

# JKCS KNOX TALKS



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October 6, 2008

## Theme: "Living in the Light"



**Living in the Light:** *Week Six:* The analogy of light and Christ is a well-known one. However, even the Old Testament writers relied on the light metaphor.

The "pillar of light" that guided the wandering Israelites in the

desert comes to mind. David, the psalmist, also uses the comparison: "The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?" he asks in Psalm 27. Among other things it illustrates that God is light and that light is a powerful force. We walk in that power when we live in the eternal light fueled by God's undying love. It is a light more powerful than darkness because it is a love greater than power. No wonder David asks, "...whom shall I fear?"

**Soccer Tournament:** Our soccer teams gave a very good account of themselves at last Monday's Christian Schools' Tournament in Oil City. Both teams took home the Consolation pennant. The coed team gave a spirited effort directed by Miss Rekman. The boys' team did extremely well losing out to Windsor Maranatha (a much larger school) by only one goal. Well done, boys and thanks to Mrs. Shelley Korve-maker for being a wonderful coach.

**History Fair:** We have had to move the date of our History Fair to Thursday, November 6 to accommodate grade 8 day for one of the high schools. Please keep that date open to come and enjoy some crea-

tive and interesting student work focusing on history.

**Thanksgiving Chapel:** The Gr. 1/2 class invites you to join us as we host Thanksgiving Chapel, this Thursday, October 9 at 9:00 am.

**Pizza Orders:** for October have been sent out today and are due back Tues. Oct. 14.



**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.

### *Meetings This Week:*

**Promotion Committee:** Meets at 8 pm tonight.

**Board of Directors:** The John Knox Christian School Board of Directors meets this Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

**Position Available:** JKCS is in need of a French teacher for grade 7 or 8. The job involves approximately 2-3 hrs a week. Teaching certification is required. Please contact Mr. Boersma for more information.

**Cross Country DRIVERS:** 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. The Cross Country meet on Wednesday, Oct. 8 in Petrolia is coming up very soon. We are still in need of drivers! We need 4 more drivers by Tuesday morning. Please call Shirley Deelstra at 845-3660 if you can help us out. We are meeting at the school in the morning and plan to leave at 8:40 am. Runners, be prepared to run in any kind of weather, rain or shine. Make sure to wear proper clothing and to bring plenty to drink. Our next meet is on October 21 in Sarnia.

**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.

**Golf Tournament Thank You!** Thanks to all those who came out to play in the John Knox Golf Tournament. We had beautiful weather and a great time of fellowship and fun on the course. Approximately \$3000 was raised for this cause so dear to our hearts. Special thanks to all of our generous sponsors as together we pursue the goal of Christian Education for our children.



Thank you, *The Golf Committee*

**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.

## 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.

**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**

Jason D.

Oct. 10



Gr. 8

## Upcoming Events:

**OCTOBER 8** - 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  
Amazing Aa announces an awesome  
alphabet!

**Memory Work:** Genesis 28: 15

**Bible:** Abraham and Isaac

**Thursday Snack:** Ethan S.

**Handwriting Without Tears:**

JK: lines

SK: B, R, N

**Handwriting Practice:** Some students would benefit from a little at home handwriting practice of their name. I will be sending home a parent letter with some helpful suggestions as well as some practice sheets for those who need it.

**Socials:** We will be learning all about apples this week. There will be apple math, apple patterns, apple books, and an apple field trip on Friday for the SK students. There will also be time to do Thanksgiving activities. Be prepared to tell the class what you are thankful for.

**Class Trip:** This Friday morning we'll be going to the Moore Museum to participate in the "Apples" program. The cost of the program is \$2.50. Please send this in sometime this week. We are still in need of 2 volunteers. Please notify the school by Wednesday if you can drive and chaperone for the morning.

### **GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:**

**Memory Work:** Psalm 100:4 - "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

**Bible: Mon:** The Three Visitors

**Tues:** The Birth of Isaac

**Wed:** Hagar and Ishmael

**Thurs:** Abraham's Struggle

**Sight Words:** Gr. 1 - Keep up the good work Gr. 1!

**Spelling Words:** Gr. 2 - rug, jump, thump, trust, stuck, truck, blush, crush, lunch, crunch

**Special Child:** This week - Aaron Noorloos  
Oct. 27 - Nov. 7 - Brooklyn Boelens

**Student Reader:** This Friday - Katelyn  
Next Friday - Chariese

**Math:** We'll be wrapping up our first math unit - *Patterns and Relations* this week. Our new unit is *Number Concepts*.

**Socials:** We'll also be finishing our first Socials unit - *The Sky Declares...* by taking a look at storm safety rules as well as Rainbows. A test has been scheduled for Tues. Oct. 14. A review sheet will be sent home this week.

