

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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September 2, 2008

Theme: "Living in the Light"

Living in the Light: Welcome back, one and all to a new school year! May God bless us this year. Our theme for the new school year is based on 2 Corinthians 4:6. The staff intends to encourage students to walk in the light of Christ. We're excited that this theme offers us many positive ways to build good relationships, to give meaningful effort, and to reflect the love and forgiveness of our Savior.



Welcome: We welcome our new families to JKCS this year. Don and Michelle Davidson and Heather Cassidy have joined our school community this year. Don and Michelle have a son, Peter, who has entered gr. 8 and Heather has a daughter, Sydney, who has entered gr. 7. We welcome Peter and Sydney and their parents; may God bless you richly through your presence at JKCS.

Kick-Off Barbecue: (See attached flyer) While the weather is still hot, the Promotions Committee at John Knox Christian School is getting ready to cook up some fun with our annual **BEGINNING OF SCHOOL KICKOFF BARBECUE. THIS FRIDAY** Everyone - kids, moms and



dads, grandmas and grandpas, neighbours and friends - is invited to come out to JKCS at 6pm for dinner of beef or pork on a bun, hotdogs, beans, coffee and juice. Bring along a dessert to share and

your lawnchair and come get reacquainted with the people in your school community! Devotions start at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Handouts: Inside the family packages are two very important sheets. The Student Information form (with initial form on backside) and the Authorization form need to be signed and brought back to the school office. Please return them in your family envelope that they came in. The Student Information sheets are the updated forms from last year so please review and make any changes necessary as well as initial and sign the back. These forms must be handed back to the office in order for your child(ren) to participate in school events. Please hand them in this week.

Student Planners: Every student has received a Bible League planner. Students in grades 1-8 are asked to bring in \$3 each to help cover the cost. Thank you.

Student Insurance: You will also receive an insurance information package. These are made available every year in case parents wish to purchase additional insurance for their child.

Apology: We apologize for not having the Knox Talks out yesterday due to difficulties with our photocopier and we apologize for any inconvenience it has caused.

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Safe Arrival and Pickup: Please notify the school in writing or by a phone call if your child will be late or absent. Similarly, if your student is being picked up, please write a note or phone the office. If you designate someone else to pick up your child, please let the school know who and that you grant permission to do so. This is simply to ensure student safety.



Meetings This Week:

Ed. Committee: Wed., Sept. 3 @ 7:30

Board of Directors: Thurs., Sept. 4 @ 7:30

From JKCS Helping Hands Committee:

Fair and Pies: It is Wyoming fall fair time, and with that comes pie and tart making. Helping Hands committee is looking for donations. We need raisins, brown sugar and corn syrup. We are also looking for helpers. If you are able to help in any way please contact one of our members.

Gala Dinner: September 27, 2008 is the date set for the LDCSS (London District Christian Secondary School) Lambton county chapter's* fourth *annual fundraising gala dinner!* So mark it down on your calendar and plan to come out for an evening of delicious food, great conversation, and wonderful entertainment all while seated in fabulously decorated surroundings. Invitations are available at the school office. Reservations are required and seating is limited so call Pam Botma today at 519-899-2611. **The Lambton County chapter consists of a group of people dedicated to providing transportation for high school students to attend London District Christian Secondary School.*

Grass Cutting Schedule This Week

Front/West Area -John & Margot Wagenaar
Back/East Area - John & Sandra Benjamins

KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson

Welcome to KinderStart for a new school year. Each student will be bringing home a new student planner today. Please check the inside pocket for some back to school information. A September calendar will be coming home on Thursday. Check the calendar for information regarding Memory Work, Bible, Phonics, and Socials.

Homework: It's very important that the students are able to properly print their name. Some of the students would benefit from some extra work on this at home. The student planner is an excellent place to practice, particularly on the unused August pages.

Reminder: Please sign and return the 3 magazine order forms even if you do not wish to subscribe. Our class will earn some much needed stickers by returning these forms.

Please Bring: Each student should have an extra pair of socks, underwear and pants in their backpacks.

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Bible: Tues: Creation - Day 1-3

Wed: Creation - Day 4-7

Thurs: Adam and Eve

*Please check your child's Student Planner for an information letter regarding the Gr. 1/2 classroom.

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

A hearty welcome to our brand new grade three and four class! We are looking forward to working with you and getting to know you well! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to continue to learn some new and interesting things. Our theme this year is "Living in the Light". We will discover more about this theme and what it means for us as we work with it this year.

Mrs. Noorloos:

Magazines: If you are interested in receiving "Highlights" or "Puzzlemania" magazines at home, please fill in the forms and return them to school as soon as possible. If you do not wish to receive these magazines we ask that you check off "no" and simply

sign the form and send it back to school. We receive free gifts for the class depending on the number of forms returned. Thank you!



would be appreciated! Thanks!

Memory Work: Theme verse: 2 Corinthians 4:6 due Friday, Sept. 5.

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier: Welcome back!

Mr. Boersma:

Memory Verses will begin next week.

Bible: Our first assigned paragraph will be given on Wednesday and completed by Friday.

Upcoming Events:

SEPT 5 - Kick-Off Barbecue at 6:00

SEPT 12 - SK begins every other Friday

SEPT 16 - Terry Fox Assembly

SEPT 18 - Oofy Olympics

SEPT 24 - Prayer Around the Flagpole

Math: We will be working with a new math curriculum this year called "Math to the Max". There are six different strands to this curriculum. The first strand that we will work on in both gr. 3 and 4 will be number operations. We will also be getting into "mad-minutes"!

Current Events: Students will be asked to bring in a news item to share with the class. Please be sure the articles are appropriate to share with a grade three and four class. Current events will be on Tues. and Wed. morning beginning next week.

Social Studies: We will begin a unit called, *The Trees of the Field*. We will examine each detailed part of the tree and its necessary life-giving function. After we have explored the overall design of trees, we will then focus on the trees of Ontario. Each student will be asked to do a home project on one of the trees native to our province. Details of this project will be sent home in a few weeks.

Mrs. Tamming: Welcome back!

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Miss Rekman

Welcome back grade 5/6! How exciting it is to begin the new school year.

Gym: Gym will occur on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Students are asked to have a change of clothes and appropriate running shoes. During September we will be focusing on soccer and running.

Science: Our first unit of study is Weather. As we explore the causes and types of weather, we will be making some weather measuring tools. If you could save from your recycling styrofoam trays, tin plates, and large glass jars, and send them along to school it