

KNOX TALKS



Weekly Newsletter of
John Knox Christian School

October 3, 2011

Thanksgiving

This coming weekend we will be celebrating Thanksgiving - a special time for us to show both our passion for Christ and our compassion for others. We praise and thank God for his abundant provisions and we share those blessings with those around us.

On Friday we will have a special Thanksgiving Day assembly and the students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items for the needy in our community.

"God, today we are thankful, most of all, for you. Without you, we cannot even breathe. You provide rhythm to our hearts and lives. You are our protector, our guide, our strength, our creator, and our redeemer. We are thankful for your presence here. God, you created this wonderful terrestrial ball known as the planet earth and the entire galaxy that surrounds it. You are the provider and the sustainer of all life, for all times and in all continuums. We are thankful for many blessings you provide for us: food, shelter, clothing, health and education. We are thankful for each other, for our families and for our homes. We give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High."

(from the Steve Brown blog, "Worship Ideas You Can Use")

H. Ysselstein



Tuesday	- Adrienne Koops, Gr.4 - GraceAnn Kroondijk, Gr.2 - Mrs. Grevers, Custodian
Wednesday	- Seth Martin, Gr.6 - Mrs. Kuipers, SONbeams Teacher
Sunday	- Grant Takacs, Gr.7
Next Mon.	- Melissa Morton, Gr.3

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Thanksgiving Food Drive: As we prepare to celebrate the numerous ways God has blessed our families and JKCS community, we would like to give to those in need. This Friday morning at the Thanksgiving assembly, we will be collecting food for the Woodstock Food Bank. All students are encouraged to participate by bringing in an item or two for our food drive. Thanks so much for your help!

Chocolate Bar Campaign: It is time for our Annual Chocolate Bar Sales Campaign!! Today, families who have their oldest child in Grades 3-8 will each receive 2 cases of chocolate bars, and families who have their oldest child in Grades JK-2 will each receive 1 suitcase. Each suitcase has 30 bars in it. Please bring in your money as soon as you have sold your chocolate bars. The Campaign will run from October 3rd until October 28th. Prizes will be awarded to all those who sell all their bars. Special prizes will be awarded for those who sell more than 60. Contact the school if you'd like more chocolate bars to sell! Thanks to those who sent in their 'special' order forms last week! This annual campaign raises funds for such things as classroom magazines, special student service activities, assembly expenses, academic contests, electives expenses, trophies, and it subsidizes our class trips. It is our only whole-school fund raiser that is specifically for the benefit of the JKCS student body. Thanks for participating in this campaign, and have fun selling!!!

Chicken Orders will be available for pick-up this Friday, October 7 between 3 and 4 at the school. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up at this time. If they have any questions or concerns to contact me at 519-539-7839 or jmsol@rogers.com.

Wee Creations Christian Preschool wants you know that it's not too late to sign up for one or two mornings per week of preschool for your two or three year old child. Give us a call at 519-421-9755 to arrange a tour or pick up registration forms. You can also check

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out our website at www.weecreations.ca. Our classroom is located right next to the library of JKCS!

GIFTS Survey: John Knox has implemented the GIFTS Program ~ Getting Involved For The Students! This program is a great way to be involved in your child's education as well as helping out the school community. Please fill out the survey (sent home 2 weeks ago) and return to school. The GIFTS tracking form is available online and is also attached to this Knox Talks for you to record your points. If you have any questions or feel you are unable to participate, please contact Kristin Markus at 519-536-7475 or stampwithkristin@uniserve.com.

Girls Soccer: Tournament time is here and we are good to go! The plan for Tuesday is this: Please be at school by 6:45 a.m. It is a long drive to Clinton and we need to be there by 8:30 to receive instructions and updates, and to be on the soccer pitch, ready to play the first game at 9 a.m. Dress warmly, bring a positive attitude and a good lunch (though a food booth will be open). A letter and schedule were sent home Friday. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lammers or Mrs. Verbeek.

Boy's Soccer: Our Tournament is tomorrow, Tuesday Oct. 4 in Clinton. An information sheet including a schedule, was sent home on Friday. Don't forget to bring soccer shoes, shin pads, soccer socks (an extra pair may be handy) a water bottle and your uniform. Also, if you DO NOT plan to ride on the bus tomorrow please let me know so that we do not wait for you. See you all at 6:45 a.m. at the school. Looking forward to an exciting day!!!

