

KNOX TALKS



Weekly Newsletter of
John Knox Christian School

January 9, 2012

Welcome to a New Year! Each year, we are given an opportunity to look back on our lives and reflect on the things that God has done for us. As I look back, I see the major blessing that He has given me with a job here at John Knox Christian School. Since September, I have had the chance to get to know, not only my amazing grade two students, but also many of the other students in the school. Every day, I come to “work” knowing that I am going to see “Passion for Jesus, and Compassion for Others” through the lives of each of the individuals that I come into contact with. The encouragement that I can see throughout the halls, between students and staff alike, is amazing. Now, as we begin the New Year, we have more opportunities to watch these children grow, and to challenge ourselves to grow as well. It is my prayer that the Lord will continue to bless our school, our families, and our community in 2012. Looking forward to this new year and what the Lord has in store for all of us. Happy New Year everyone!

Miss E. Wierenga



Tuesday	- Hayden Koopman, Gr.1
Friday	- Linda deVor, Gr.6
Saturday	- Matthew Schelhaas, Gr.8
Sunday	- Christi Overzet, Gr.2

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Requests: Please pray for comfort for Mrs. Grevers, our custodian, as her father passed away during the Christmas break.

New phone number: Miss Linker 519-788-3805. Please update your directories.

Senior Girls Basketball: A new season is beginning and we are going to begin not only our practices, but also our games this week. All games will be played on a Tuesday or Thursday, with our first game being Thursday January 12th. More information, as well as a form, will be going home with the girls tomorrow. Please return this form back to school as soon as possible. Thanks. We look forward to a great season!

Boys' Basketball. We have an away game this week on Wednesday January 11th at Holy Family Catholic School. We are still working out the team as we have not had much practice time as of yet! We held a small clinic during the break, and will hold another one this coming Saturday, and we hope for a great turnout! Join Mr. Meinema and Mr. Brian Renkema on Saturday, January 14th, the clinic will run from 9:30 - 11:30 am. As we get the team figured out, we will provide each team member with the schedule for the season and this will be sent home with the players. If you are able and willing to drive to some of the away games, please connect with Mr. Meinema at principal@jkcs.on.ca or by contacting him at the school. If you are able to help out with reffing some home games, please let Mr. Meinema know that as well! MM

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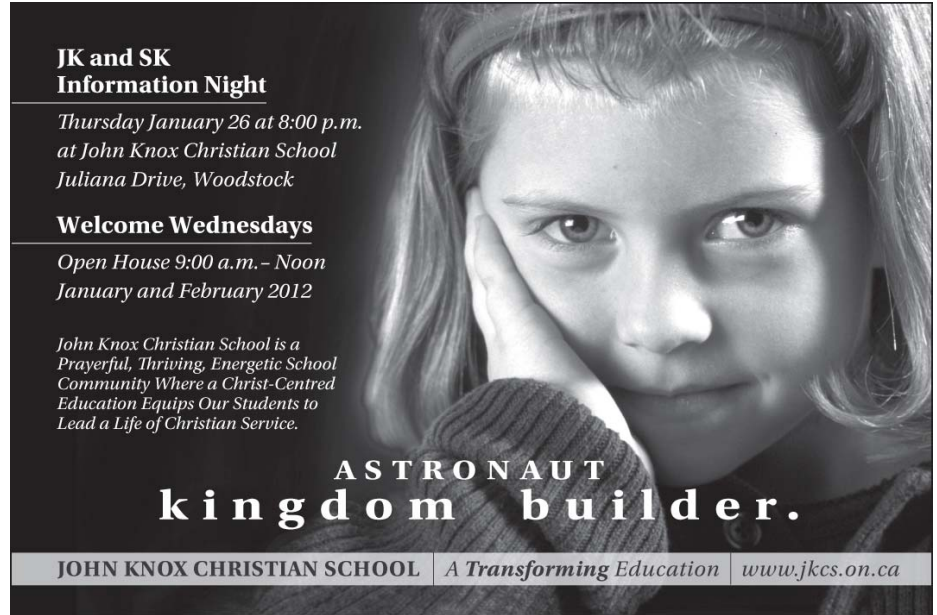
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A Change in PD days in January. As a staff, we focus on collective topics for professional development, and this year, we have been working on "Assessment and Evaluation". At JKCS, we dedicate a number of days throughout the school year to professional growth for our staff, and an opportunity has come up for the teachers to attend a professional development day on January 19th. The Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS) is hosting an Assessment Conference on January 19th in Oakville, so our staff will be attending this day together. We had a PD day scheduled for January 30th, where we were going to focus the day on the topic of Assessment, so we are going to switch the days off for JKCS in order to be able to attend the OACS conference with our whole staff. So, there will be no school on January 19th and we will have a regular school day on January 30th. This is a great opportunity for the whole staff to grow, and because we want to make the best of our professional development days, we felt this was an opportunity we could not pass up!
Michael J. Meinema: Principal and COO

Registration for 2012-13 is coming up!

