

KNOX TALKS



Weekly Newsletter of
John Knox Christian School

January 30, 2012

This past week, I had the chance to attend the Principal's Development Institute put on by Christian Schools International. Our focus was looking at projected trends for Christian schools and what we, as administrators in Christian education, need to be doing in order to be best prepared for the future. My desire for our school is that we not only survive, but I want to see our school continue to thrive! The exciting thing I found was that we are already set up in a lot of ways based on what this conference was telling me a school should be doing! We have embraced a governance structure which sets our school up for success, and we have an advancement director who is helping us work through recruitment and retention work in order to make connections with new families for our school. We have much to do of course, and I am excited about working with our executive committee, the board and the staff in order to best prepare our school for the future! We are on the right track, and we do have a great school; I am excited to embrace new plans and ideas which will allow our school to continue to thrive! Please pray for our school as we go through things like our evaluation process from the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools and as we set up our new strategic plan! All of this is meant to best prepare JKCS for the future. Our goal is to continue to provide a Christ-centered education for generations to come!

Michael J. Meinema: Principal and COO



Monday - Lauryn Markus, SK
Thursday- Maria Spyksma, Gr.8
Friday - Mrs. Hickey, Gr.3 Teacher

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Enrollment 2012: If you have a child that will be entering JK or SK next year please contact the office to enroll. Classes are filling up!!! -- Dawn Streutker, Advancement Director

JKCS ELECTIVES: Our Electives Program is ready to go for every Wednesday afternoon from 2:20-3:40 in February!! Students from Grades 4-8 have been placed in a group, and we will begin this week- February 1st! Thanks to all volunteers who are helping with this program- instructors, helpers and drivers. We could not offer this without your help!! The Electives that will be running are:
Art (with Mrs. Verbeek and S. Porter at the Woodstock Art Gallery)
Badminton (with Mrs. Ysselstein and an instructor at the Woodstock Badminton Club)
Bowling (10 pin with Mr. Hiemstra at the Bowlerama)
Cooking/Baking (with Mrs. VanderSpek and Mrs. Bulthuis in the JKCS kitchen)
Fitness (with Mrs. Huinink-Buiter and a fitness instructor at the YMCA)
Highland Dance (with dance instructor S. Sim at JKCS)
Hockey (with Mr. Racicot at the Embro Community Centre arena)
Jewelry Making (with Mrs. G. Pier at JKCS)
Photography (with Mrs. Streutker at JKCS)
Skiing (with Mrs. Schmor and skiing/snowboarding instructors at Chicopee)
Woodworking (with Mrs. Cole and D. Scheele at JKCS)

Photography Elective: Please bring to class Feb 1st your most FAVOURITE picture (or two)! AND a digital camera. Point & Shoot, Ipod touch-whatever you have available. See you then! - Dawn Streutker

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LEGO: Do you have bins of LEGO blocks that are looking for a new home? Or do you know someone who is cleaning out toy cupboards and has LEGO blocks to donate to a good place? They will be put to good use at JKCS school! Just drop them off at the school office or call and we can arrange for pick-up. Thanks for your help!

Wee Creations Christian Preschool is taking names of interested students as we expand our Wednesday morning class. Contact the preschool at 519-421-9755 to find out more, or speak to Janet Scheele or Dianna Kuipers.

Registration for 2012-13 is coming up! Please invite your family, friends and neighbours to the JK/SK information night January 26 at 8 pm at the school. We have invitation cards in the office. Please call or email the school if you have someone you would like to give one too! Also please invite everyone to **Welcome Wednesdays!** 9-12 every Wednesday in January and February!

London District Christian Secondary School Information Evening and Dinner:

Parents of students in grades 7 and 8 are invited to attend London District Christian Secondary School's Information Evening on Friday, February 10. This event will be held at the school (24 Braesyde Ave.) and run from 6:30-9:30 pm. The program will include alumni reflections, curricular highlights, and student perspectives on Christian education. If you wish to attend, please email (office@ldcss.ca) or call the school office (519-455-4360) by Monday, February 6. For info on this and other events, please check out our website – www.ldcss.ca.

