

# KNOX TALKS



Weekly Newsletter of  
John Knox Christian School

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Thursday and Friday of last week I was privileged to go to the Ontario Christian School Teachers Convention. One of the workshops I went to was very exciting. In it I learned lots of great tips on directing dramas and musicals. What a perfectly timed workshop! This week we will start preparing for our Christmas program. (Wow! Can you believe it? Christmas is not that far away!)

We all heard from many other interesting speakers. One of the main themes included being a positive, transformative influence on our culture. We were encouraged to look for and celebrate excellence in all areas including art, literature, science, mathematics and music. We were inspired to be even better teachers as we explore the world with our students and as we walk together in God's grace.

This week as you find yourself back to the busy-ness of school, look for the beautiful and excellent things around you. Take some time to breathe in the majesty of creation and thank the Creator! Be intentional about it. Take inspiration from the knowledge that the same God who created this wonderful earth and everything in it, created you and calls you wonderful too!

Have a wonder-filled week.

Mrs. E. Martin



Wednesday - Alyssa Horinga, SK  
- Kayla Overzet, Gr.4

Saturday - Patrick Makkink, JK  
- Mrs. Martin, Music Teacher

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

**Foster Child Collection:** Grade 1 will be receiving donations for our foster child, Lousca, this Friday. Thank you!

**Scholastic Book Orders:** Some of you have ordered the book Wimpy Kids Diary 6. That book is being released on Nov. 15. I will get it to you as soon as we receive it. Thank you, Mrs. Westerveld

**Crop/Craft Night:** We will be having our next crop/craft night on November 5th at 6:30 till 11:00. Come on out and enjoy an evening with friends working on your pictures or whatever you love to do best. Hope to see you there. R.S.V.P. to Jenny Morton @ [kevin.morton2@sympatico.ca](mailto:kevin.morton2@sympatico.ca) or call 519 539 8598.

**Nicaragua Bake Sale Fund Raiser:** Brianne Little, Leah VanderSpek and Sarah Broos are going on a mission trip this January to the beautiful country of Nicaragua. This Thursday there will be a bake sale to support the people and missions to Nicaragua. 100% of the money raised will go to the mission. The baked goods will be priced from 25¢ - \$1. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**COATS FOR KIDS:** The grade 7 class is collecting good used or new winter coats and snow pants for the Operation Sharing "Coats for Kids" project. These items will be given to those who are unable to afford to outfit their children for the season. Check your closets and see if there are any items you no longer need and bring them to school. Drop them off at the office or bring them to the grade 7 room. Thank you in advance for your contribution to this special cause.

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**Room Parents:** The "Home and School" team is finalizing details for each classroom's room parent but needs a few more. Did you miss that spot on the GIFTS survey? This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the other families in your child's class. For more info, please contact Heather De Boer ([adeboer@xplornet.ca](mailto:adeboer@xplornet.ca) or 519-842-9284) or Nicole Vander Hoek ([nvhoek@hotmail.com](mailto:nvhoek@hotmail.com) / 519-424-0784)

**Looking for working Wii Remotes.** JKCS is looking for a few Wii remotes/controllers or Wiimotes! It is possible to use the infra-red technology in these controllers to create interactive whiteboard technology for the school, at very little cost. If you have some extra controllers that you are willing to part with, please drop them off at the office! These Wiimotes can become more great tools the staff uses to integrate technology into teaching, which adds to more engagement in student learning! If you have any questions, please ask Mr. Meinema.

**BOOMERANG LUNCH WEEK:** From November 7 – 11 we hope to have a boomerang lunch week as part of our emphasis on being eco-friendly at JKCS. Students are asked to use only reusable containers in their lunches – containers which they can bring back home to use again.(hence the boomerang analogy). In this way we will be able to reduce garbage and waste. We hope that all will join in as we celebrate Boomerang Lunch week!

**Girl's Volleyball:** We have two away games this week. On Wednesday we will be going to Ingersoll and playing St. Jude's and on Thursday we will be going to Tillsonburg. We should be back at John Knox by 5:30 both days. Thank you to Mrs. vandeBelt who drove last week and to Mrs. Spysma and Mrs Broos who will be driving on Wednesday and Thursday. We will be practicing during the afternoon recesses this week.

**Senior Boys Volleyball:** Today after school we play a home game versus St. Jude's. Players can be picked up around 5:00 p.m. On Tuesday the team will be chosen, and on Wednesday we will have a practice with the newly chosen team until 5:00 p.m. On Monday we travel to Tillsonburg to play Monsignor O'Neil, and players can be picked up at John Knox at 5:30 p.m. G. Hiemstra

**Chocolate Bar Campaign:** This year's Chocolate Bar campaign is officially over....and it has gone VERY, VERY well!. Please bring in your money this week, so that we can close the campaign. If you have any chocolate at home that you are unable to sell, please return to school - we have families willing to sell those boxes. Thanks to all of you who have sent in all the money and unsold bars- you've done a great job and the Student Fund has benefited from your work!