Senior Girls Volleyball: The volleyball season starts this week Thursday after school with a game in Ingersoll against St. Jude's. The girls will be bringing home their schedule tonight for the season so please post it on your fridge. Please ensure that you keep Tuesday and Thursday after school open for our games - the rest of the team is counting on you. We will be having practices every Monday and Wednesday - second recess. I will be asking that each team member's family take care of transportation to one of the games during the season. I will be able to drive but will need another person to help out. Looking forward to a great season, Mrs. Ysselstein

Senior Boys Volleyball: Today is a practice after school from 4-5 as indicated in last week's Knox Talks for those who desire to try out for the senior team. After today's practice about 8 students will be invited to play this coming Wednesday for a match against St. Jude's in Ingersoll. Players can be picked up on Wednesday at 5:30 at John Knox. This will be the process until a team is chosen later this month. Our volleyball practices will be on Mondays during 1st recess and Thursdays during 1st recess, for the next while. G. Hiemstra

Cross Country: The Separate Schools Cross Country was postponed today til October 11. Mr. Dieleman will do an after school practice this Thursday till 4:45 p.m. For those who qualify, there will be one more event on Oct. 21st at the Dundas Valley Conservation Area. Students will receive more info soon. Mr. Dieleman will continue to coach along with Mrs. Hickey.

Terry Fox Run: Grades 3-8 participated in a variety of running games last Wed. The cross-country team did a practice run with the rest of the students cheering them on around the perimeter of the school. Thank you to all who supported the Terry Fox run with your donations for cancer research. A total of \$600 was raised.

Dental Health: Are you currently without dental benefits? Has it been more than two years since you or your children had your last dental cleaning? At Oxford County Community Dental Services we believe everyone deserves a healthy smile! In our preventive clinic we offer no-cost or low-cost professional dental cleanings, dental screening, fluoride treatments and sealants. We also offer restorative programs for children without dental insurance. Visit www.oxfordcounty.ca/oralhealth to learn more or call 1-800-755-0394.

Reformation Day Assembly: Grade SK and Grade eight will lead the Reformation Day Assembly on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 at 8:30. We welcome guest speaker John Spaan who will share his experiences working in Guinea and also teach us a lot about John Knox. We welcome all!

Items Wanted: Could you please search your homes for items we can use in a "photo booth"??? I'm picturing scarves, crazy hats, big glasses, buttons, signs, beads...if you need the items returned, that is no problem. Simply place them in ziplocks, labeled with your child's name and classroom and I will have them back to you with in 3 weeks!!! Questions?? Call or email Dawn Streutker! Thanks for your help!

MUSIC NOTES

Gr 6, 7 & 8: PRACTICE JOURNALS ARE DUE THIS WEEK ON TUESDAY! If you are on the soccer team that will be gone on Tuesday, please bring your journal on Thursday or send it to school with a younger sibling.

Grade 6: 150 minutes of practice for Sept. journal is expected. History - Antiquity (Hp2-3) due on Tuesday. Practice from pp 6-9 in your method book. Instrument project is due next Tuesday (Oct 11th).

Grade 7: 180 minutes of practice for Sept. Journal is expected. New theory assignment, page 3, is due on Thursday. Practice from pp 2-4 in your method book. Instrument project is due next Tuesday (Oct 11th)

Grade 8: 210 minutes of practice for Sept. Journal is expected. Practice from pp 5-8 in your method book. Instrument essay is due next Tuesday (Oct 11th).

Grade 4/5: This is the last week of vocal music in our music classes. After Thanksgiving we will begin recorders. Parents please watch for a letter to go home this week.

CHOIR: We have our first performance date, November 28th (Friday) to sing O Canada at the Navy Vets Jr C hockey game here in Woodstock. This week all of the SECONDS only are asked to come to rehearsal for a section practice. If you are unsure which section you are in, come ask me at recess.

Have a Musical Week! Mrs. Martin

Junior Kindergarten: What a wonderful time of year for us to be thankful for fall colours! We will be exploring the theme of "Fall" this month in Junior Kindergarten and I'm sure it will be an opportunity for us to praise God for His beautiful creation. Please remember to hand your field trip forms in for Birch Farms as soon as possible. Have a wonderful week and a very blessed Thanksgiving!

Tuesday - Show & Share "Something you are thankful for";
Library (return all books- overdue slips come home in message bags).

Thursday - Trip to Birch Farms (morning)

Friday - Thanksgiving Assembly; Buddy reading with Gr. 4/5; Thanksgiving weekend!

Senior Kindergarten: Welcome to a busy week! Thanks to Mrs. Branderhorst, Mrs. deBoer, Mrs. Duizer, Mrs. Horinga, Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Lichti, Mrs. Renkema, Mrs. Sikma, Mrs. Vandenburg, and Mrs. Wildeboer for coming with us to Clovermead. We praise God for a beautiful day and an awesome opportunity to learn about bees. We are thankful that Leah celebrated her birthday on Sunday. We pray that God blesses Leah abundantly this year! We have a class trip planned for this Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30. Remember to bring in your forms and money. We will be making Stone Soup on Friday as a way of celebrating Thanksgiving together in SK. Please bring in something to help make soup (washed and chopped please). We will have a Thanksgiving assembly on Friday and everyone is asked to bring in some food for our annual food drive.

