

# JKCS KNOX TALKS



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December 1, 2008

## Theme: "Living in the Light"

**JKCS Society Meeting:** The fall membership meeting featured a number of business items. The proposed budget was passed and accepted. Members heard reports from Helping Hands outlining their various fundraisers on behalf of the school. In addition, the Catering Committee informed the members about their work raising funds for the school through catering at weddings and other functions. Members and friends are encouraged to help out when asked and build this activity into a significant support for the school.

**Basketball:** We are looking for basketball coaches. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the school. We would like to begin practice next week.

**Report Card Envelopes:** Please sign and return the envelopes which contained the report cards. It would be appreciated if you also return the family envelopes so that we can use them again. The copy of the first term report is for you to keep.

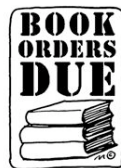


**Parent Teacher Conferences:** Parents will have an opportunity to discuss their student's progress and report card at schedule meetings this Thursday, December 4 between 3:30 and 9:00. A schedule of the conferences will be sent home with Knox Talks today. *Please remember that these conferences focus on the first term reports; if you wish to discuss student progress*

*in greater depth, we ask that you schedule another meeting with the teacher.*

**Bible League "Bible Banks":** If you still have your Bible Bank at home, please bring it into the school this week.

**Book Orders:** The Scholastic book orders will be sent home today in an envelope with the families who have requested them. They are due back, along with the Living book orders, next **Monday, Dec. 8** so that we can send them in soon after to hopefully receive the books by Christmas.



**Thank You:** On behalf of the John Knox Caterers we would like to say a BIG "THANK YOU" to every one who helped to purchase, prepare or serve food for the wedding of Dan and Janina Dykxhoorn this past Saturday. There was a very positive atmosphere and the communion of the saints was felt throughout the day of and the preparation leading up to the special day. God truly has blessed our efforts in working together for John Knox Christian School. Thanks be to God. We look forward to working together again in the beginning of January for another wedding on January 3rd for Alyssa Mineilly and Justin Soetemans.

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**Education Committee:** The JKCS Education Committee meets this Wednesday at 7:30 pm at the school.

**Petrolia Food Bank:** We are beginning our annual drive for the Petrolia Food Bank. Students and families are encouraged to bring in canned food and other non-perishable items. Items can be brought to the school by students or parents anytime during the day. They will be distributed by the Food Bank staff to needy families in central Lambton. Items will be picked up on Friday, Dec. 14 so please have them in before then.



**Scrapbooking:** Mandaumin Library is holding an afternoon of scrapbooking on Saturday, December 6 from 2-5 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 which includes a snack, a technique and a draw prize. Pre-registration is required. Take your own photos and supplies and use some of the cool tools at the library. Ages 10 to adult. Call Shirley Deelstra at 519-845-3660 or 519-383-8085.

**Voucher Committee:** This Thursday the Christmas vouchers will be available at the school. You may pick them up between 1-2:30 p.m. at the school, or they will be sent home via backpack or you may call Alice, Diana or Karen to make other arrangements. A total of \$9035.00 of store and restaurant vouchers were sold with a profit of \$455.91 going directly to participating families. Just a reminder that we will not be selling vouchers over the Christmas break so stock up before then. Remember you can still buy Tim Hortons and Canadian Tire gift certificates for your gift giving, along with your normal weekly grocery voucher orders. We have enjoyed seeing a few new families participating in purchasing weekly vouchers, so we thank them for joining up and we would still like to encourage others to join. If there is anyone who would like to cash in their voucher dollars towards their tuition before the end of the year, please let a committee member know.



**Containers:** If you have not picked up your container, that the goodies were brought to the school in, please pick them up in the staff room.

**Buses in Bad Weather:** Owing our own buses will not change the protocol for bus cancellation. Remember that our buses run in zones one and four. Please check your radio for announcements (CHOK AM1070, Fox FM 99.9, WNFA FM 88.3), or [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com) if heavy fog or snow/ice conditions are prevalent. Remember on fog days, only the morning buses are cancelled. Parents are asked to bring students to school in the morning once conditions are judged to be safe; buses will bring students home in the afternoon. On "snow days", buses will not run in the morning or in the afternoon and classes will be cancelled. Bus cancellations will also be posted on the school website.



**Cold Weather:** BRRR.. now that the cold and blustery weather has arrived, we ask that you ensure students dress accordingly. Proper outerwear, hats and mitts are a must! The north wind blows strongly across our schoolyard during the winter months.



### Upcoming Events:

**DECEMBER 4** - Parent Teacher Interviews

**DECEMBER 8** - Picture Retakes

**DECEMBER 19** - Christmas Assembly

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

*Let us keep Christmas beautiful  
Without a thought of greed,  
That it might live forevermore to fill our every need,  
That it shall not be just a day,  
But last a lifetime through,  
The miracle of Christmastime that brings God close to you.*

**KINDERSTART:** Mrs. Robinson  
Youngsters yodel Yy. Yippee!



Way to go Gr. 1/2!