**Parents of Grade 2 and 5 Students:** A letter was sent home with your child today. Please reply as soon as possible as to whether your child will be attending the parade and if you are able to provide assistance of any kind. Thanks so much! Any questions please contact Jolanda Horinga (519-475-6450).

**SAMKO TOY SALE:** The toy sale is on again this year from November 18 – 24, 2011 at the Western Fairground in London. This is a great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done and raise money for the school. The flyer with some of the deals that will be offered at the sale as well as the hours of operation for the sale went home two weeks ago. Upon checkout, simply inform the cashier that you are fundraising for JKCS Woodstock and they will stamp the back of the receipt. Return the receipt to the school by November 28 (request a photocopy if you wish to have a copy because the original must be submitted to the company) and....we get 10% back in cash rewards! Any questions, call Allyson Heidinga (519-290-0765) or email to [jaheidinga@rogers.com](mailto:jaheidinga@rogers.com). Happy Shopping!



## **"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. As we prepare for this fund raising event, we ask for your help to make this event a success. Please think about the goods or service that you would like to donate and try to approach a business contact to donate something as well. Our committee is also looking for volunteers to do some canvassing to our local businesses. Many hands make light work and if you are willing to help out in this area please contact one of us, we would greatly appreciate it.

Donation Sheets can be found on our website and also at the school office. Please drop off all donation forms at the school office a.s.a.p. We ask that all donations to the GST Auction be "new" items. Any used items or houseplants are welcome donations at our Annual Spring Bazaar. Also, just a reminder, that this Auction is an Adult Only event. Thank you for your commitment to the GST Auction. Any questions?

Call Sharon Kiers 519-539-9212; Jenessa VanRooyen 519-539-6916; Rachel Martin 519-425-7897

**Music Notes:**

**PRACTICE JOURNALS ARE DUE THIS WEEK ON TUESDAY FOR GRADE 5/6, 7 & 8**

**Junior Kindergarten:** I hope that you have all enjoyed a very restful long weekend! The teacher's convention was a great time of learning and gaining inspiration and I can't wait to put into action some of the skills I learned from the workshops! We're in a new month now and our theme is "Transportation." Keep your eyes open Tuesday for our monthly calendar.

Tuesday - Library, Bible Memory Day

Thursday - Show & Share: "something that moves", Sub day, Fall Membership Meeting

Friday - Buddy reading with Gr. 4/5

**Senior Kindergarten:** Welcome to a new week. We wish Alyssa a Happy Birthday this Wednesday. We pray that God will bless you with a great day and many blessings in the coming year! We will learn about Jacob in Bible this week. We will learn about animals getting ready for winter and about bears this month. If you have any books to share about these topics please bring them in. Make sure your name is in them. Show and share this week will be about bears. Have a great week.

Thursday - book bags and Library, bake sale (IPC mission trip )

Friday - show and tell something about bears.

**Grade 1:** The newsletter has been sent through email.

**Grade 2:** Welcome back everyone! Congratulations to the Baer family who recently welcomed baby Noah home! We hope that you all had a restful and relaxing long weekend with your friends and family. Parents, please check your child's backpack today for the latest classroom newsletter and reading calendar.

**2A:** Reader's Theatres were exceptionally well done! Each child worked really hard and did an excellent job performing it to the other group. Watching ourselves on the "big screen" was the highlight of this activity. We learned a lot looking at ourselves and each other to see what we really like. Show & Share: Bring in an insect (or a picture) and tell us a few interesting facts about it.

**2B:** Hello parents! This Friday we'll be having a "sleepover" party to wrap up our "Ira Sleeps Over" literature unit. The students are encouraged to bring their pajamas and favourite stuffed animals. Show & Share this week: Free Choice.

Monday - Memory Work due

Tuesday - Phys. Ed.; Reading Calendar Due

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Sub Day; bake sale

- Picture Retakes

- Phys. Ed.

Friday - Spelling Test; Foster child collection

- "Sleepover" party (2B)

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a new week. We will be starting new units this week. In Bible we will be covering the stories from

The Fall to the Tower of Babel. In Health we will be studying Body Systems. We will continue to read Nate the Great books. In Phys. Ed. we are learning Volleyball skills. In Math we are continuing Number Sense and Patterns. We are still collecting loose change to raise money for saplings for Cambodia and Bangladesh. To date we have enough for 33 saplings. (45cents ea.) Our goal is 50 saplings. Please return all chocolate bar money this week.

Tuesday - Library

- Phys. Ed.

Thursday - Sub Day

- Com. Skills quiz on nouns and capital letters.

Friday - Spelling Test: Week 7

- Mem. Work: Psalm 139:13-14

- Phys. Ed.

**Grade 4:** I hope you all had a blessed long weekend. This week we will be finishing up our unit on A Taste of Blackberries. We will also be completing our unit on Multiplication. There will be a Math test on Thursday. Be sure to keep practicing your multiplication facts at home.

