

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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Theme: "Living in the Light"



Gratitude: Although we hear many messages of thanksgiving at this time of the year, it bears repeating that we often fail to appreciate our blessings. At school, as in many homes, we intentionally encourage to students to say "thank you" for

simple things to reinforce what other do for us. After all it is the simple and familiar things that we often take for granted. More and more in our society people talk of "entitlement" - that certain goods and privileges are theirs by right. Politicians feel they are entitled to the perks of the job just as corporate executives feel entitled to extra rewards. The "I deserve it" attitude filters down to everyday life and serves to justify greed and rude behaviour at the expense of others. How radically different is the Christian message as Paul summarizes in Philippians 4:1 - "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances..." In the "Rules for Holy Living" in Colossians 3, Paul details how Christians should clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, and more but adds, as a separate reminder, "...and be thankful."

OCSTA Convention: The annual Ontario Christian School Teachers' Convention takes place next Thursday and Friday in Hamilton. There will be no school on those two days.

Digital Goods: Students and parents are reminded that MP3 players (iPods), cell phones, and cameras should be left safe at home. They are not necessary to take to school or carry on the bus. Students may ask for permission to take their camera on a field trip. Students do have access to the school phone in cases of need.

Weather: Although we have been blessed with many warm days, the weather is often changeable. Parents are reminded to ensure that the students have proper clothes to deal with colder days and possibly rainy days.

Early Assessment Reports: Some families will receive an early assessment report on their students; they are designed in part to avoid 'surprises' at report card time. These reports outline areas where some students are experiencing difficulty; they also include some indications of what steps are being taken and should be taken to help the student. They will be mailed out at week's end. If you have any questions or comments about these, please discuss them with your child's teacher.



Pizza Day: Pizza Day is this Thursday, Oct. 16.

Canadian Test of Basic Skills: Students in grades 3-8 will write these tests which help to identify strengths and weaknesses in such basic skills as math computation, spelling, map reading, reading comprehension, and more. They take place during class time beginning November 3 and ending November 7.

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 Petrolia Results: What a rainy day we had last week! Thank you to the many parent drivers who shuttled the runners back to school or home to change into dry clothes. It was very much appreciated. Some of our results were:

- 2nd - Matthew Noorloos (13+) Boys
- 4th - Bethany Robinson (10) Girls
- 4th - Joshua Noorloos (11) Boys
- 6th - Andrew Noorloos (12) Boys

Of special note: the 9 and under boys had a group of 112 runners and all of the boys in that group from our school finished in the top 35! Wonderful! We will send home information on the Chatham District Cross Country Meet when it is sent to us. That run is at Canatara Park in Sarnia on October 21st.

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.

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.



Board Report: October Meeting: The board met on Wed, Oct. 08/08 for our monthly meeting. Students and staff seem to be settling down into a routine. Already only 6 weeks into the year there have been sports tournaments and class trips. The grades 5 – 8 are working on their History Fair projects. **Be sure to mark Thursday Nov 06/08 on your calendars.** Come out and learn about God's Creation, how some events unfolded. Each student is asked to give a Christian perspective on their subject. Come out and bring family and friends for an evening of Education and fun! **The Fall Membership Meeting has been set for Thursday, Nov 12/08 at 7:30 in the school gymnasium.** Please plan on attending. More information will come in your mailboxes or backpack express. We spent a large part of the evening going over our admissions policy and discussing possible changes. This takes time and we need to pay attention to details because once we accept it we need to adhere to it. Since we do not know the future and possible situations it's a challenge to make a policy that will be suitable. We put our faith in an all knowing Father who leads us and guides us as we continue to make decisions for the good of the school. We ask that you will continue to keep us in your prayers also.

On behalf of the board,

Maxine Zekveld



Happy Birthday

James K.	Oct. 14	Gr. 6
Katelyn V.R.	Oct. 17	Gr. 2
Karlie V.	Oct. 19	JK





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Memory Work: Genesis 28: 15

Bible: Jacob and Esau

Thursday Snack: Jesse

Socials: Signs of fall are all around us. We will be learning more about this beautiful season as well as doing some weather work.

Scissor Skills: Some students are finding it tricky to use the scissors. We will continue to practice at school and I will send some extra scissor skill sheets home for those who need them.

Please Remember Francisco: The piggy bank on Mrs. Robinson's desk is quite empty. Help us fill it up!

Happy Birthday! We wish Karlie a happy 4th birthday on Sunday, October 19.

