

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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Theme: "Living in the Light"



Reformation Day: This Friday marks the 491st anniversary of the start of a massive transformation of European society; the Reformation's humble origins belied its world wide impact. Martin Luther's attacks on the established church led to a growth of new

churches all emphasizing faith and the centrality of the Bible. Luther translated the Bible into German, helped foster a boom in the use of the printing press, and made the Bible available in people's own language.

To bring this idea closer to us, we are sending home a "Bible Bank", courtesy of the Bible League. Each family will receive one and be asked to keep it at home for two weeks and use it as a depository for loose change (or loose bills). Please return the banks to school at the designated time. The money raised will support the Bible League's work in India, a country undergoing its own transformation in this century. The banks will be sent home as soon as they arrive at school. Thank you for helping out with this important initiative.

JKCS History Fair: Students have been working hard on a variety of history displays. We are anticipating various models, computer videos, board displays, and oral presentations. Next Thursday, November 6, their work will fill our gym. We are excited to share this evening with the community and celebrate history. The gym will open for viewing at

7:30. Our entrepreneurial grade eight students will be selling snack, goodies, and beverages with a distinctly historical flavour. Don't miss out; please make plans to join us.



JKCS Society Meeting: All members of the JKCS Society are invited and encouraged to attend the fall meeting to be held at 7:30 on Thursday, November 20 at the school.

Meetings This Week:

Helping Hands: meets tonight at 8:00 pm at the school.

Cross Country: Another Cross Country season over! The members of the Cross Country who got up and came out and raced on such a grey, wet morning last Tuesday are to be commended! The sun did come out in Sarnia though the wind was strong! Every one of the runners finished their races. Again there were some great individual finishes - Devyn Zekveld 4th in Gr. 3/4, Bethany Robinson 2nd in Gr. 5/6, Joshua Noorloos 4th in Gr. 5/6, Matthew Noorloos 2nd in Gr. 7/8. There were several more top 10 places - Joanna Korvemaker 7th in Gr. 7/8, Hannah Robinson 10th in Gr. 7/8, and Caleb Noorloos 8th, Shane Boelens 9th, and Clayton Korvemaker 10th in Gr. 3/4. I am proud of all the runners who have persevered, built up their conditioning and finished their races!

Good News: We are pleased that Mrs. Tetreault has offered to come in and teach grade eight French. She will be in on Tuesdays and Thursdays after lunch. Having a single grade in French is critical in allowing students to practise oral French and build confidence in their French grammar and vocabulary in preparation for high school.

JKCS Purple Team Shirts: Please hand in all washed and folded team shirts that were used for soccer and Cross-Country this week.

Hepatitis B: Due to the Cross Country meet last Wednesday, the Hepatitis B vaccinations were not administered to the Gr. 7 students. The Health Unit is coming **tomorrow**, Oct. 28 to give out the vaccines. If you have not already done so, please hand in the form that was given out to your child and return it signed to the office by **tomorrow** if you would like your child to receive this vaccination.

Gr. 8 Barbecue: On Thursday, November 13 the Gr. 8 class will be hosting a barbecue. If you wish to buy hotdogs, chips, or juice please fill out the order form attached to the Knox Talks. Thank you for your support.

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.

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.

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.



From JKCS Helping Hands Committee:

Christmas in the Village: Dear supporters of John Knox Christian School: The Helping Hands Committee members are entering Christmas in the Village again this year. In order for this to be a success we need your help. On November 14 and 15 Tara Boelens is opening her house for an annual craft sale. We would like to sell some baking at this event. We are asking that if you have some baked goods to donate to our baskets that we are going to prepare to have them delivered to the school by no later than Thursday, Nov. 13 at 5 p.m. We are asking for no peanut products and also items that are easy to be stacked. If you have any questions feel free to contact Tara Boelens at 845-0260.



Upcoming Events:

- OCTOBER 28** - Hepatitis B - Gr. 7
- NOVEMBER 3-7** - CTBS Testing
- NOVEMBER 5** - Gr. 8 Day at LDCSS
- NOVEMBER 6** - History Day
- NOVEMBER 10** - Picture Day
- NOVEMBER 11** - Remembrance Day Assembly
- NOVEMBER 22** - Volleyball Tournament in Chatham
- NOVEMBER 26** - First Term Report Cards Home



KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson

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Memory Work: Genesis 28: 15

Bible: Joseph

Thursday Snack: John

Socials: We will wrap up our unit on *Awesome Autumn* by discussing how people prepare in autumn.

"Orange Day": Tuesday, Oct. 28 is "Orange Day". Don't forget to wear something orange and to bring an orange show and tell.

Handwriting Without Tears: JK - K, L, U
SK - L, F

Snuggle Up and Read: Many KinderStart students have been reading! Our class total for the year stands at 260 books! We are on track to reach 1000 for the year. Keep it up!

