

# KNOX TALKS



Weekly Newsletter of  
John Knox Christian School

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Free Advertising!

Doesn't that sound so appealing? I'm here to tell you that we have a great offer on our hands for FREE ADVERTISING! This is sure to reach far and wide and it is right in our target market!

IT IS YOU! Speaking positively and excitedly about our school is one of the best tools we can utilize! One of the new families this year told me that they did not know about our school (they are new to the community) until someone stopped them in Walmart! They began to chat and conversation moved to schools! Once they heard how awesome our school is they decided to check it out and they are enrolled as a new family this year! How exciting is that?

I am not asking you to stand out front at Walmart telling people about our awesome school, what I am asking is that when you are in conversations you use sincere positive words that build our community up!!

I can't wait to hear more stories like this "Walmart story" in the near future!

\*\*Free Advertising Part 2-Next week\*\*

Dawn Streutker, Advancement Director



Tuesday  
Saturday  
Sunday

- Esther deBoer, JK  
- Erica VanRooyen, Gr.6  
- Amber Huinink, Gr.1  
- Grace Renkema, Gr.2

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

**Scholastic** Book Orders are due Wednesday, September 28th.

**GREAT WOLF LODGE, Niagara Falls, 2011:** This popular deal has sold out every year and this year will be no exception, I'm sure. If you are looking for something to do with your family during the extra long weekend for our Christian school students during the annual OCSTA convention this coming October - look no further. The dates are Thursday, Oct. 27th and Friday, Oct. 28th, 2011. Room rates remain the same @ \$159.00 per night with no minimum stay required. Our booking code is: 1110ALLI and the cut-off date is September 29th - book early to avoid disappointment! To reserve your room go to: [www.greatwolf.com/Locations/Niagara](http://www.greatwolf.com/Locations/Niagara) or call 1.888.878.1818. For more info or to have the info sheet forwarded to you, please contact Tammy Veld - [rtveld@shaw.ca](mailto:rtveld@shaw.ca) or 905.765.3869.

**MOM To MOM Sale:** Another successful sale! By 9 am we had a line up to get into the gym and people were ready to shop! We had a gym full of vendors and plenty of shoppers. There were 29 tables rented out and just over 150 shoppers! We also had a few donations making a grand total of \$905 raised for JKCS! Thanks to all those who helped out!

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**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 attached survey and return to school. The GIFTS tracking form is available online and will be sent home next week 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](mailto:stampwithkristin@uniserve.com).

**GIRLS' SOCCER:** Please note that today, September 19th, the girls will play the team from Brantford Christian Elementary for an exhibition game. The game will be at JKCS and girls can be picked up at 5 pm, though we would love to have parents to watch and cheer the girls on! Socks and team shirts will be provided. Upcoming practices: Tuesday & Thursday - first recess. NOTE: The exhibition game scheduled for Monday September 26th has been cancelled as the London team is unable to come. There will be an after school practice on Wednesday, September 28th instead. The soccer tournament will be held in Clinton on October 4th (rain date Oct. 5th ).

**Boy's Soccer:** It was great to meet so many parents on Friday night. This week will be exciting as we hope to figure out where we should all be playing and how we can best work together as a team. It is a busy week. Tuesday--first recess practice. Wednesday--game at London District Christian High School (24 Braesyde Avenue London, ON N5W 1V3) at 3:45. We hope to leave the school by 2:45. We need a few parents to drive. Could you please confirm by calling the school office or myself at 519-659-7241 or email me at [l.lammers@jkcs.on.ca](mailto:l.lammers@jkcs.on.ca)? Be sure to have soccer shoes and shin pads. Thursday--after school practice until 5:00. Tournament is scheduled for Oct. 4th in Clinton. Thanks for your dedication to the team. I look forward to getting to know you all little better.

**Cross Country:** This week Friday students from grades 3-8 will be participating in the Christian Schools Cross Country Meet in Stratford. A letter was sent home last Thursday. The next event will be the Separate Schools Meet in London on Oct. 3. This event is for grades 4-8. Mr. Dieleman is coming to coach Tues. and Wed. at recess. He is offering an after school practice for grades 5-8 on Wednesday to do hill training. Let Mrs. Hickey know if you are planning to stay after school.