Remember to bring in your September reading tracker for a trip to the treasure box. Have a great week and a great Thanksgiving reflecting on all the blessing that God has given us!

Thursday - Birch Farms, Library and Book Bags

Friday - Stone Soup, Thanksgiving Assembly (food Drive)
show and tell about something you are thankful for.

Grade 1: The Grade 1 newsletter will be available on email today.

Grade 2A & 2B: Hi parents! You are invited to join us this Friday morning as we lead the Thanksgiving assembly with our buddies in grade 4/5. To help out those in need in the Woodstock area, we are holding a food drive at school this week. If possible, please send some food in by Friday. Thanks! Please check your child's backpack today for the latest grade two newsletter and calendar. If your child has not yet returned their September reading calendars, these are due this week. Congratulations to GraceAnn who celebrates her birthday this

Tuesday!

2A: This week we will be starting show and share. Each child has been given a day of the week which they can bring in their Show and Share item. This week bring in something that you are thankful for. Please see the newsletter for the day that your child will be presenting on.

2B: We will be making our own "Stone Soup" for lunch this Wednesday. It would be appreciated if each student could bring in a small amount of diced vegetables to add to our soup. Thank you! Show & Share this week: something you are thankful for.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Library; - Stone Soup (2B)

Thursday - Phys. Ed.; - Sub Day

Friday - Thanksgiving Assembly; - Food Drive
- Spelling test; - Foster Child Collection

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week. Please bring food for the Thanksgiving food drive this week. Look for a tree project booklet that will be coming home this week. We are also planning a trip to the Arboretum near Innerkip.

Tuesday - Library; - Phys. Ed.

Thursday - Math Test: Unit 3 Geometry
- Sub Day; - French vocabulary quiz

Friday - Thanksgiving Assembly
- Mem. Work: Genesis 1:27-28
- Spelling Test: Week 4; - Phys. Ed.

Grade 4: Once again, we look forward to another week of learning and growing together. We will focus on reasons to be thankful to Our Father in Heaven. May you have a blessed Thanksgiving weekend.

Friday - Spelling Test Lesson 5

Grade 4/5: Welcome to the first week of October!! I hope that the cross country runners have an awesome day at their second meet. The first AR book is due next week Thursday!! There are only 10 more days to read!! We would like to invite our parents and grandparents to the Thanksgiving Assembly this Friday morning. We will be leading this assembly with our Grade 2 buddies. We hope you can come and celebrate how great our God is! We have so much to be thankful for!!

Monday - Emma

Tuesday - Olivia; - Happy Birthday Adrienne!!!
- Math quiz grade 5; - Music

Wednesday - Janine; - Library: remember your books

Thursday - Mark; - Music

- Phys. Ed.: bring clothes; - Sub lunches

Friday - Thanksgiving Assembly at 8:30
 - Daytn; - Spelling test: lesson 5
 - Memory work: Psalm 103: 8-10
 - Buddy time; - French vocabulary quiz
 - Interim Reports sent home

Monday - Thanksgiving Day: no school

Tuesday - Grace; - Music

Grade 5/6: Test envelopes will be handed out and sent home tomorrow with a sheet emailed indicating our September tests and quizzes. Parents, please sign the envelope after seeing the tests, and return the contents to the envelope and back to school by Friday. The contents will be used for a portfolio of work that the students will make for the parent teacher conferences. I will send a copy of the interim report by email on Friday to parents via email. It will be in pdf format. If you wish to receive a paper copy, please let me know and I will be glad to provide that. On Friday there will be a Thanksgiving assembly. Because we have received much, we are able to give much, and in keeping with tradition there will be a Food Drive this week. Have a thankful weekend!

Wednesday - Grammar Quiz

- Quiz (on-line) on the election

Friday - Spelling Test: Unit 5

- Math Quiz: This week's work

- Memory Work: Colossians 3:12-13

- Thanksgiving Assembly: Bring canned goods.

Grade 7: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever." Have a great week, grade 7! You will have an opportunity to bless our community by bringing in non-perishable food items for the less fortunate in the Woodstock community.

Monday - Gym

Tuesday - Soccer Tournament; - Math quiz grade 5

- Medieval Project assigned (due Nov.3)

Wednesday - Student Votes Election: Grade 7's will be running the polling station

- Gym

Thursday - Math Test: Unit 1; - Library

Friday - Thanksgiving Assembly: Parents, grandparents and friends are invited.

