

# JKCS KNOX TALKS



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November 10, 2008

## Theme: "Living in the Light"

**Remember:** We "do" Remembrance Day every year. Does it become a habit or just another thing to do?



Should we as Christians recall to mind past battles and their undue emphasis on killing and destruction? Remembrance Day is a reflective time; for Christians the scope of our reflection should be much wider and deeper than pausing to consider the sacrifices of our veterans. This in and of itself is very significant and necessary. The suffering of soldiers in battle is a deep human tragedy. The willingness of men and women to serve, to fight battles on behalf of their fellow citizens is an exemplary action with a strong Christian antecedent. Even more than that, however, Remembrance Day provides a chance to consider man's inhumanity to other, the elusive nature of peace, and the persistence of evil. Despite the schemes of philosophers and politicians, evil cannot be persuaded to disappear into the dust heap of history. Evil is at least as prevalent now as when Christ walked the earth. Remembrance Day can be understood as a two minute window allowing us to glimpse our need for the true ultimate sacrifice - the sacrifice Christ made once for all. His crucifixion contains all the bloody elements of a battle scene; his resurrection triumph releases a joy exceeding all the liberation celebrations man has experienced. Thank our veterans; their sacrifices and willingness to serve fostered our lives of peace. There will be a Remembrance Day Assembly **tomorrow, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m.** Everyone is invited to attend.

**JKCS History Fair:** Thank you to the students for their commitment to making the history fair a success; the variety of displays and topics give testimony to thought and

care. Thank you to the many parents, grandparents, friends, and supporters that joined us on Thursday evening to celebrate history. Additional thanks are expressed to Joel Campbell who put in a number of hours reviewing the displays and awarding certificates to good and interesting work. The Historica organization will inform us concerning the number of displays they will accept from our school at the regional Heritage Fair in London next May. We are asking students to hold on to their projects for the time being and I will let them know which ones will represent the school.

**JKCS Society Meeting Date Change:** All members of the JKCS Society are invited and encouraged to attend the fall meeting to be held at 7:30 on **Thursday, November 27** at the school. Note the date change. This is necessary due to the CRC Congregational meeting.

**CTBS Testing:** After a slow start, the CTBS testing is taking place in Grades 3-8. We plan to conclude the tests by Wednesday. Please remember that students cannot "study" for them but should be well-rested and ready to focus on doing their best. The results are filed in the official student records. Parents may certainly ask for a copy of their student's results once they are compiled.

**Volleyball Tournament:** The annual Christian School's Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, November 22 at Chatham Christian School. Given that it is a Saturday and that the teams are not large in number, we are asking for parent drivers in order to save busing costs. Please call the school and let Mrs. Bydeley know that you are willing to drive.

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**Pizza Day:** Order forms for November have been sent home today and are due back Tues., Nov. 18. Pizza Day is on Thurs. Nov. 20!

**Bible League "Bible Banks":** are being sent home today. Each family will receive one and be asked to keep it at home until the end of the month 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.

**Influenza Vaccinations:** Forms are being sent home today for the flu vaccine which will be offered at the school on Tuesday, Nov. 25. If you would like your child(ren) to receive this vaccine, please sign and hand in the forms to the office.

**Picture Day:** Originally Picture Day was to be on Nov. 10 but due to this date not being a Tuesday or Thursday for the KinderStart students, the date has changed to Tues., November 18. Lifetouch forms were sent home today and are to be brought back Picture Day; Nov. 18.

**Board of Directors:** meets this Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

**Building Committee:** will meet the Lord willing, Thursday, November 13 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Doug Korvemaker.

**Gr. 8 Barbecue - Final Call!:** 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 which was attached to the Knox Talks a couple of weeks ago. If you do not have an order form, there are extras available at the school. Thank you for your support.

**John Knox Work Night:** The Building Committee is planning a work evening at John Knox on Thursday, November 27, the Lord willing. More details are coming. Please plan on dressing warmly as we will be doing some outdoor fence work for part of the evening.