**Terry Fox National School Run:** Last Friday grades 3 - 8 had a kick-off assembly to promote the Terry Fox Run. We were encouraged and inspired by his story. All the students will be participating in the Terry Fox Run on Sept. 28th. Everyone is encouraged to do some fundraising for cancer research. Pledge sheets are being sent home today. A minimum of \$1.00 per family member is suggested for the fundraising. Please encourage your children to participate positively. Terry Fox is one person who made a difference. Lets show compassion for others by doing what we can to help those who suffer from cancer. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Hickey.

**Student Praise Team.** We are looking to continue to build our student praise team program again this year! Students who would like to try out for playing an instrument should talk to Mr. Meinema this week. We have purchased a few instruments (bass guitar and amp, an electric guitar and amp, a keyboard, some acoustic guitars, etc.) so that instruments can be here and ready for practices. It is also possible to borrow an instrument if your child would like to practice at home. If you have any questions, please talk to Mr. Meinema, or send him an email at [principal@jkcs.on.ca](mailto:principal@jkcs.on.ca) to find out more!

**JKCS is looking for more bus drivers!** Have you ever thought about driving a school bus? JKCS has its own fleet of buses, and we need to build up our list of spare drivers for routes, class trips, sporting events, or even chartering out our buses now and then. If you would like to know more about becoming a bus driver, and the potential of driving a bus for John Knox Christian School, please contact Mr. Meinema at [principal@jkcs.on.ca](mailto:principal@jkcs.on.ca).

**Keystone Students:** We are still looking for more host families to provide homes for our international students. We still do not have firm dates yet, we would like to begin compiling a list of families interested in hosting this year our international students this year. The students would come to stay at your home for a 10 week session, and you would be compensated for hosting your Keystone child. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Mr. Meinema at [principal@jkcs.on.ca](mailto:principal@jkcs.on.ca).

**JKCS Board Retreat - September 24, 2011.** The board of directors of JKCS will be meeting this coming Saturday to take part in some board leadership training. We will be learning with Mr. Ray Hendriks, the Director of Advancement from the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, who will be leading us through various topics regarding the governance of

our school. The board is committed to growth and learning, and not just for the staff and students of JKCS, but as a board in and of itself! Please pray that this may be an excellent day of learning for the board members who serve our school!

**Monday September 26, 2011 is a PA Day.** Please note that there will be no school on Monday, September 26th, as this is a Professional Activity day for the staff of John Knox Christian School.

### Music Notes

**Grade 5/6** Theory workbook pages 2 & 3 are due on Tuesday this week. History pages 2 & 3 will be due next Tuesday. Keep working on your breathing techniques and on your embouchures. Work on pages 2-7 in your method book.

**Grade 7** Theory p2 will be due on Thursday this week. Work on pages 2-5 in your method book. First playing tests are next Tuesday, Sept 27th. Exercise #2 (concert Bb scale)

**Grade 8** Theory worksheet #1 both sides is due Tuesday. Your first playing test is Tuesday, Sept 27th. scales 1,2,3 or 4 on page 38 of your method books.

Remember to be recording your practice minutes in your journals. These are due on October 4th. Remind your supervisors to initial your journals too.

Happy Practicing!!! Elizabeth Martin

**Junior Kindergarten:** Thank you to everyone who attended Friday's dessert social! It was a great time for everyone to get to know each other better and to lift up our school in prayer. This week our theme is still "Welcome to School." Please send along a paint shirt with your child to school this week. Our letters this week are: i, p and n (sheets will come home as usual to practice). Please also remember to send back your child's message bag each day to school for us to fill again.

Tuesday - Happy Birthday Esther!  
- s & s: something that is red  
- Library

Thursday - Hot lunch- pizza

Friday - Red Day. Please wear red to school this day. We will be doing activities during that day with our grade 4/5 buddies.

**Senior Kindergarten:** Welcome to a new week. It was great to meet with so many of you on Friday night and learn a little more about your children! We are excited for our class trip on Friday. Thanks to all our drivers/chaperones. We are still waiting for a couple more forms. Please be at the school at 10:30 on Friday morning. Watch for your creation glasses coming home. Try writing some words of things that you see in creation that you think are beautiful. Bring in something that you saw for show and tell on Friday! Have a great week.

Thursday - show and tell  
- Pizza Day

Friday - show and tell

**Grade 1:** Please check your email for the weekly grade 1 newsletter.

**Grade 2:** Hello parents! It was a real blessing being able

to talk to many of you at the dessert social last Friday night. We hope you always feel welcome coming to us with any concerns or questions and dropping by our classrooms. Thanks to all who have returned the "chickaDEE" magazine forms; we will be accepting these until this Friday.

