanderSpek, Jeanette Hickey, Helen Ysselstein, Greg Hiemstra, Stephanie Linker, Mike Meinema, Natalie VanAndel, Diana Kuipers. Front Row: Dawn Streutker, Tracy Bulthuis, Carol Verbeek, Erica Wierenga, Lucille Koopman, Carol Cole, Bernice Huinink-Buiter, Linda Westerveld (Not Pictured: Janet Scheele, Elizabeth Martin, Lisa Lammers)*

Meet the staff of JKCS! Whether at work in the office or in the classroom, whether full-time or part-time, all are dedicated to serving the Lord by helping students on their educational journey. The team of certified teachers live out their passion for Jesus by leading and nurturing each child to reach their potential. They are committed to teaching students to uncover the wonders of our awesome God through math, science, history, geography, creation studies, Bible, computer studies, art, music, language arts, phys ed. Students are shown the love of Jesus and taught to follow in Christ's footsteps by serving each other, showing compassion for others by honoring the worth of others regardless of who they are or what they do, and also by reaching out to their families and community. Incorporated into their studies, teachers lead students to make their learning meaningful through service learning. Each day, teachers welcome their students into class with joy, knowing the responsibility that parents have entrusted them with to help their children learn. Teachers are thankful for and appreciative of the support parents and families give them.

A number of the teachers have been teaching at JKCS for years; their experience and ongoing insights are valuable to the school. It is also exciting to welcome new teachers to our school. This year, we have welcomed several new staff members. Miss S. Linker teaches our JK class as well as Senior French, Miss Erica Wierenga teaches Grade 2, and Mrs. Lisa Lammers teaches Grade 4 Language Arts and Math. Mrs. Diana Kuipers is our SONBeams teacher. Mrs. Lesa Racicot has moved from JK to teaching Grade 1 this year. We also welcome our new advancement director, Mrs. Dawn Streutker, who loves to welcome new families into the school. What a blessing to be on staff at JKCS!!!

*Come enjoy the sounds and songs of Christmas offered by the students of JKCS. We will sing carols together and listen to special presentations by our choir and chimers. From JK to Grade 8, our students look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior with you.*

*Join us December 20 (daytime) and December 21 (evening).*



Wee Creations Christian Preschool has been operating a half day Christian preschool program within John Knox Christian School since 1993. Janet Scheele supervises the program. Wee Creations is a great stepping stone to kindergarten, thus being in a school helps the young children feel comfortable in a school setting. The program is a balance of playtime, craft time, story time and snack time. We teach social skills and early number and letter skills. Every topic is approached from a Christian world view. Classes run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Openings are available Wednesday and Thursday. Tuesday is currently full, but working on a waiting list to expand. If you are interested in a tour or would like more information, call the preschool at 519-421-9755 or visit our website at [www.weecreations.ca](http://www.weecreations.ca).

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Friday, Nov. 25, 8 pm  
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