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors 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!



**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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JKCS presents our Annual Dessert Social "WIN IT IN A MINUTE" style. Put your game face on and come on out to support the school. There are prizes to be won, dessert to be eaten, and fun to be had. Individual tickets are \$20 or host a table for \$150. There will be contests for the best themed table, best dressed individual and highest scoring team. Come and join us on January 28, 2012 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. For tickets contact the school office or a member of the fundraising committee (Steve Haagsma, Jenny Morton, Allyson Heidinga).

JKCS ELECTIVES. We are now making plans for our JKCS Electives program, where grades 4-8 have the chance to spend one afternoon per week doing something different! We have had groups that have gone skiing, curling, playing pond hockey/ice hockey, doing stamping, sewing, photography, cooking and baking, bowling, woodworking, painting water-colours, and many more options as well. If you have a talent you would like to share with a group of students, please let me know! We always love finding more volunteers who are willing to teach students something new! We will be running our electives afternoons on Wednesdays from 2:20 through the end of the school day, and the electives will run from February 1st through February 29th (the 5 Wednesdays of February). We are working on having an all school skating day on Wednesday March 7th, so we would not have electives that day. If you would like more information, if you would like to volunteer for the program this year, or you have any questions about electives, please let me know at principal@jkcs.on.ca or call me at the school.
Michael J. Meinema: Principal and COO

Music Notes:

Grade 4/5: Remember your recorders this week. Also remember to bring your signed practice record for our contest!

Grade 5/6, 7, & 8: Practice Journals are due tomorrow (Tuesday). Expectation of 3 weeks of practice for December.

Choir: Rehearsals begin this Thursday.

Concert Band: Please return ALL Christmas music to me this week.

Happy Practicing! Mrs. Martin

Junior Kindergarten: Welcome back to school! I hope that you all enjoyed a fabulous Christmas break! Our theme for this month is "Celebrate Winter" and the printed calendar for January will come home on Tuesday. If you have any little baby food jars, please bring them to school this week for some art that we will be doing later this month. Have a wonderful week!

Tuesday - No Show & Share, Library
Thursday - Sub day

Senior Kindergarten: A Blessed New Year to all. I hope that everyone had a restful holiday. We want to wish Cora a Happy Birthday for yesterday. We pray that you will have an awesome year ahead, Cora. Watch for a letter and calendar coming home on Tuesday. Show and tell is free choice this week. If you have any calendars - 2012, please bring them in on Tuesday. They will be returned. Have a great week!

Thursday - Library/Book Bags, Sub Day.
Friday - Show and Tell

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

Grade 2: Happy New Year Everyone! Welcome to a brand new year! Hope all your holidays were safe, enjoyable and relaxing, and that you're ready to get back into the routine of school. This week's show and share is a free choice.

2A: Look for a copy of the newsletter coming home with your child in their agendas today. We will begin studying a few new things this week (see newsletter for more information). If you have any folk tale books, please bring them in so that we can read many different stories.

2B: Welcome to 2012! I am looking forward to starting the New Year with the wonderful grade 2 students! Please check your child's backpack for the latest newsletter and calendar which highlight many of the upcoming events and new units of study this month. December reading calendars are now due.

Wednesday - Library
Thursday - Sub Day
Friday - Spelling Test

Grade 3: Happy New Year and welcome to a new week! Thank you to all those who gave me gifts. I am very thankful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. We look forward to the coming year of learning and growing in Christ.

Tuesday - Library
- Phys. Ed.
Thursday - Sub Day
Friday - Bible Test: Unit 6 Isaac and Jacob
- Spelling Test: Week 15
- Mem. Work: Sons of Jacob
- Phys. Ed.