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: Genesis 12:2a - "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you."

Bible: Tues: Eliezer's Mission

Wed: A Wife for Isaac

Thurs: Isaac's Family

Spelling Words: Gr. 2 - **jams, nasty, rafter, thanks, clasped, planting, casting, masked, flashing, asking**

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

Student Reader: This Friday - *Chariese*

Socials: Test on *The Sky Declares...* tomorrow! This week we'll be doing a short Autumn unit.

French: A test on Colours has been scheduled for Tues. Oct. 28. A review sheet will be sent home tomorrow. Check the front pocket of your child's Student Planner.

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend remembering just how blessed we as Christians are! Just a reminder that there is Pizza Day this Thursday.

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is from 1 John 1:5b - "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all."

Also learn the last 8 books of the Old Testament: Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi for Friday, Oct. 17.

Bible: Good work on your Bible test gr. 3/4! We are moving into unit 2 which deals with Samuel and King Saul's reign. This week we look at the birth and call of Samuel, the capture of the Ark and the Philistines' defeat at Mizpah.

Math: Gr. 3 continues working with the concept that addition can be used to check subtraction and subtraction can be used to check addition answers. Gr. 4 will be working with fact families and the idea of using multiplication to divide. Keep practicing your upper timetables at home.

Current Events: *Wed.:* Liana K., Esther K.

Social Studies: Tree Projects are due Mon. Oct. 27th! Some of you are finding it hard to do a leaf rubbing in the space given on the project sheet. Please feel free to use another paper and label it clearly or paste your leaf rubbings and bark rubbings on a bristol board and cut out the little check list box and paste it next to the correct leaf rubbing and bark rubbing. If you would like a bristol board just ask me for one. Please feel free to present your project anyway you like as long as it includes all the elements on the sheets handed out. **Tree Test** will be on Wed. Oct. 22. A green review sheet will be coming home today.

Class Trip: A field trip is planned for the morning of Oct. 31 at the Lorne Henderson Conservation Area in Petrolia. The two hour program is called "More Than Just a Bunch of Trees." This is to go along with our study on "Trees". The students are asked to pay \$3.00. We will need two or three drivers. If you are able to help us out with this please let Louise Noorloos know. (More information to come as the day approaches).

Mrs. Tamming:

Spelling: We will be reviewing "Word Wall" words this week. No test on Friday.

French: Great work on the Unit A-C test!

Cross Country: The Chatham District Christian Schools meet is on Tues., Oct. 21 at Canatara Park in Sarnia. Keep practicing at home.

Writing: We have been learning about the writing traits "Ideas", "Organization", and "Voice". We are now going to focus on "Word Choice", as well as using the "Writing Process".

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Miss Rekman

Spelling: Our test will be next week, Oct. 22. We will be focusing on commonly misspelled words many of which have come from our work from the past few weeks. Both grades will have the same words:

success, friends, because, argument, believe, definite, judgement, library, lightning, neighbour, rhythm, fourth, heroes, until, beautiful

Science: Our unit on Weather is wrapping up this week. There will be a test Friday, Oct. 17. Students have received a thorough study guide to direct them in their test preparation.

A.R.: Many students have already reached 30% of their goal! Will done! All students should be reading at home and in school to keep working towards their goal.

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Spelling: No spelling this week!

Geography: "Quest" on Thursday. A study guide was given today - please come prepared!

Vocabulary: Quizzes were returned today. They were, on the whole, very well done.

Writing: Students are working on a writing "test" on the six traits of good writing. This will be completed at school this week.

Mr. Boersma:

Memory Work: Matthew 5: 13-16. Please know for Friday.

Bible: We are studying the persecution faced by the early church. We will also look at persecution of Christians in the present day. Students are asked to read an article about this and rewrite it as a precis. Instructions will be given in class. This assignment is due next Monday.

Math: Students must make sure to have their geometry set at school.

French: Vocabulary quiz on unit one for both grades on Friday.

History: The progress report for the history fair is due this Wednesday. This report must be complete; students will stay in to bring their research up to date.

Upcoming Events:

OCTOBER 21 - Cross Country Meet in Sarnia

OCTOBER 23-4 - PD Days - OCSTA Convention

NOVEMBER 3-7 - CTBS Testing

NOVEMBER 5 - Gr. 8 Day at LDCSS

NOVEMBER 6 - History Day

NOVEMBER 10 - Picture Day