

# KNOX TALKS



Weekly Newsletter of  
John Knox Christian School

September 27, 2011

Free Advertising - Part 2

What a great start to the 2011-12 school year! We welcome 24 new families to our community!! With that, we are welcoming some new Church families as well! HOW EXCITING! I am thrilled with this years' 'numbers'!!

Our total number of students is 195 (with 4 more joining us around Christmas time). These children attend 34 different churches, and are part of 12 different denominations! Awesome!

We are able to reach deep into our Christian communities and share exciting events at JKCS! I have contacts for several churches, but I would like to reach all the churches! If you have an email address that you can provide me to share bulletin announcements, I will gladly add them to my list!

Also, I am asking you to commit to being ambassadors for your church. (Don't worry, it is not a huge time commitment.) It is my prayer that you all do this, but I am looking for a specific commitment from one family per church. Some duties will be:

- ~ checking to see if bulletin announcements are being shared
- ~ looking for opportunities to share with the church about our school
- ~ display and remove Christian Education posters
- ~ attend a meeting one fall evening (date to be determined)

PLEASE email [d\\_streutker@jkcs.on.ca](mailto:d_streutker@jkcs.on.ca) or call 519 539 1492 if you are willing to take on this very important role at your Church!

Dawn Streutker, Advancement Director.



Tuesday	- Daytn Racicot, Gr.4
Wednesday	- Miss Wierenga, Gr.2A Teacher
Thursday	- Olivia Symons, Gr.4
Sunday	- Leah Ireland, SK
	- Miss Linker, JK Teacher

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

**Piano to Give away:** call Jennifer Beimers 519-539-1373

**Scholastic** Book Orders are due Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**School Photos:** will be taken on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please send your photo envelopes to school before Thursday.

**Chicken Orders:** Thank you to those of you who placed an order for chicken this past week. Together, we were able to raise \$500 to put towards our fundraising goal. The orders will be available for pick up on Friday, October 7 between 3 and 4. Please make arrangements to have your order picked up at this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michelle Sol @ 519-539-7839 or [jmsol@rogers.com](mailto:jmsol@rogers.com).

**Terry Fox National School Run:** This Wednesday students from grades 3-8 will participate in the Terry Fox Run. We will be doing running activities along with 8500 schools across Canada. Please remember to collect pledges to help raise money for cancer research. It is encouraged to raise at least \$1.00 per family member. Let us show compassion for others in this special event.

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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 survey (sent home last week) 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).

**Boys Soccer:** Today we will have a practice after school until 5:00. Thursday--first recess practice. Also on Thursday, we will have a game at LDCSS versus London Christian. We will leave the school at 2:45 and arrive back at the school some time between 5:30 and 6:00. We still need one more driver for the game. Please let me know as soon as possible. if you are able to drive. Friday--first recess practice. Tuesday, Oct 4th Tournament in Clinton. Details to follow. Thanks, Mrs. Lammers

**Girls Soccer:** This is our last practice week before the tournament. We will have recess practices on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and an after school practice on Wednesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:50-5:00 pm, which will be held in the gym if it is rainy. We will be taking a bus to the Woodstock District Christian Schools soccer tournament in Clinton next Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for information coming home giving details about games and departure times for tournament day.

**Senior Boys Volleyball:** There will be a senior boys volleyball practice next Monday, October 3 from 4:00 to 5:00.

**Referee(s) Needed for Senior Boys Volleyball Games.** I am looking for a capable ref for senior boys volleyball home games. I am looking for either a parent that is interested or a high school student who has a good grasp of the fundamental rules of volleyball. If you are interested in refereeing our home games, please let me know as soon as possible. I can then let you know the dates of our home games. Thanks, G. Hiemstra ( [g\\_hiemstra@jkcs.on.ca](mailto:g_hiemstra@jkcs.on.ca) )

**Cross Country Results:** Last Friday 50 J.K.C.S students from grades 3-8 participated in the Christian School's Cross Country Meet in Stratford. We did very well and came back with the runner-up banner. Congratulations! A big thank you to Mr. Dieleman for coaching us. We'd like to recognize the students who placed in the top ten.