2A: Every one did an awesome job on their first spelling test. New spelling lists will be glued into your child's agenda today. We will be continuing with our Robert Munsch reader theatres this week, preparing to perform them in front of an audience.

2B: All the students did a fantastic job on their first spelling test! Please check your child's backpack for last week's test and the new list. This week we will continue our literature unit on Kevin Henkes with some reader's theatres and activities based on the book "Chrysanthemum." Our Show & Share ties into these activities: please tell us what your name means.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Phys. Ed.; - Pizza lunch

Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a new week. Last week we welcomed Chelsea Vance to our class. We are excited about participating in the cross country run in Stratford on Friday. Remember to wear proper clothing and shoes.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed.; - Library

Thursday - Pizza Day

Friday - Cross Country

- Spelling Test: Week 2

- Mem. Work: Luke 10:27

**Grade 4:** It was great to meet so many parents on Friday night. Our first two weeks here have been awesome and

today we have been blessed to start a new week. This week we will continue to study Owls in the Family for literature. In math, we will be completing our unit on math patterns and begin a unit on whole numbers.

Friday -Spelling Test for Lesson 3

**Grade 4/5:** Welcome to a brand new week of learning grade 4/5! It was awesome to see sooo many of you on Friday night. It was an amazing night. On Friday, we will be celebrating the colour RED with our JK buddies. Please wear as much red as you can and we will have lots of fun with our JK buddies!!

Monday - Derek; - Phys. Ed.

Tuesday - Julia L.; - Music

Wednesday - Alyssa  
- Library: remember your books

Thursday - Abby; - Pizza Lunch  
- Bible Test: unit 2; - Music  
- Phys. Ed.: bring your gym clothes

Friday - Julia B.  
- Cross Country team runs in Stratford!!  
- Memory work: Jeremiah 31:33-34  
- Spelling test: lesson 3  
- Red Day with our JK buddies: wear red!!

Monday - no school. ENJOY!!

Tuesday - Naomi; - Music

**Grade 5/6:** It was great to meet many of you, parents, on Friday at the dessert social! I am still in need of a few questionnaires.

Thursday - Math Test: Unit 1 (Gr. 6)

Friday - Memory Work: Categories & Books of the Bible  
- Spelling Test: Unit 3 (Gr. 6)

Sept. 30 - Book report

**Grade 7:** "Passion for Jesus...Compassion for Others"

Monday - Gym: some students have been forgetting their gym strip especially on Mondays

Tuesday - Math Quiz: rounding, multiplying, estimating

Wednesday - Gym  
- History Quiz: Barbarians, Augustine and Development of church

Thursday - Science Quiz: Mammals and Birds

Friday - Memory Work: Philippians 2: 1-4  
- Spelling Test Unit 3

Next Mon. - No School

Next Tues. - Insect project due

Next Thurs. - Book for Book Report due (AR)

**Grade 8:** It was good to chat with so many parents and students at the Welcome/Dessert evening on Friday! We have another full week ahead of us! Keep reading, as the

date for your first AR quiz is approaching. Watch for a letter and order form to come home re: baked goods fundraising for the end-of-year trip.

Tuesday - History quiz: First Nations info & map  
- Music, Library

Wednesday - Phys Ed. Remember your gym strip.

Thursday - Math quiz, Music

Friday - Spelling Test, Mem Wk: Matthew 5:6-11

Next Mon. - PA Day, No school

Tuesday(27) - Music, Library, Poem (personification) Due

Wed. (28<sup>th</sup>) - Baked goods orders are due

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Sept. 20 JKCS Board Meeting
- Sept. 22 Pizza Day; Staff Meeting
- Sept. 23 Cross Country Meet
- Sept. 26 Curriculum Review Day\*
- Sept. 28 Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 29 School Pictures: JK - Gr.8
- Oct. 3 Chocolate Sale Begins  
Gr.7 Immunizations; Gr.8 Girls
- Oct. 4 Soccer Tournament
- Oct. 6 Sub Day; Staff Meeting
- Oct. 7 Thanksgiving Assembly 8:30  
Interim Reports
- Oct. 10 Thanksgiving Day\*

**SONG OF THE MONTH:** Love the Lord  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and  
all your soul and all your mind  
and love all mankind as you love yourself and...

Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and all your soul and mind and love all mankind

We've got Christian lives to live. We've got Jesus' love to give.

We've got nothing to hide because in him we abide.

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