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**Thanksgiving Chapel:** Some students still need to bring in 5 items for their Basket of Blessings. Please send this in by tomorrow so we can practise for Thursday's Chapel.

### **GRADE THREE AND FOUR**

Welcome to the first full week of October! There is a cross country run in Petrolia on Wed. morning. Thanksgiving chapel led by Gr. 1/2 will be held on Thursday morning at 9:00 am.

**Mrs. Noorloos:**

**Memory Work:** Learn the first 9 books of the "Prophet" section of the Old Testament: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos and Obadiah. Know also Psalm 119: 105 (NIV) for Friday, Oct. 10.

**Bible:** We are reviewing our first unit for the test Tuesday morning. Students should know the 4 divisions of the Old Testament: Pentateuch, History, Poetry, and Prophets as well as a book for each division. We will also review the summaries of the books from Genesis to Ruth.

**Math:** Gr. 3 will work with finding solutions to addition and subtraction problems by using the inverse operation.

Gr. 4 continues to work with multiplication now up to the 12 timetables and their related division facts. Please continue to review the upper timetables at home.

**Current Events:** *Tues.:* William N., Shaelyn W.  
*Wed.:* Shane B., Adyson K.

**Social Studies:** Have you all chosen your special tree to study and do your project on? Remember to pace yourself when doing your tree project. Your project is due Mon. Oct. 27th. You're welcome to hand it in early!

**Mrs. Tamming:**

**Spelling:** Lesson 5 is due on Thursday, test is on Friday.

Gr. 3: **under, such, much, young, touch, use, your, you, unit, cute, few, new, fuel, human, music**

Gr. 4: **unable, unclean, unpack, uneven, untie, unfair, unlock, undo, unlike, unhappy, untidy, unwell, unmade, unfeeling, unknown, unconscious, unstable**

**French:** We are having a French test on Thursday on Units A, B and C. Books are coming home today and need to be returned by Thursday.

**Cross Country:** Keep practicing at home! Be sure to have proper shoes and attire for practices at school.

## **GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Miss Rekman**

**Memory Work:** Psalm 105: 1-7

**Math:** We have been doing speed trials for a review of multiplication and division facts. Ask your child how they are doing.

**Spelling:** Gr. 5 - **allow, attic, happen, battle, recess, worry, borrow, hurry, million, correct**

Gr. 6 - **education, concentration, production, conversation, direction, information, selection, competition, introduction, addition, composition, animation, collection, combination**

**A.R.:** Some students are "Raking up the Points" by reading and completing tests in accelerated reader. All students are encouraged to be reading regularly at home and school to reach their goal.

**Literature:** On Wednesday, Oct. 8 there will be a quiz on chapters 10-15 of *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. This quiz will be similar to our last one.

## **GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:**

**Mrs. Koetsier:**

**Spelling:** Unit 5 for Wednesday. Remember to study those word lists at home!

**Literature:** Quizzes were returned today. Results showed adequate comprehension of the first three chapters; study and test writing skills, especially for grade seven, will need some practice. Please ask your child about his/her result.

**Geography:** We'll finish with the flora and fauna of the Australian grasslands this week. Look for a quiz on the first part of this unit next week!

**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:** How much has your child been reading? This event will be here before we know it; only three weeks till Battle day! The book summary/ies are due Thursday, Oct. 23.

**Vocabulary:** Quiz on the words from chapters one through four of *The Hobbit* on Wednesday. Several students still do not have an acceptable homework folder - please remedy this asap!

**Mr. Boersma:**

**Memory Work:** Matthew 5: 6-10. Please know for Friday.

**Bible:** Students continue writing in their journal this week on Matthew 5 (Sermon on the Mount). A second writing assignment will be given in class. It is due on Friday.

**Math:** A wrap-up assignment on factors, multiples, and exponents (number connections) will be given in class on Wednesday. On Friday, there will be a second test on the first unit (covering place value, rounding, and order of operations) for those students that scored under the accepted standard. A review sheet will be provided to help refresh foggy memories.

**Grammar:** *Apostrophe* - such a tiny mark that causes such embarrassment. We have been reviewing the use of the apostrophe - the apostrophe's use. Please be prepared to show your mastery over this punctuation problem on our special Wednesday assignment.

**History:** Keep working on your history fair project. The fair is on Thursday, November 6 but grade 7&8 students must turn in their work on Tuesday, November 5 - that's four weeks away. This week students will be given a progress report sheet; please complete it and turn it in next *Tuesday, October 14*. It asks for additional resources and details to help move along your research. As always, please ask questions if you're not sure of what is expected.