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Newsletter of the John Knox Christian School Society, Woodstock, Ontario

September 2011

Upcoming Events

Sept. 6 Welcome Assembly - 9 a.m.
Sept. 7 Staff Meeting
Sept. 10 JKCS Golf Tournament
Sept. 16 Welcome Evening
Sept. 17 Mom to Mom Sale
Sept. 20 JKCS Board Meeting
Sept. 22 Staff Meeting
Sept. 23 Cross Country Meet
Sept. 26 Curriculum Review Day*
Sept. 29 School Pictures: JK - Gr.8
Oct. 3 Chocolate Bar Campaign
Oct. 4 Soccer Tournament
Oct. 6 Staff Meeting
Oct. 7 Thanksgiving Assembly
 Interim Report Cards
Oct. 10 Thanksgiving Day*
Oct. 18 Board Meeting
Oct. 19 Staff Meeting
Oct. 26 Reformation Assembly
Oct. 27 & 28 OCSTA Convention**

* indicates no school

Our theme for 2011-12
**Passion for Jesus;
Compassion for
Others**

Our Mission:

John Knox Christian School provides Christ-centered quality elementary education for children of believers to equip them for a life of praise and service to God through committed and dedicated teachers, parents and supporting community.

Everyone is invited to
the Welcome Dessert Potluck
Friday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 pm - Class Visits (drop in)
7:30 - Prayer for School & Community
7:35 - 8:30 - Dessert Social

You are in for a treat. We invite you to join us for an evening to welcome students and parent back to class. As a change this year we will be having a scrumptious dessert buffet, allowing more time to focus on class visits and fellowship.

The evening will start with a drop-in time for class visits, followed by a circle prayer to pray over the school, the students, staff and community. This will be done on the paved playground behind the school, or in the gym if it is raining.

The evening will conclude with a time of dessert and fellowship in the gym. We ask that each family bring along a favourite dessert to share. (Please pre-cut cakes and pies!).

We will provide plates, cutlery and drinks!

We look forward to a fun evening to kick off the 2011-2012 school year!



It is a blessing for me to welcome back to JKCS.... Mr. Michael Meinema ! Mr. Meinema has been away for five months on sick leave, giving me the opportunity to walk in his shoes. What big shoes they are!!! I had no idea the work of a COO entailed so many responsibilities, and I have gained a new respect for the work he does. Thanks to all of you who have helped me in the interim- your encouragement, support, advice, patience and most of all your prayers have carried me through the past months.

I am thankful that Mr. Meinema feels well enough to resume his task again as leader of JKCS. Please pray for complete healing of his back and for a blessing on the work he has been called to do at JKCS.

Mrs. Bernice Huinink-Butter, Vice-Principal

John Knox Christian School Seventh Annual Golf Tournament

Date: Saturday September 10th (Rain or Shine)

Location: Mount Elgin Golf Club

Time: Shotgun start at **8:00 a.m.**

(Driving Range Balls Free before start)

Format: Texas Scramble (Best ball)

Hole-'N-One Prizes - \$5,000.00 vacation package!
2011 New Ford Mustang 2 year lease!

**Cost includes: 18 holes of Golf, Power Cart,
Golf Prize, Full Beef or Chicken Dinner.
\$150.00 per person, \$100.00 for students.
Partial tax receipt will be issued.**

**Putting Contest before the tournament!
Register yourself or as a foursome before
September 1st by calling:**

Bob Dieleman – 537-5584

Adam Martin 485-7897

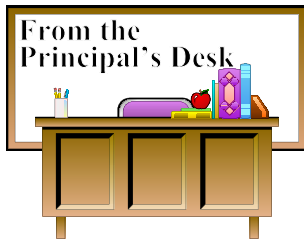
Steve Booy – 421-2313

Clarence Markus – 423-6349

Bill Barneveld 456-1727



Anyone wishing to sponsor a hole or volunteer for this day please call us!
We also need an official photographer for this event – please give us a call!



I am back at the principal's desk, and I am so happy to be here; I really missed this place! I have endured a painful and difficult five months away from JKCS, but I am doing much better now, and I am so thankful for healing. So far, what really made a difference in my recovery was receiving Cortisone shots into my lower back. Cortisone is a natural hormone produced in the adrenal cortex, and when our bodies experience "stress" or "crisis", cortisone is released into the bloodstream to send in some aid to allow the body to experience some relief to allow the body to heal properly. In my situation, cortisone was intentionally injected at the site of injury to best allow my body to heal.