Grade 3+4 (1km) - Adrienne Koops - 1<sup>st</sup>, Henny deVries - 7<sup>th</sup> ; - Joel Paluska - 4<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Hickey - 9<sup>th</sup>

Grade 5+6 (2km) - Esther deVries - 6<sup>th</sup>; - Benjamin Hickey - 1<sup>st</sup>, Luke Bakker - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jonathan VanderSpek - 6<sup>th</sup>

Grade 7+8 (3km) - Brianne Little - 3<sup>rd</sup>; - Justin Vandendool - 9<sup>th</sup>

**Student Praise Team:** We are still looking to build our student praise team program. 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!

**Chocolate Bar Campaign:** It is time for our Annual Chocolate Bar Sales Campaign! Next week Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, chocolate bars will be coming home with the **oldest** child in the family. Families with students in Grades 1-8 will be bringing home 2 suitcases (60 bars) of chocolate bars. Families with students in only JK or SK will bring home 1 suitcase (30 bars). Each chocolate bar sells for \$2.00. **If** you want to take either more or less chocolate, please fill out the form below and return it to school this week. If you choose to not sell chocolate bars this year, we ask that you donate \$25.00 to our Student Fund.

The Campaign will run from October 3<sup>rd</sup> until October 28<sup>th</sup>. This annual campaign, which is run by our Students' Council, raises funds for such things as classroom magazines, special student service activities, assembly expenses, academic contests, electives expenses, trophies, and it also subsidizes our class trips. It is our only whole-school fund raiser that is specifically for the benefit of the JKCS student body. We are hoping you will participate in this campaign.

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☉ (Families with Students from Grades 1-8)

We would like to bring home **more/less** than 60 chocolate bars. Please send home \_\_\_\_\_ bars.

☉ (Families with Students only in JK or SK)

We would like to bring home **more/less** than 30 chocolate bars. Please send home \_\_\_\_\_ bars.

☉ We prefer to donate \$25 to the Student Fund rather than participate in the chocolate bar campaign this year.

(Please enclose a cheque to JKCS Student Fund)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JKCS Board Retreat:** This past Saturday (September 24th), the board of directors of John Knox Christian School gathered together for a board retreat. We met with two directors from the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, who led us through four separate board leadership development workshops. This was a great opportunity for the board of JKCS to gather together, to learn more about the governance structure of our school, and to best be prepared to lead the school into the future! Our school is very committed to learning and growth, and I don't just mean of our students! Our staff regularly engages in professional development opportunities in order to ensure we have the best teachers possible teaching your children. Likewise, the board of our school wants to provide the best leadership it can, so this professional development opportunity was a great way for our board to grow closer together while also growing in knowledge and wisdom!  
Michael J. Meinema: Principal and COO

**Cross Country:** Our next event is the Separate School's Meet on Mon. Oct. 3rd. It will be held at Regina Mundi College in London. Grades 4-8 will participate in this one. We will have a practice with Mr. Dieleman Thursday after school, Friday at second recess, and Saturday at Roth Park, Woodstock at 11am for those who are interested. Meet at the pavillion. Any questions, contact Mrs. Hickey.

**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@jks.on.ca](mailto:principal@jks.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@jks.on.ca](mailto:principal@jks.on.ca)

**Great Wolf Lodge, Niagara Falls, 2011:** 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.

**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!

**Business Advertising:** I have advertising spaces available on the colour edition of the Community Link, this is sent out to various locations around Woodstock and area! First come first served!! Please contact me as soon as possible for your spot!!! Deadline is Thursday!!! [d\\_streutker@jks.on.ca](mailto:d_streutker@jks.on.ca)

**Junior Kindergarten:** We had a fabulous time celebrating Red Day with our Grade 4/5 buddies on Friday! It was great to see all the red in one classroom! Next week Thursday (October 6th) we're planning a field trip to Birch Farms; information and forms are coming home tonight. Please return those as soon as possible! Thanks! Have a great week.  
Tuesday - Library Day; Show & Share (something round)  
Thursday - Picture Day!  
Friday - Buddy reading day

**Senior Kindergarten:** Welcome to a new week. We will go on our class trip this Thursday. Watch for an email. Please bring in your picture forms for picture taking on Thursday. On Friday, bring in your name made fancy and decorated for show and tell. Please return class books to school the next SK day so others

can enjoy them. Have a great week!

**Grade 1:** The Grade 1 newsletter will be available on email today. Thursday is picture day!

**Grade 2:** Welcome back for another week of school. Hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend. Congratulations to Grace who celebrated a birthday this past Sunday!