Looking Ahead: A November calendar will be coming home this week. Check it carefully so that you know what items to bring in for our special *All About Me* unit.

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: Genesis 28:15a - "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land."

Bible: Mon: Jacob and Laban

Tues: The Stolen Idols

Wed: Jacob's Struggle

Thurs: Jacob Enters the Promised Land

Student Reader: This Friday: "*Mystery Reader*"
Next Friday: *Lauren*

Special Child: This week: *Brooke Boelens*
Nov. 10-Nov. 21: *Levi Bos*

Sight Words: Gr. 1: Some students have made excellent progress. Keep up the good work. Others are reminded to practice.

A.R: Our A.R deadline of Nov. 20 is coming up quickly and some students have only reached 25% of their 7 point goal. Let's get reading Gr. 1/2!

French: Test on colours tomorrow, Tues. Oct. 28.

Gr. 1 Readers: Last Wednesday Gr. 1 students took their first reader, *Skip Along*, home for the long

weekend. Please return this week.

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

Welcome Gr. 3/4 to the last full week in October! We hope you enjoyed your nice long weekend. It is the closing of another month so if you are able to contribute something to our Francisco fund this week that would be appreciated.

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is for Friday, Oct. 31 from 1 John 2: 9,10 NIV.

Bible: The Bible stories we hope to cover this week are "Saul Obeys God", "The Rejected King", and "The Anointing of a New King".

Math: Both Gr. 3 and 4 will continue working with problem solving. They will learn to recognize key words and figure out the best strategy to solve the problem. They will also work at writing their own math problems including the key words so others can solve it. Gr. 3 will soon be moving into multiplication and can begin learning the 2 timetables at home up to 12. Gr. 4 should review the 7 and 8 timetables.

Current Events: *Tues.:* Josiah V., Mike V.

Wed.: Emily W., Devyn Z.

Social Studies: Great job on your "Tree Test"! Would anyone have an old blender that we would be able to use? We would like to attempt to make our own paper. Looking forward to seeing your Tree Projects today!

Class Trip: This is the week for our class trip! Our trip is scheduled for Friday morning to the Lorne Henderson Conservation Area in Petrolia. We would leave the school at 9:10. The program on "Trees" begins at 9:30 till 11:30. We are in need of drivers! If you are able to help us bring students to and from Petrolia please let Louise Noorloos know asap. Thanks! The cost is \$3.00 per student.

Mrs. Tamming:

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

Gr. 3: **save, give, have, live, move, above, alive, alike, to, two, too, know, do, blew, blue**

Gr. 4: **broken, coach, cone, hello, owner, post, rowing, smoke, sold, stones, whole, foam, coast, slope, owe, bonus, window, dough, oboe, hole**

French: Our new unit focuses on learning the names of different places ie. un stade, une maison, un supermarché.

A.R Goals: Our final day to take A.R tests that will count towards our Term 1 goals is Nov. 20. Most students are well on their way to wearing their P.J's to our A.R celebration!

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Miss Rekman

Memory Work: Psalm 19: 1-4a.

Bible: We will be having a unit test this week Wednesday. Students received a review sheet to aid them in their studying.

Math: Math tests from last week are being sent home today. Overall tests were done well but some students are reminded that test preparation is necessary.

Spelling: Work and spelling dictation Fri. Oct. 31.

Gr. 5: **dangerous, famous, mysterious, mischievous, courageous, enormous, monstrous, adventurous, poisonous, wonderful**

Gr. 6: **when, then, where, there, lose, they, were, through, loose, lot, wear, our, their, friend, first**

History Fair: Just a reminder that the History Fair is coming up on November 5. Please continue to work on your projects.

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Battle of the Books - Our fist battle was held today! The prize was a "ticket" for one day of gum chewing in class (plus a few "kisses from the teacher"). Our next battle will be held the last Monday of November, with book summaries being due the Wednesday before.

Spelling: Unit 7 for Thursday. Please check your student's planner for a list of words to practice!

Literature: Quiz on chapters four through nine of *The Hobbit* on Wednesday.

Geography: We hope to make river system models this week. Please come prepared!

Art: We will be working on Remembrance Day posters beginning this week. Ample class time will be given for this, but students should be prepared to finish at home if necessary.

*Your child was given a progress report showing his/her current grades in all subjects. Please take the time to go over this with your son or daughter. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me!

Mr. Boersma:

Memory Work: Matthew 5: 43-45. Please know for Friday.

Bible: A writing assignment will be given today; it is due on Friday.

Math: On Thursday, we'll have a quiz reviewing key parts of the geometry chapter.

French: Both grades have a test on unit one this Wednesday. I'm pleased to announce that Mrs. Te-treault will take over teaching French to grade eight beginning later this week.

History: Students are required to hand in a draft copy of their information for their history fair project. The copy is due on Wednesday. The fair projects must be completed and brought to school by next Tuesday. They will be set up on Thursday afternoon.