I found our Christian community to be similar to that of cortisone! In March, I endured an excruciating back injury, and my life in many ways came to a halt. Suddenly, the community around me realized the severity of this crisis, and people flocked in to my aid. Firstly, Bernice Huinink-Buiter agreed to take on the role of Acting Principal. I know that this was difficult for her, but none-the-less, she was there when I needed her most, and I am truly grateful and humbled by her willingness to lead JKCS in my absence. Lesa Racicot also jumped in to aid in taking on most of Bernice's classroom teaching to allow Bernice to take on the principal position. She took over that classroom without a moment's hesitation, and for that I am also truly grateful. Throughout my time off, I received many cards from the staff and students, well wishes, emails and notes encouraging me to get better; I loved each and every one of these! Some staff provided meals for our family, just to alleviate some of the

stress that was put onto my wife Marcella, who also jumped into the situation with grace and love, to allow me to heal. Much like a body receiving cortisone to allow for some relief in critical moments, the Christian community of our school rushed in to ensure that JKCS continued to serve families well, and they rushed to my side in my time of need. I am humbled by the outpouring of love and concern I have received, and I am honoured to be a part of such a wonderful community.

For the past five months, I have personally seen our school community already living out the theme which our staff has chosen to focus on for the 2011-2012 school year. The new theme is "Passion for Jesus; Compassion for others". Matthew 22:37-39 says we are to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" We have been called to be passionate for our God, and this is something we focus on in our teaching at John Knox Christian School. Students receive excellent academics at JKCS, and all of it teaches that we are to love God with all that we have. We also teach students to be compassionate towards others by loving others as ourselves. We are created in the image of God, and Christ set an incredible example of how to have passion for the Lord in order that we can share it with others by extending His love. This year, we remain excited about teaching the students of John Knox Christian School how to be passionate for Jesus and how to find umpteen ways to extend compassion to others! As we enter into the new year, the staff of JKCS remains committed to the families and students of our school; we are passionate for Jesus while showing compassion for all of John Knox Christian School, and anything and everyone this school comes into contact with!

M. Meinema

WELCOME

John Knox Christian School is welcoming students back to school for the fifty-third year.

An **OPENING ASSEMBLY**

is scheduled for

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

at 9:00 a.m.

Please join us, the students and staff of John Knox Christian School as we celebrate the goodness of God.

BOARD NEWS



The Board

met on August 16th to review plans for the upcoming school year. It was decided that this year's Board retreat focus on Board training. A guest from the Ontario Alliance of Christian School will be asked to speak at the Fall Membership Meeting on the COO model of management currently being used and JKCS.

The Property Committee Yearly Report was reviewed. Highlights included a long list of repairs and updates they have completed over the past year. The Property committee has received 3 quotes for new playground equipment. A request was made and a motion passed to provide funds for new window blinds before the start of school in September.

Mrs. Huinink-Buiter presented the Principal's Report and confirmed that Mr. Meinema will be returning to full COO duties on September 1. Current enrolment at the time of the meeting was at 187 students with potential for several more. A motion was passed to allow the Administration Team to make the decision regarding when to hire a 50% time grade 4 teacher.

The Board then reviewed information from last spring's town hall

JOHN KNOX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson: Mr. A. Renkema 519-475-4391; Vice-Chairman: Mr. Daryl Spyksma 519-421-1148

Treasurer: Mrs. P. Reyneveld 519-424-2526; Secretary: Mr. J. Paluska 519-424-3936; Vicar: Mr. G. Sikma 519-863-6965

Members at Large: Mr. M. Branderhorst 519-485-5688; Mrs. C. Duizer 519-467-0230; Mr. J. VanRooyen 519-539-6916

Mr. J. DeWeerd 519-462-2657; Mrs. W. DeVries 519-467-0325; Mr. S. Haagsma 519-485-0766; Mr. J. Hickey 519-539-3599

MMMM... CHICKEN!!!

Due to the success of last year's chicken sales, we have decided once again to be offering chicken from Elmira Poultry this year. With 14 different varieties and forms of chicken to choose from, there is bound to be something for everyone.