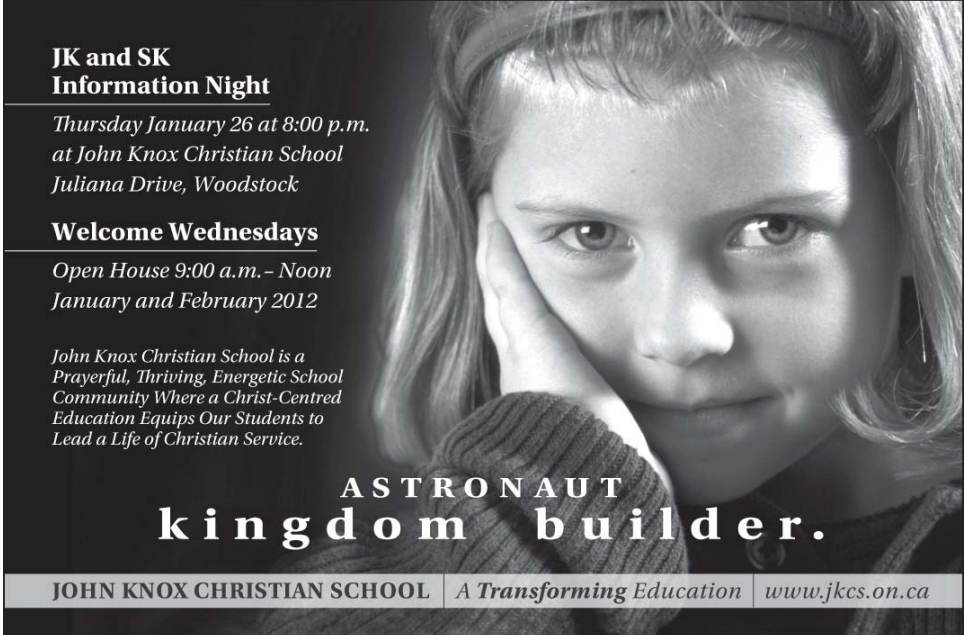
Boys' Basketball: Today we are taking part in the Christian school's tournament at London District Christian Secondary School, and depending on how we do throughout the day will impact how long our day will be. Playoffs and finals start for the boys' team at 4:15 and carry on throughout the evening, depending on if we continue to win. Our game scheduled for today with the Catholic league has had to be postponed because of our tournament; we will reschedule the game sometime soon. On Wednesday, February 1st, we have an away game at St. Jude's in Ingersoll, so we will be back at JKCS around 5:15 pm.

Girls Basketball: We have another week filled with games. Today we started with a full day tournament at LDCSS. Tuesday's game is against Notre Dames. Thursday's game is against Holy Family.

JKCS Hockey Team: We have ice time booked for hockey practices, which begin this week Thursday. We will be practicing together for five weeks before our tournament in Strathroy, which will take place on Wednesday, March 7, 2012. So, our practices will be on Thursday, February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 1st. Our ice time is from 7-8 am each time, and practices are held at the Woodstock Community Complex (369 Finkle Street). Students are invited to join for practices which will focus on skill building and team play. Not everyone who comes out will necessarily make the team, but everyone can learn more about the game of hockey, and everyone is welcome to learn, grow, and have fun! The team will be chosen from those who come to the practices as we get closer to the tournament. More information about the tournament will be handed out as we get closer to March 7th. MM

CROP, STOP & SHOP: Plans are well under way for our 8th annual Crop, Stop and Shop! So mark Friday, March 2nd from 1-11 pm and Saturday, March 3rd from 8 am-8 pm on your calendars! This is a weekend you won't want to miss! Our vendors will be on site to show you the latest products and offer you some great make and takes. Tickets are \$30 for Friday, \$40 for Saturday or \$60 for both. Refreshments and a light snack will be provided Friday, while refreshments, lunch and dinner will be provided Saturday. Tickets are available from Michelle Sol at (519)539-7839, or Allyson Heidinga at (519)290-0765 or at jkcscrop@rogers.com. Space is limited so get your friends together now and reserve your seat! This promises to be a weekend you won't want to miss!

100 Day Celebration: We are so thankful to God for blessing us with 100 (almost) days of school. We will celebrate this day with grades SK - 3 on February 14 - Valentines Day. We will have lots of fun activities in the gym to learn about and celebrate 100. We do need volunteers. If you are willing to help on the morning of Feb. 14 please contact Mrs. Westerveld at awesterveld@rogers.com.



**JK and SK
Information Night**

*Thursday January 26 at 8:00 p.m.
at John Knox Christian School
Juliana Drive, Woodstock*

Welcome Wednesdays

*Open House 9:00 a.m. - Noon
January and February 2012*

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Community Where a Christ-Centred
Education Equips Our Students to
Lead a Life of Christian Service.*

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Music Notes:

Grade 4/5: Recorders this week. Bring back old practice journals. The grey one is due Thursday. Green Badge is song #71.