Friday - Spelling Test on Lesson 8

- We hope to make beautiful pieces of art using recycled materials. Please remind your child to bring pieces of recycled materials that they think they or a classmate may like to use in their sculpture. Thanks

**Grade 4/5:** Welcome to a new week and month grade 4/5! I hope you all had an awesome long weekend. I very much enjoyed the Teacher's Convention on Thursday and Friday. In grade 5, we are going to begin learning how to write a speech. Grade 5, please look up on the internet Jackie Robinson. Bring to class on Wednesday any information you find. On November 18, our school is hosting a "Winter Auction". Grade 4/5 has been asked to make a basket that can be auctioned off at the auction. The theme for our basket is "Sports Games". In the next couple of weeks, could you all bring in an item or two for our basket. Thanks in advance.

Monday - Madelyn

- Phys. Ed.

Tuesday - Derek

- Music: remember your recorders

Wednesday - Julia L.

- Happy Birthday Kayla!

- Library: bring your books

Thursday - Alyssa

- Sub Lunch

- Music: bring your recorders

- Phys. Ed.: bring your clothes

- French vocabulary quiz

Friday - Abby

- Memory work: Daniel 4:2-3

- Spelling test grade 5: lesson 8

- Buddy activities
- Monday - Julia B.
- Phys. Ed.: bring your clothes

**Grade 5/6:** Grade 6 will be working hard on our Remembrance Day projects this week. On Monday, the grade 6's will be going to the legion. Parents, please watch for an email regarding Monday's short "field trip". Grade 5/6 has been asked to put together a candy/chocolate basket for the upcoming JKCS auction.

Today - A.R. test completed for October's book (Gr. 5/6)

Thursday - Math Quiz: work this week

Friday - Spelling Test and work: Unit 9  
 - Memory Work: Colossians 3:12-15 (Gr. 5/6)  
 - Science Quiz (Gr. 5/6)

Next Mon. - Grade 6's will be visiting the legion

Next Wed. - French: Unit test. Review sheets will come home this Wednesday for that.

**Grade 7:** I hope you all had a wonderful long weekend and we're able to play, enjoy the outdoors, read and work on your projects. "God hems us in behind and before, he has laid his hands upon us" Psalm 139: 5 How wonderful to have a God who cares for us and watches over us each day. Grade 7 Service Project: Grade 7 will be heading up a "Coats for Kids" project. If you have any good used articles of winter clothing – particularly coats and snow pants please drop them off in the grade 7 room or have your child bring them to school. We will be passing them on to Operation Sharing on Nov 18th.

Tuesday - Math quiz: factors, multiples, exponents and order of operations  
 - Ensure that dialogue is completed.

Wednesday - Novel Due: AR

Friday - Memory Work: Psalm 139: 1-6  
 - Spelling Lesson 9

Nov. 8 - History Project Due

**Grade 8:** I hope you had a good long weekend. Teachers were blessed with learning and a time of renewal at the Teacher's Convention. One more month of learning for this term! We will finish book talks early this week. Watch for the "It's Your Week" note coming home.

Monday - Phys Ed

Tuesday - Please ensure that you are prepared for computer class by bringing in your pictures from your walk.  
 - Library, Music, Concert Band

Wednesday - Grade 8 day @ LDCSS

Thursday - Music  
 - Bake Sale for missions in Nicaragua

Friday - Visit to Caressant Care  
 - Memory Work: three verses of "For the Fallen"  
 - Math quiz

Nov. 7 - French: Final projects for this unit are due.

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Nov. 2 Grade 8 Day @ LDCSS  
Staff Meeting
- Nov. 3 Sub Day  
Picture Retakes 8:30 a.m.  
JKCS Membership Meeting
- Nov. 5 Crop/Craft Night
- Nov.11 Remembrance Chapel  
LDCSS P.D. Day
- Nov.15 Board Meeting
- Nov.17 Coffee Morning 8:30 a.m.  
Pizza Day  
Staff Meeting  
GST Auction set-up
- Nov.18 P.A. Day\*  
GST Auction
- Nov. 24 Sub Day
- Nov. 25 Volleyball Tournament  
Report Cards
- Nov. 30 Parent Teacher Interviews 7-9
- Dec. 1 Parent Teacher Interview 9-3, 7-9  
LDCSS Membership Meeting
- Dec. 2 P.D. Day\*

**SONG OF THE MONTH: God of the Poor**

1. Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,  
 Lord, in Your suffering world, this is our prayer.  
 Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,  
 sunrise to sunset Your kingdom increase.
  2. Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,  
 work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.  
 Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,  
 voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.
- Chorus: God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
 give us compassion we pray,  
 melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.  
 Come change our love from a spark to a flame.
3. Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,  
 cities for sanctu'ry, freedoms to share.  
 Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,  
 Christ for the bitterness, His cross for the pain.
  4. Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams.  
 Plundered and poisoned our future, our dreams.  
 Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed.  
 Make us content with the things we need.
  5. Lighten our darkness breathe on this flame  
 until Your justice burns brightly again;  
 until the nations learn of your ways  
 seek your salvation and bring You their praise.