For every box sold, the school makes \$5. Last year we were able to raise close to \$1500 from 3 orders alone! Please note that although "sell sheets" are attached to these order forms, please do not feel like we are asking you to go door to door to sell these products. We are simply asking you to consider purchasing through John Knox what you would normally purchase at the grocery store. If you do feel like getting a few extra orders, that would be a bonus!

Please return your orders, accompanied by payment no later than Monday, September 19th.

Orders will be available for pickup on Friday, October 7th between 3 and 4 pm. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up at that time.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-539-7839 or jmsol@rogers.com.



meeting. The Board Members were encouraged to take the discussion to their respective committees.

We then reviewed and accepted an updated job description for the Transportation Coordinator position.

We reviewed the Transportation Committee minutes and passed a motion to add a 6th bus run for the upcoming school year. The Board was updated on the purchase of 2 new buses for the coming school year. The 2 new buses are needed due to 1 of the existing buses not passing the CVOR inspection and the addition of another bus run for the coming school year. An additional driver will be hired to cover this run. A second motion was passed to raise the yearly bus replacement from \$12,000 back to \$25,000 per year and the Transportation Committee was asked to put together a succession plan for future bus purchases.

Board Members were reminded of the New Parents evening on Sept. 1st and encouraged to attend.

J. Paluska

FINANCIAL UPDATE



This report is busy time of the year, with closing off the previous school year and beginning the new one.

I would like to stress the importance of the tuition payment agreements that we as families are asked to fill out and send back to the school with your payments. We thank all the families who have sent their forms in. We ask if you have not done so that you will consider this matter of importance.

We thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon JKCS. We ask for guidance and direction in everything we do.

Patti Reyneveld

GROCERY VOUCHER PROGRAM



VOLUNTEER Opportunity: Do you have about 4 hours/week to help run a valuable program at JKCS? We are looking for a volunteer to help out for one morning each week with the school's VOUCHER PROGRAM. If you'd like to find out how to help, please call the JKCS office at 519-539-1492.

The Voucher Program did well this past year, but we would love to see it expand. We encourage any of you not involved yet to stop in or give us a call and we will explain the program and help you get started. It is a great "painless" way to raise funds. You start by filling out the form attached to this InkLinks or come to the office to fill one out there. We have gift cards for all of

the local grocery stores and for many other retailers and restaurants. Once you have chosen which gift cards to purchase we take your payment of cash, cheque or debit (or you can arrange to pay by pre-authorized monthly payments!) You are then given the gift cards you have purchased and during that week or month use them to purchase your groceries, buy gas or give them as gifts. Just bring your cards with you when you go shopping and you can leave your credit cards and debits at home. It's also a great way to stay within your budget.

So how does purchasing gift cards benefit John Knox? We purchase them in volume and receive a discount. Every time you purchase \$100 worth of grocery gift cards, the school makes \$5. This really adds up when you consider how much you would spend over a year.

If you are involved already please consider explaining the program to your neighbour or parents or children and help them get started as well. Every little bit helps.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Book your tables now! It's time for the Fall MOM TO MOM SALE, Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m! If you have gently used children's and baby items you would like to sell please email jksmom2mom@yahoo.ca to reserve a table. You can SELL clothes, toys, baby and maternity items. Otherwise, mark your calendars to come out and shop for some great deals! You will find great deals on gently used children's and baby items!