**Voucher Committee:** Christmas is just around the corner and the voucher committee will be selling vouchers from various stores again for Christmas. Please see attached order forms for participating stores and the % you will earn for your tuition or membership. The orders are due

back November 20 and will be available December 4th. Please keep your Christmas order and payment separate from your regular orders. Any questions please contact Karen (845-0487), Diana (845-3268) or Alice (899-5044). Thank you for your support!

**John Knox Caterers:** Did you know that our school has a catering committee? Yes we do. So far we have catered for 4 weddings. We are looking to cater, the Lord willing for the weddings of Janina De Boer and Dan Dyxhoorn of November 29 and Alyssa Minielly and Justin Soetemans on January 3. Our committee members are Annie Klunder, Gertie Krale, Tracy Klazinga and Diana Schenk. We have catered 2 outdoor weddings at family homes and have catered 2 indoor weddings in the Camlachie Hall. We look forward to working in the Watford Community Centre also later this month. If you have a function that would require a dinner or a light lunch please feel free to talk to Diana Schenk at 845-3208 to see if the John Knox Caterers could work for your event. Dinner menus are available upon request.

**A Thank You:** On behalf of the John Knox Caterers we would like to say a very big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped serve at Chris and Laura Pool's wedding. Everyone worked very well together in the kitchen and the Communion of the Saints was very evident in the way everyone got along. We really appreciate everyone working together for John Knox Cristian School.

**Christmas Goodies:** Family members and supporters of JKCS we need your help. We are asking for 3 dozen baked goods to go into our goodie trays that we will be assembling on Thursday night. Please have your goodies to the school by 5 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 13. Thank you!

**Christmas in the Village:** Supporters of JKCS, we are selling Christmas baked goodies on a tray for all your Christmas gatherings. Please come out and support our local school on Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 15 at Tara Boelens' 4425 Confederation Line from 10-8 p.m. on Friday and 10-5 p.m. on Saturday.

**Fundraiser:** The fundraiser forms that were attached to last week's Knox Talks are due on Monday, Nov. 24. Payment is due on delivery of items.

**Toy Sale:** in London will run from Nov. 21-Nov. 30. If you go shopping remember to get your receipt stamped and bring it into the office right away please.



Day Assembly at school tomorrow, Tues. Nov. 11. Just a reminder that the Gr. 8 class is hosting a barbecue this Thurs. Nov. 13!

## **KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson**

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**Memory Work:** Deuteronomy 6:5

**Bible:** Moses, The Ten Commandments

**Thursday Snack:** Karlie

**Handwriting Without Tears:** JK - H  
SK - W,X,Y

**Socials:** We will pause from our "All About Me" work to do some Remembrance Day activities on Tuesday. "All About Me" will resume on Thursday as we talk about some of our favourite things. This is also a good time for students to review their phone numbers and addresses.

**Phonemic Awareness:** The KinderStart class has been doing a lot of rhyming! Ask your child for some rhyming words or play a rhyming game together. The SK students have also been counting syllables. They should be able to tell you an easy way to count syllables. Count syllables together!

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

**Memory Work:** Matthew 19: 14 - "Let the little children come to me. And do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

**Bible: Mon:** Joseph in Prison

**Tues:** Pharaoh's Dreams

**Wed:** Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams

**Thurs:** Famine

**Spelling:** Gr. 2: **frosty, shops, rocked, boxing, shocker, lofty, crops, honked, stocking, prosper**

**Student Reader:** This Friday: *Luke*  
Next Friday: *Brooke*

**Special Child:** This week: *Levi Bos*  
Nov. 24-Dec. 5: *Lauren Wright*

**Socials:** Last week we took a look at the life of Sir John A. MacDonald. This week we'll learn about Joseph Brant

\*Please bring in poppy money for tomorrow!\*

## **GRADE THREE AND FOUR**

Welcome to a new week, Gr. 3/4! We are busy working on the Canada Basic Skills tests which we began on Thursday. We hope to have them completed by Wednesday. There will be a Remembrance

## **Mrs. Noorloos:**

**Memory Work:** is for Friday, Nov. 14 from 1 Peter 2:9 NIV.

**Bible:** The stories we hope to cover this week are: David on the Run, David Spares Saul, David and Abigail, and David Again Spares Saul. (1 Samuel 21-26).