- Spelling Unit 5

- Memory Work: Philippians 2: 1- 8

- Bronze Bow Reading Test

- Interim Reports go home

Grade 8: We are into October! We had a great time on our deciduous forest hike along the Thames River. We have an amazing Creator. Thanks so much to Andy Groen and Daryl and Opa Spyskma for sharing your time with us. Please remember to bring canned or dry goods for the Food Bank/Thanksgiving Assembly this week. Watch for a note coming home about the Grade Eight Retreat.

Monday - Phys Ed; History: jots & outline due

- River walk report due

Tuesday - Soccer Tournament for many

- Library, Music, Concert Band

Wednesday - Phys Ed

- French quiz on verbs: vouloir, pouvoir, devoir

Thursday - Math test: Unit 1; - Music

Friday - Thanksgiving assembly (bring food)

- Spelling Test 5; Mem Wk: Isaiah 1:16,17

- Visit to Caressant Care Retirement Home

- Your baked goods will be ready at the end of the day. You must have them picked up and deliver to customers asap. Remember to collect all monies.

Monday - Happy Thanksgiving! No school

Tuesday - All money and baked goods order forms must be returned to school.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 3 Chocolate Sale Begins

Oct. 4 Soccer Tournament

Oct. 5 Gr.7 Immunizations; Gr.8 Girls

Oct. 6 Sub Day; Staff Meeting

Oct. 7 Thanksgiving Assembly 8:30; Dental Screening; Interim Reports

Oct. 10 Thanksgiving Day*

Oct. 11 Dental Screening

Oct. 18 Board Meeting

Oct. 19 Staff Meeting

Oct. 20 Pizza Day

Oct. 25 Reformation Assembly 8:30

Oct. 27, 28 OCSTA Convention**

Oct. 31 Picture Retakes

SONG OF THE MONTH: None But Jesus

In the quiet, in the stillness, I know that You are God.

In the secret of Your presence, I know there I am restored.

When You call, I won't refuse. Each new day, again I'll choose.

There is no one else for me. None but Jesus.

Crucified to set me free. Now I live to bring Him praise.

In the chaos, in confusion, I know You're sovereign still.

In the moment of my weakness,

You give me grace to do Your will.

When You call, I won't delay.

This, my song, through all my days.

There is no one else for me. None but Jesus.

Crucified to set me free. Now I live to bring Him praise.

There is no one else for me. None but Jesus.

Crucified to set me free. Now I live to bring Him praise.

All my delight is in You, Lord.

All of my hope, all of my strength.

All my delight is in You, Lord. Forevermore.

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All my delight is in You, Lord. Forevermore.

There is no one else for me. None but Jesus.

Crucified to set me free. Now I live to bring Him praise.

Title: None but Jesus

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The G.I.F.T.S. Program

Policy and Procedures Document

In order to encourage the volunteer participation by ALL parents, JKCS has put in place a parental participation program called G.I.F.T.S. (Getting Involved For The Students) that all families attending JKCS are required to fulfill.

The outline of the program is as follows:

Family G.I.F.T.S. Requirements:

Full time Family	40 points (40 hours)
SK Family (single student)	20 points (20 hours)
JK Family (single student)	15 points (15 hours)
Single Parent Family	15 points (15 hours)

The following are exempt from tracking participation points:

Board Members, Teachers, Committee Chairs, Major Event and Program Coordinators (i.e. Bazaar, Auction, Fund-raising Dinner, Grocery Vouchers), and Personal(*see note below).

Participation Points Breakdown:	
Volunteer time	1 point per hour
Purchase vouchers	1 point per month (2 points if over \$500.00 in a month)
Family attendance at Membership Meeting	5 points
Family attending the Fund-raising Dinner, Fall Auction, or the Spring Bazaar.	8 points each event
Standing on a committee	25 points
Coaching a sports team	10 points
Driving for sports, Caressant Care, etc.	2 points per event
Yard Duty	3 points per lunch hour
Class trips	3 points
Food donations	2 points per event
Classroom/Library Assistance	2 points per hour

G.I.F.T.S. Tracking Form:

It is each family's responsibility to track their own points via the *G.I.F.T.S. Tracking Form*.

This form can be found either at the school office or downloaded from the JKCS website.

When completed, the Tracking Form should be forwarded to the GIFTS Coordinator.

Points can only be awarded for time volunteered on behalf of *parents*, not students.

There will be no *banking* of points for the following year.

Parents who elect not to participate are requested to make a \$500.00 donation to J.K.C.S.

* If there are extenuating circumstances and a family feels that they can not fulfill the above participation requirements, the GIFTS Coordinator should be contacted in writing so that a review of each individual case can be made. Requests will need to be made on an annual basis.

The GIFTS program is reviewed annually.

