

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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September 29, 2008

Theme: "Living in the Light"

Living in the Light: *Week Five:* How should we live as Christians? Paul encourages us to "live as children of the light..." in Ephesians 5:8b. He goes on to specify that goodness, righteousness, and truth are the fruits of the light. By contrast, Paul warns us away from the "fruitless deeds of darkness". Bearing fruit indicates life and suggests sharing and giving; "fruitless deeds" reflect actions that have no useful result, no life, and no future. Light serves us as a guide and a powerful reminder that God is life. Fruit brings nourishment and health; fruit provides seeds for future growth. Our purpose remains clear: "Live as children of the light ... and find out what pleases the Lord." As a Christian school, we seek to discover what pleases God as we shine his light on creation, on knowledge, and on our relationships.

Soccer - Our soccer teams are in action today at the annual Chatham District Christian Schools tournament. This year the games take place in Oil City. Mrs. Korvemaker is coaching the boys' team and Miss Rekman is supervising the coed team.

Parent Handbook: The 2008 - 2009 JKCS Parent Handbook will be sent home via "backpack express" later this week. If you do not have one by Friday, please let the school know.

The Beacon: Our newsletter will be available this weekend. *The Beacon* is the JKCS monthly summary of school news and events; it also offers information

about upcoming events. It serves as a good way for school supporters and society members to keep up with happenings at our school. It is also a good resource for those less familiar with the school, or those simply interested or curious about a Christian school. If you know someone who would like to receive *The Beacon*, please contact the school and let Mrs. Bydeley know.

Education Committee: The education committee of John Knox Christian School meets this Wednesday at 7:30. Please preview the information in your committee package. (*Due to Mrs. Bydeley's absence, packages may not be sent home until Tuesday.*)

Cross Country Team: Our runners have been busy training. Students are running three times a week at school during lunch hours. It is a good idea to do some additional running at home on Wednesdays and Fridays. The senior students will be joining the practice sessions this week. Please make sure that all runners have suitable running shoes and light training pants or shorts to run in. We will do the majority of our training running around the back area of the school. Once a week we will run to the bush. This allows the older runners to encourage the younger runners. We have two meets scheduled; October 9 in Petrolia and October 21 in Sarnia.

Handouts: We are still missing a few Student Information sheets and Authorization form. If you still

have one that needs to be handed in, please do so within the next couple of days. A phone call will be made shortly after if we don't receive it. School events are beginning to take place and in order for your child(ren) to participate, these forms *have* to be handed in to the office with the correct information filled out.

Student Planners: Thank you to all the students who have brought in their \$3 so far. Some students have not yet handed in their money to the office. Please do so this week.

Voucher Committee: Grocery vouchers are on sale every Thursday from 1-2:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room. We encourage each family to take full advantage of this great way to save on your tuition costs at no expense to you and raise money for JKCS. Attached please find a yellow slip detailing the available vouchers; they include a full range of grocery stores as well as Canadian Tire and Tim Hortons. You can send and receive orders via "backpack express" but please advise the office and complete a waiver form.



Golf Tournament: The John Knox Christian Golf Tournament is being held on Saturday, October 4 at 8:30 a.m. Please get your team together and sign up early. We would like to know how many golfers there are. Also, just to verify a few questions, if you sponsor a hole, 100% of your donation goes to the school. Call Deb DeBoer at 519 882 3561 for more information.

Thank you, *The Golf Committee*

From JKCS Helping Hands Committee:

Fair and Pies: Helping Hands Committee wants to thank you all for your support with all of the pies and tarts that were made for the fair. Now that the fair is over we have some left overs. If you are interested give Jen VanRooyen a call at 519-786-4082. There are 14 cherry



and 14 blueberry. They are \$6 each because they are already frozen. Thanks again.

Helping Hands: The committee meets tonight at the school at 8:00 pm. If you cannot make it please call Tara Boelens at 519 845 0260.

Food Processor for Sale: Do you need a good used food processor? The meat pie committee has one for sale. For more information please phone Diana Schenk @ 845-3208 or Gertie Krale @ 882-2421.

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.



Happy Birthday

Philip K..

October 2

Gr. 8



Upcoming Events:

SEPT 29 - Soccer Tournament in Chatham

OCTOBER 9 - Optimist Cross Country Meet in Petrolia

OCTOBER 13 - Thanksgiving Day - no school

OCTOBER 21 - Cross Country Meet in Sarnia

OCTOBER 23-4 - PD Days - OCSTA Convention

KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson

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Memory Work: Genesis 28: 15

Bible: Abraham

Thursday Snack: Ethan K.

Handwriting Without Tears:

JK: Vertical and horizontal lines.

SK: P and B.



GRADE THREE AND FOUR

Welcome as we move into the month of October this week!

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is from Psalm 119: 129,130 (NIV) and learn the Old Testament books that belong to the "poetry" section of the Bible. They are Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs for Friday Oct. 3.

Bible: We will be taking in an overall view of the books of Judges and the book of Ruth. We will do some review for our unit test which will be for next Tuesday Oct. 7.

Math: Gr. 3 is working on rounding numbers to the nearest ten and the nearest hundred and estimating whether a given answer would be correct. Review your subtraction facts for your "mad-minutes". Gr. 4 is working with multiplication as well as some division problems. Practice your six and seven timetables at home.