2A: We have been working hard at preparing our reader's theatres and this week we get to finally present them to our buddy class and the grade 2Bs. We are very excited to show them what we have been working on. Once again, the spelling tests last week were very well done. Our new list will be going home with your child today. Next month we will be starting our show and share schedule.

2B: Hi parents! It's hard to believe the first month of school is almost over. Just a reminder that memory work is due by the end of this week and reading calendars are due next Monday.

Spelling lists were sent home last Friday; thanks for helping your child review their words. Show & Share this week: Free choice. Tuesday - Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Scholastic orders due; - Library

Thursday - Phys. Ed.; - Smile. It's Picture Day!

Friday - Spelling test; - Final day to say Sept. mem. work

Monday - Please return September reading calendars

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a new week. Congratulations to all the students who ran cross country last Friday. You all did a great job. Please bring a variety of leaves to school if you haven't done so already.

Tuesday - Library; - Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Terry Fox School Run (Bring in pledge money)

Thursday - Class Picture

Friday - Spelling Test: Week 3; - Phys. Ed.

- Mem. Work: Psalm 119: 9-11

**Grade 4:** I hope you all enjoyed your long weekend. This week will be getting very close to finishing our novel study Owls in the Family. In Math, we will continue to work with whole numbers.

Friday - Spelling Test Lesson 4

**Grade 4/5:** Welcome to a short week of school grades 4 and 5!! I hope you all relaxed and enjoyed your long weekend. Grade 4 and 5's, remember to bring the money you collected for the Terry Fox Run to school on Wednesday. Remember your goal was \$1 for each person in your family. School picture day is on Thursday, so please return your form by Thursday!! Jesus tells us to: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and Love your neighbour as yourself!" Maybe this always be what we strive for!

Tuesday - Naomi; - Music  
- Happy birthday Daytn!

Wednesday - Katie; - Library: remember your books  
- Terry Fox Run: remember your monies

Thursday - Josiah; - Picture Day  
- Happy birthday Olivia! - Music  
- Phys. Ed.: bring your clothes

Friday - Charis; - Spelling test: lesson 4  
- Memory Work: Luke 10:27  
- Buddy Activities

Monday - Emma; - Phys. Ed.: bring your clothes

**Grade 5/6:**

Wednesday - French Vocab quiz on words from the unit.  
- Terry Fox run (please bring in donations!)

Thursday - Math Quiz on standard form, expanded form, and place value

Friday - Memory Work: Colossians 3:12-13  
- Spelling Test: Unit 4; - Book Report due

Next Wed. - Grammar Quiz: Nouns and capitals

**Grade 7:** God's blessing to each of you as you use your talents for Him. The students will be doing more activities about the

upcoming provincial election this week and Ernie Hardeman will be coming in on Wednesday to speak us. Our student vote election will be held on October 5.

Tuesday - Insect Project Due

Wednesday - Speaker: Ernie Hardeman  
- French Quiz on vocab words (Mots Cles)  
- Terry Fox Run

Thursday - History Quiz: Charlemagne  
- Math Quiz: Division and Multiplication  
- Picture Taking: bring in your envelopes

Friday - Science Test: Vertebrates  
- Spelling Test Lesson 4; - AR Book due  
- Memory Work: Philippians 2: 1-6

**Grade 8:** Welcome to the first full week of autumn. We thank God for the beauty in creation that we are able to experience. Next week Friday, (October 7th) we will begin one of our community involvement projects. We will be joining senior residents at Caressant Care Retirement Home for social activities. Visits are the first Friday of each month (2:15- 3:15). If it is fair weather, we will be walking, or driving if the weather is rainy. Parent volunteers are welcome for Friday's field trip and for sorting baked goods next Friday!

Tuesday - Poems due; - Music, Concert Band

Wednesday - Special guest: Ernie Hardeman  
- French Pop quiz! - Terry Fox Run  
- Phys Ed; - BAKED GOODS ORDERS DUE

Thursday - Music; Library; History quiz: Explorers

Friday - Math quiz: Order of Operations  
- Mem Wk: Song of the Month  
- Deciduous biome field trip. Bring a camera.  
- AR Reading is due

Monday - Cross Country Meet; Phys Ed

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Sept. 28 Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 29 School Pictures: JK - Gr.8
- 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; 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.

Title: Love the Lord; Words & Music by: Mona Bagasao Crane  
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