JKCS VOUCHER PROGRAM ORDER FORM

Paid by: Cheque Cash Debit

Name _____

Rewards to: Your own tuition account

Other family: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

TAF JKCS

Store	% earned	Quantity	x	Value	=	Dollar Amount	Totals
Food Basics / A&P / Dominion / Ultra Food & Drug <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$50	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Zehrs / Loblaws / Independent <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$50	=		
			x	\$100	=		
			x	\$250	=		
IGA / Sobey's / Knechtel / Food Town / Price Chopper / Foodland (Vouchers are also available) <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$50	=		
			x	\$100	=		
M & M Meat Shops <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
Norwich Deli <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Boston Pizza — NEW! <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
Crabby Joes <i>Vouchers</i>	20.0%		x	\$10	=		
			x	\$25	=		
East Side Marios <i>Gift Cards</i>	8.0%		x	\$25	=		
Kelseys/Swiss Chalet/Montana's <i>Gift Cards</i>	4.0%		x	\$25	=		
Mr.Sub <i>Vouchers</i>	10.0%		x	\$5	=		
Tim Hortons <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$5	=		
			x	\$10	=		
			x	\$25	=		
Wendy's <i>Gift Cards</i>	3.0%		x	\$10	=		
Allen Lumber (Castle Building Centres) <i>Gift Cards</i>	10.0%		x	\$50	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Home Depot <i>Gift Cards</i>	1.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Home Hardware /Home Furniture Home Building Centre <i>Gift Cards</i>	4.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Turkstra Lumber <i>Vouchers</i>	2.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Canadian Tire (Store, Gas Bar, and Auto Repairs and you still receive Canadian Tire money!) <i>Gift Cards</i>	4.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Steve's Automotive Juliana Drive, Woodstock <i>Gift Cards</i>	8.0%		x	\$50	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Chapters / Coles / Indigo <i>Gift Cards</i>	10.0%		x	\$25	=		
Giant Tiger <i>Gift Cards</i>	3.5%		x	\$25	=		
Mark's Work Warehouse <i>Gift Cards</i>	7.0%		x	\$25	=		
Payless Shoe Stores <i>Gift Cards</i>	10.0%		x	\$25	=		
Sears — can be used for Catalogue, Store, On-line Travel & Home Improvement Purchases <i>Gift Cards</i>	3.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Shoppers Drug Mart (all Store Purchases & Prescriptions) <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Staples Business Depot <i>Gift Cards</i>	3.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Winners <i>Gift Cards</i>	8.0%		x	\$25	=		
Zellers /The Bay /Home Outfitters <i>Gift Cards</i>	3.5%		x	\$25	=		
Total Order Amount							\$

Dear Supporters:

This year marks the twelfth anniversary of the Campbell's Labels for Education program, and with your help, John Knox Christian School can make this year the best ever! The Labels for Education program is a great way to earn FREE merchandise for our school, and label collection and redemption is so easy.



Participation in the program is simple - save labels from eligible Campbell products and send them to the school. Products eligible for redemption in the program include:

- Campbell's condensed soups
- Campbell's Easy Cooking Sauces
- Campbell's Chunky soups and chilis
- Gardennay
- Campbell's Soup at Hand
- Campbell's Ready to Enjoy soups
- Healthy Request soups and microwavable bowls
- Prego sauce
- Campbell's Ready to Use broth
- Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers
- V8 beverages and soups
- Habitant soups
- Pace salsa
- Select Campbell's Foodservice Products qualify for redemption.

Let's amplify our efforts by asking friends and family to collect labels on behalf of our school! Don't forget to visit www.labelsforeducation.ca for a complete listing of eligible products and more information about the program.

Labels can be dropped off at the school or for your convenience you can put the labels in the mail boxes of the following people at their church:

Covenant CRC - Lucille Koopman
Ingersoll CRC - Linda Westerveld
Oxford Baptist - Margaret Schmor

Maranatha CRC - Helen Ysselstein
Bethel URC - Nancy DeWeerd

Thank you for your ongoing support.

ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS

All products are worth 1 point unless otherwise stated.



V8 / V8 Splash Beverage -
354 mL / 474 mL / 950 mL



Pace Salsa - 428 mL /
642 mL



Habitant - 227 mL /
398 mL / 796 mL



Gardennay - 500 mL / 1 L



Prego - 1.75 L



Ramen
(Hearty Noodles, Gatusso)



Soup at Hand - 284 mL



Chunky to Go Bowls -
420 mL



10oz / 284mL, 28oz /
796mL, 48oz / 1.36L
condensed soup



1.89L beverage or
vegetable cocktail



10 oz / 284 mL, 19oz /
540mL and 14oz / 425g
soup or chili



1.36 kg, 28g, 168g, 180g,
190g and 200g crackers



19oz / 540mL Ready to
Serve soup



500mL and 900mL
broth



375mL, 675mL
Prego



Campbell 's® Healthy
Request® Bowls – 420
ml

= 1 point

When you submit the labels:

* Be sure to include the UPC and front label. English UPC only.

* UPC only is required for *Pepperidge Farm*® products and *Campbell's*® Ready to Use Broths.

* All Labels are eligible if they are a Campbell's product – record beside
"other" and in the "note" field identify the product.