Current Events: Tues.: Emily W., Devyn Z. ; Wed.: Hannah K., Brady M.

Social Studies: This week you will be given your "Tree Project" assignment! The project is due Monday Oct. 27. If you are able to complete the project before the 27th you are welcome to hand it in early. Complete all the sections and be sure to pace yourself carefully so that it will not overwhelm you in the end. Enjoy, before all the leaves fall off the trees!

Mrs. Tamming:

Spelling: Lesson 4 is due by Thursday, test on Friday.

Gr. 3: **rocket, pocket, hold, told, often, grow, throne, sew, most, almost, both, coach, open, also.**

Gr. 4: **smiled, died, hike, life, might, right, child, hiding, kind, mind, price, pipe, highway, fright, sigh, sight, climb, sign, style, guide.**

Cross Country: Do not forget to practise running at home.

French: We are currently learning the names of different classroom objects and using *un, une* or *des*. Example: *C'est une gomme. C'est des pupitres.*

Socials: We are beginning a new unit, "Awesome Autumn". Students are encouraged to bring in a sign of autumn to show the class.

Looking Ahead: The October calendar will be coming home on Tuesday.

Class Trip: On Friday morning, October 10, the grade Senior KinderStart class will team up with the grade 1/2 class and visit the Moore Museum to participate in the "Apples" programme. We are looking for two volunteers to drive and chaperone for that morning. If you would like to join us, please call and let me know. * A reminder: Students that require a booster seat must bring them to school that day. The cost for the programme is \$2.50. Please have students bring that to school before next Friday.

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: Psalm 118:1 - "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever."

Bible: Mon: Abram and Lot

Tues: Waiting for the Promised Heir

Thurs: The Birth of Ishmael

Spelling Words: Gr. 2 - **pit, split, drift, shift, slick, brick, pink, think, thing, spring.**

Special Child: This week - *Katelyn VanRooyen*
Oct. 6 - Oct. 17 - *Aaron Noorloos*

Student Reader: This Friday - Aiden
Next Friday - Katelyn

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Thanksgiving Chapel: Check your child's student planner for a note regarding our Thanksgiving Chapel on Thursday, October 9.

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Miss Rekman

Bible: This week we will be looking at Genesis 3 - 4: The Fall into Sin and the story of Cain and Abel.

Memory Work: Psalm 105: 1-5

Math: Math tests from our last unit were graded and sent home last week. Overall the class did really well.

Spelling: Work due and dictation on Lesson 4 on Friday, October 3.

History Fair: About two weeks ago, students received an information packet for the fair. This Friday, October 3rd is the first due date. Students need to submit their topic as well as a list of five resources. A sheet was sent home on Friday concerning this. Another sheet was also sent home with a list of web resources and sites that will serve as a good starting point for internet research.

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Spelling: Unit 4 for Wednesday.

Literature: We've completed the first two chapters of The Hobbit. Students should be ready at any time for a pop quiz. A quiz on chapters one through three will be given on Thursday.

Geography: Map quizzes will be returned tomorrow. Grade eight did an excellent job - the class average was 88%! The results for grade seven were not so stellar; a class average of 65% indicates that almost all students need to pick up in homework and study habits. As a result, the ever "popular" *Geography Study Club* will reconvene tomorrow morning at recess. The quiz will be given again Wednesday at lunch to its esteemed members. Continued membership (which comes with recess time study privileges) only requires that members get less than 75% on this next quiz. Please check with your child to see if he/she is a member of the Club.

Vocabulary: A quiz was returned last week. Many did very well, but some students need to be reminded to take their work more seriously.

Battle of the Books: Our first battle is scheduled for the last Monday in October. A book summary of at least one book will be required for each student, due the Thursday before the Battle. Students have

been given the format for this; it will be reviewed in class in the near future. Please encourage your child in this - not only will they be helping out their team, they will also be improving reading, vocabulary, writing, and comprehension skills which translate to better performance in all subject areas!

Mr. Boersma:

Organization: Effective organization has been identified as a key to success for upper elementary school students. Organization has many components in school work. I would like to mention just two for now.

1) Good use of the student planner is helpful. Students are expected to write down the homework they have, the amount of time they should spend on it and work out the order in which the work could be done (eg. hardest to easiest or vice versa).

2) Students should double check to make sure they have all the necessary books, binders, notebooks, and tools. (There is a daily checklist available to students if they wish to use it).

The same stress on organization is necessary at home and particularly when loading the bookbag for the return to school.

Memory Work:: Matthew 5: 1 - 5. Please know for Friday.

Bible: This week we will do some daily writing in a Bible "journal". Before studying the early church and Paul's travels, it is useful to review Christ's key teachings. This week we are taking a closer look at the Sermon on the Mount.

Math: Students are encouraged to keep up on the daily math work - so far, the effort has been passable, but some students do need to be more organized in showing their work and in being thorough.

Science: We begin a new unit this week on solutions. On Friday, there will be a quiz on the key terms connected to this study.

History: The preliminary outline of the History Fair project is due on Tuesday.

Phys. Ed. Students are reminded that we have gym classes every Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure you bring proper running shoes, shorts and t-shirts (or sweat pants and top).