**Math:** We will do a little work on problem-solving. We will also continue working on multiplication in both grades. Gr. 3 will work more with what multiplication really means and Gr. 4 will learn to multiply two digit numbers.

**Current Events:** *Tues.:* Shane B., Adyson K.  
*Wed.:* Liana K., Esther K.

**Art:** We are busy working on our Remembrance Day Posters.

**Science:** In the last 50 years, people have discovered a variety of ways to explore space. We will look briefly at telescopes, space shuttles, satellites, space probes, and space stations. Please bring in a frozen juice can metal lid. Thanks!

## **Mrs. Tamming:**

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

Gr. 3: **swimming, swam, getting, coming, came, having, doing, ended, happened, happening, started, joked, received, smiled, smiling**

Gr. 4: **knock, knife, know, knowing, knit, knapsack, knob, knot, knuckle, knight, knead, knave, knelt, knives, kneel, knew, knit, knoll, knack, knick-knack**

**CTBS:** We continue to evaluate our progress with the Canadian Test of Basic Skills this week.

**Bells:** Come on, ring them bells! We are practicing our selection of songs for the upcoming Christmas season.

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

**Memory Work:** Proverbs 4: 20-23.

**Spelling:** Work and test Friday, Nov. 14.

Gr. 5: **sigh, flight, slight, flashlight, bright, mighty, fighting, tighten, nightly, lightning, delightful, highlight**

Gr. 6: **permanent, ancient, decent, absent, event, prevent, silent, intelligence, confidence, evidence, represent, current, element, silence, obedience**

**Math:** A graphing assignment was handed out last week. It is due November 18.

**French:** Unité 1 test will be on November 17. A review sheet will be sent home this week.

## **GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:**

### **Mrs. Koetsier:**

We will finish up CTBS testing this week.

**Spelling:** No new lessons this week! Last week's test will be given Wednesday.

**Geography:** Quiz this week Thursday on parts of a river system. The unit test will follow in the next two weeks. The much anticipated river systems "individual study" has been assigned! Students are working with a partner on this venture the written part of which will be due on Tuesday, Dec. 2. On that day we will began the in-class portion of the project.

**Vocabulary:** Quizzes were returned last week Thursday. They were well done on the whole.

**Art:** Remembrance Day posters are due this week Thursday. It may be necessary for some to finish these up at homee.

### **Mr. Boersma:**

*Students are reminded to check the revised schedule for Mr. Boersma's subjects. Please make sure you have proper gym clothes and shoes for volleyball both for the gym classes and practices. It is very disconcerting for coaches to see students play a sport in blue jeans and flip flops.*

**Memory Work:** Matthew 6: 19-21. Please know for Friday.

**Math:** Our math teams tackle three problems this week. The teams will solve the problems, but each student will provide a written explanation of the solution. At the same time we explore measurement, particularly the concepts of perimeter and area.

**History:** We conclude our overview of the second world war this week as students complete their essays and poems for Remembrance Day. Test on World War II notes on Wednesday. Remembrance Day writing due on Thursday.

**History Fair Follow-Up:** Thanks to the students for some very fine, creative, and detailed work on their displays. As a wrap-up, I am reminding students they they should created a summary of their project including a Christian perspective. If they have included one on their display board, they can incorporate that into the summary. A bibliography must also be attached to the summary. Due date: November 19.

**Grammar:** Quiz on commas this Friday.

## **Upcoming Events:**

**NOVEMBER 11** - Remembrance Day Assembly at 9am

**NOVEMBER 18** - Picture Day

**NOVEMBER 21** - P.D. Day

**NOVEMBER 22** - Volleyball Tournament in Chatham

**NOVEMBER 26** - First Term Report Cards Home

**NOVEMBER 27** - JKCS Membership meeting

**DECEMBER 4** - Parent Teacher Interviews

**DECEMBER 8** - Picture Retakes

**DECEMBER 19** - Christmas Assembly

**DECEMBER 22 - JAN 2** - Christmas Break