Grade 4: Welcome back. I hope you were all blessed with a restful and meaningful Christmas break. Please ask your child about the package that went home regarding the

upcoming Poetry contest. Important dates are laid out for you in this package. We are beginning a new unit in Literature. It focuses on the power of words. In math, we will continue to study Probability.

Friday - Spelling Test on Lesson 15

Grade 4/5: Welcome back to school grade 4/5! I hope you had a very blessed Christmas and an excellent holiday. This week we begin our swimming lessons. Remember to bring your swimming suit and towel on Wednesday. If you have not paid for the lessons yet, please do so as soon as possible. In Music, we are returning to the recorder, so remember your recorder. Book reports of due next week. I hope you all did lots of reading over the holiday.

Monday - Phys. Ed.
Tuesday - Charis
- Music: bring your recorder and books
Wednesday - Emma
- Library: remember your books
- Swimming lessons: bring your swimsuit and towel
Thursday - Olivia
- Music: bring your recorder and books
- Bible test: Judah's Return
Friday - Janine
- French Quiz: verb avoir
- Spelling test: lesson 16
- Memory work: Our God
Monday - Mark
- Phys. Ed.: bring your clothes

Grade 5/6: Welcome back to the year of our Lord, 2012. Grade 5/6, I truly hope that you had a blessed Christmas holiday. Thank you, students and parents, for your thoughts, cards, and gifts. Test envelopes from December will be going home tomorrow with an email indicating our tests and quizzes. Grade 6, we will continue to work on our speech this week. Please continue to work on two math drills at home as well this week.

Wednesday - Gr.5 Swimming Lessons: bring towel & swim suit.
Thursday - Metric system quiz
- Gr.6: Peruse a recent newspaper and bring in an image that depicts poverty, poverty, disaster or war. You can also look on the internet for a recent newspaper picture.
Friday - Spelling: Unit 17 test
- Memory Work: Philippians 2:5-7

Grade 7: Welcome back grade 7! A Happy New Year to all of you; God's blessings, joy and peace to all of you in 2012.

Monday - Week one of Science Fair. Students should have a topic picked by the end of this week. The science fair time period is only 8 weeks this year to it is important that they begin this week. Since over half the class are totally new to the science

fair process we will spend a couple of class periods this week going through the procedures and work required for the project. They will receive a journal in which they should write their daily entries and observations, a folder with a marking rubric and instructions on what is required weekly and a summary of what should be displayed on the science fair board. The science fair project is an at-home project but I will be there to answer questions and to assist the students with problems they may have. Science Fair is March 8 but the students in grade 7 are required to have the project completed by Tuesday, March 6. We will be presenting them to each other on that day.

- Tuesday - Math Quiz: Area and perimeter of triangles, parallelograms and rectangles, Circumference and area of circles
- Wednesday - Gym: bring your gym strip!
- Thursday - Science quiz: terms and factors that affect the rate of dissolving
- Sub Day
- Friday - Spelling test Unit 17
- Memory Work: Colossians 3: 12 and 13
- Jan. 25 - Next Book Report

Grade 8: Wishing you God’s blessings in 2012. I hope you had a wonderful, restful break and are ready to begin a new year! Thank you for all your contributions to our “goat jar”. We were able to purchase four goats, and 100 tree seedlings. We will be working on speeches this week. Also, think Science Fair this week – choose a topic, outline your ideas for next Tuesday. Note that each Tuesday students must hand in their science fair journal to show their work-to-date on their science projects.

- Monday - Assembly, Phys Ed
- Tuesday - Library, Music, Band
- Wednesday - Phys Ed
- Thursday - Math quiz, Music, Library
- Friday - Mem.Wk. Psalm 90:1,2
- Spelling test 17
- Caressant Care
- Information evening @ Idcss
- Tuesday - Submit topic and brief proposal for Science Fair project

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan. 11 Staff Meeting
- Jan. 12 Coffee Morning; Sub Day
- Jan. 17 Board Meeting
- Jan. 19 P.D. Day* (NEW)
- Jan. 26 Pizza Day; Staff Meeting
JK / SK Information Evening
- Jan. 28 “Win It in a Minute” Dessert Evening
- Jan. 30 ~~P.D. Day~~ (CANCELLED)
- Feb. 1 JK - SK Registration Day
- Feb. 9 Theme Assembly 8:30, Sub Day, Staff Meeting

- 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

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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