ALL Band Classes: Playing Tests this week on Tuesday. New theory assignments this week.

Grade 8: own choice on p 44-46

Grade 7: exercises 59, 62, 64

Grade 5/6: exercises 73, 78, 80

Junior Kindergarten: Welcome to the first week of February! We are beginning a new theme of "Friendship" this month. Please pack an extra pair of socks in your child's backpack as it sure has been a wet winter so far! As I plan the month ahead, more information will come about our February service-learning project (coming up soon!); February calendars will come home in the message bags on Tuesday. Have a wonderful week!

Tuesday - Show & Share (something that makes tracks);
Library

Thursday - Groundhog day!

Friday - Buddy Class Activities

Senior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new week. We want to wish Lauryn a happy birthday! May God bless you in the coming year. This week we continue stories about the Israelites. We will also celebrate Groundhog Day on Thursday. Have a great week.

Thursday - Library/Book bags

Friday - Show & Share

Grade 1: You will find the grade 1 newsletter posted at www.jkcsgrade1.wikispaces.com.

Grade 2: Well, we are beginning another month this week, and it looks to be a busy one. We wish Nate a happy birthday this week and we pray that the Lord will continue to bless him this year and all years to come. Keep practicing your poems! Don't forget you will be saying them in front of the class on Friday.

2A: We have just started a new math unit looking at 2-D Geometry. We are looking forward to exploring different shapes and symmetry. We will also be continuing with our study of folklore by looking at "Stone Soup." As we complete this book, we will be making our own soup. Look for a letter to come home later this week with more details. Look for our new newsletter in your child's backpack today. Show and Share: Free Choice.

2B: Hi parents! A huge thank you to Mrs. VanRooyen, Mrs. Markus, and Mrs. Branderhorst who joined us on our field trip to the Woodstock Art Gallery last Thursday. Thanks also to all of you who helped us celebrate Canada at our party Friday afternoon. This week we will continue to work on poetry and will be starting new math and literature units. Check out the grade two newsletter and calendar coming home this week for more details. Spelling lists were sent home today; test will be on Friday. Please ensure your child is also prepared to say his/her poem to our class on Friday. Thanks for your support! Show & Share this week: Free Choice.

Tuesday - Mrs. H-B teaching 2B

Wednesday - January reading calendar due

Thursday - Library (moved for the month)

Friday - Spelling Test, - Recite poems in class

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week! We had a wonderful time of learning about Canada the past 2 weeks. Be sure to look through your child's Canada folder brought home today. We will recite our whole poem to the class on Friday. In Bible we will hear the stories of Joseph. We will begin a study of Magnetism this week. We will also study the country of England in Computer Lab.

Monday - Phys. Ed.

Tuesday - Library

Thursday - Ground Hog Day

Friday - Spelling Test: Week 18

- Mem. Work: Whole Poem; - Phys. Ed.

Grade 4: Our poetry contest is getting closer. We will have our in class presentations this week Thursday and Friday. Be sure to practice hard this week. I will give you a week off of spelling to give you more time to practice for your poem. In Literature, we are enjoying the novel The Stone Fox. It is hard to wait to see what will happen at the end of the novel. In Math, we are still working hard on Geometry. Next week Wednesday, February 8th we will be attending Dairy Days. This is a presentation done by the Oxford County Dairy Producer Committee. It will take place in the Oxford Auditorium at the Woodstock Fair Grounds. We plan to leave the school at 9:15 and arrive back at the school around noon. If you are willing and able to drive some of the students, could you please let me know via email or send a note with your child. Thanks so much.

Grade 4/5: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 Welcome to the last couple of days of January and the beginning of February! What a busy and exciting week lies ahead of us. Grade 5 needs to bring their information about the Arctic to school every day this week so we can work hard and make a great start on our project.

Monday - Kira

Tuesday - Music: remember your recorder and practice sheet
- Swimming lessons

Wednesday - Jonathan; - Math test: grade 5

- French quiz on verb aller

- Library: remember your books

- Electives

Thursday - Jeffrey

- Music: remember your recorder

- Phys. Ed.: bring your gym clothes

Friday - Wytze; - Spelling test: lesson 19

- Memory work: John 3: 16, 17

- Buddy activities

Monday - Madelyn

Grade 5/6: Well done on your speeches, grade 6! Emma and Sydney will represent grade 6 at the upcoming speech meet. Grade 6, please continue to work on two math drills at home every week. Our class average is usually in the low 40's, and we need the practice. Please continue to review for our French test on February 8th. Grade 5 needs to bring their Arctic information to school every day this week.

- Tuesday - Grade 5 swimming lessons
- Wednesday - Grade 5 math test
- Thursday - Math Quiz: content this week
 - Science slide show due (Group presentation)
- Friday - Spelling: Unit 20 test; - Story due: (The Gift)
 - Memory Work: John 14: 5-7 (Gr. 5/6)
 - Science: Electricity log due (SR 1-2)

Grade 7: Blessings to you this week Grade 7!

- Monday - Basketball tournament: Have a great day
- Tuesday - Second science fair journal check-in
- Wednesday - Electives: Enjoy; - French Unit Quest
- Thursday - Review for Math test
 - Science Quiz: Pollution and Steps of Water Purification
- Friday - Math Test Unit 10 Integers
 - Mem.Work: "Our God is Greater" by Tomlin
 - Literature: Reading quest Chapters 7,8,9 Roll of Thunder

Grade 8: From Proverbs 19:23 "The fear of the LORD leads to life." Thanks to Sam's, Marissa's, and Wes's moms for driving to and supervising work at the Food Bank last Friday! We will be presenting speeches this week. Students should come prepared to work on their culminating activity for literature. "It's Your Week" – Maria.

- Monday - Phys Ed; - Basketball tournament
- Tuesday - Speeches; - AR Due
 - Science Fair Journal check-in 2
- Wednesday - Diamante (2) poem due, Speeches
 - Hobbit character chart due
 - Electives Week 1
- Thursday - Music, Library; Math quiz
- Friday - Speeches, Spelling test 20
 - Literature test: The Hobbit
 - Mem Wk: Psalm 90:1-4, 9-12
 - Art: Figure drawing due
 - Caressant Care 2:15-3:15 pm
- Feb. 8 - Mystery story French projects will be due.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 1 JK - SK Registration Day
- Feb. 9 Theme Assembly 8:30, Sub Day, Staff Meeting
- Feb. 10 LDCSS Info Dinner - Gr. 7 & 8 parents
- Feb. 14 100 Day Celebration
- Feb. 16 Pancake Breakfast
- Feb. 17 Speech & Poetry Meet
- Feb. 20 Family Day*
- Feb. 21 P.A. Day*, Board Meeting
- Feb. 22 Staff Meeting
- Feb. 23 Pizza Day, Home & School Evening
- Feb. 26 Gr. 4/5 Choir @ Calvary Church

- March 2 P.A. Day*; Stop, Shop & Crop
- March 3 Stop, Shop & Crop
- March 7 Hockey Tournament, Staff Meeting
- March 8 Science Fair, Sub Day, Open House
- March 9 Report Cards
- March 12-23 March Break*
- March 20 Board Meeting
- March 26 Welcome Back Assembly 8:30
- March 29 Pizza Day, Staff Meeting
- March 31 JKCS Bazaar

SONG OF THE MONTH: The Power of Your Name

1. Surely children weren't made for the streets and fathers were not made to leave.
Surely this isn't how it should be. Let Your Kingdom come.
2. Surely nations were not made for war or the broken meant to be ignored.
Surely this just can't be what You saw. Let Your Kingdom come here in my heart.

Chorus And I will live to carry Your compassion,
to love a world that's broken, to be Your hands and feet.
And I will give with the life that I've been given
and go beyond religion to see the world be changed
by the power of Your name, the power of Your name.

3. Surely life wasn't made to regret and the lost were not made to forget.
Surely faith without action is dead. Let Your kingdom come. Lord, break this heart.

Chorus And I will live to carry Your compassion,
to love a world that's broken, to be Your hands and feet.
And I will give with the life that I've been given
and go beyond religion to see the world be changed
by the power of Your name,

Bridge Jesus, Your name is a shelter for the hurting
and Your name is a refuge for the weak.
Only Your name can redeem the undeserving.
Jesus, Your name holds ev'rything I need.

Chorus (2x) And I will live to carry Your compassion,
to love a world that's broken, to be Your hands and feet.
And I will give with the life that I've been given
and go beyond religion to see the world be changed.

By the power of Your name, the power of Your name, the power of your name.

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