**Memory Work:** We are trying very hard to memorize Luke 2: 8-14 for the Christmas Chapel on Dec. 19. This week we will focus on verses 8-11.

**Bible: Tues:** Zechariah's Surprise

**Thurs:** Mary and Joseph's Surprise

**Thursday Snack:** Matthew

**Socials:** It's time for one of our favourite units, *Christmas*. We will be using symbols to help us remember the Christmas story. This week's symbols: Tues - Bell, Thurs - Angel

**Thank You!** Our class gave very generously to the Francisco fund for the month of November. Thank you for remembering our foster child.

**Extra! Extra!** The playground can be very wet. Please be sure to have an extra pair of socks in the backpacks for those cold, wet toes!

**Christmas Chapel:** Although Friday, December 19 is not a K-day, our class will participate in the Christmas Chapel. More details will be on next week's Knox Talks.

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

**Memory Work:** Students have taken home a poem that we'll recite at the Christmas Chapel. Students need to learn their verse for Memory Work this week.

**Bible: Mon:** Moses the Prince

**Tues:** Moses Flees

**Wed:** Moses and the Burning Bush

**Thurs:** Pharaoh's Refusal

**Spelling:** Gr. 2: **short, fork, story, factory, florist, reporters, north, hornet, forever, doctor**

**Student Reader:** This Friday: *Levi*  
Next Friday: *Aaron*

**Special Child:** This week: *Lauren Wright*  
Dec. 8 - 19: *Aiden Moesker*

**Pajama Day!** This Friday Gr. 1/2 students may roll out of bed and hop right on the bus! It's Pajama Day! Students may take a blanket, teddy bear and slippers to school and will have a fun afternoon celebrating our A.R. achievements this past term.

### **GRADE THREE AND FOUR**

Welcome to the month of December! This month we will have a special focus on celebrating the birth of our Saviour! Gr. 3/4 will be hosting a singing chapel this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to join with us! We also look forward to meeting with you, parents, at the parent/teacher interviews Thursday!

**Mrs. Noorloos:**

**Memory Work:** is for next Friday, Dec. 12 from John 3:19-21 NIV.

**Bible:** We have been reviewing for the Bible test tomorrow, Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. The unit deals with Samuel and King Saul's reign. Our new unit this week will deal with the stories on King David and King Solomon.

**Math:** Gr. 3 have started their mad-minute multiplication! Please review your 3 timetables and begin learning your 4 timetables.

Gr. 4 are working with 4 digit multiplication, problem solving and will begin division this week. Review the upper timetables that you may have some difficulty with at home.

**Current Events:** *Tues.:* Hannah K., Brady M.

*Wed.:* William N., Shaelyn W.

**Science:** We will review the solar and lunar eclipse and take a closer look at the sun.

**Mrs. Tamming:**

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

Gr. 3: **children, search, teacher, reached, think, together, with, where, everywhere, short, push, finish, sure, who, whole**

Gr. 4: **quick, quickly, quiet, question, Quebec, quilt, quarter, quail, square, squeeze, quit, quack, squirrel, squirt, mosquito, cheque, quiche**

**A.R. Celebration:** This Friday is 'Pyjama Day'! Students may bring a blanket, slippers, and a stuffed toy, and if they reached their A.R. goal they may wear their P.J.'s to school! We will have an afternoon of activities to celebrate.

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

**Memory Work:** John 1: 1-6.

**Math:** There is an addition and subtraction test tomorrow, Dec. 2. We have been reviewing last week and today for this test.

**Grammar:** There is a quiz on lessons 1-9 on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

**Socials:** We began a group project last week. Each group has been working hard to complete the task. The three main parts are a mural, reading and question sheets, and presentation. On Friday an information sheet about our class field trip to Ska-na-doht went home. Each student has been asked to bring in \$4.50 towards the cost of the trip. Please have this money in by Friday.

**A.R.:** We will be having our A.R. party on Wednesday afternoon. Students may bring in one comfy item for the day.

**Spelling:** Work and test due on Friday.

Gr. 5: **taken, brighten, broken, spoken, golden, stolen, wooden, happened, sharpened, sweetened, women, dozen**

Gr. 6: **irregular, unknown, misspell, irresponsible, uneasy, unforgettable, unusual, misfortune, unemployment, unfamiliar, unhappiness, unnecessary, unexciting, misbehave**

**Francisco Triathlon:** Our class is lagging behind the rest of the school. Let's make an effort this month to bring in some change and contribute to helping our school sponsor this child.

## **GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:**

**Mrs. Koetsier:**

**Spelling:** Unit 10 for Wednesday.

**Literature:** We've finished reading *The Hobbit*! Most students thoroughly enjoyed this wonderfully written tale of an "unsuspected hero". We'll be doing some wrap up activities this week, with the final test on Thursday. A study guide will be given in class.

**Geography:** The results are in - making study notes IS an effective way to prepare for a major test! Our grasslands biome test of last week was broad in scope and reached back to information given at the

beginning of the school year. Grade eight produced an excellent class average of 81% - way to go class! Grade seven didn't fare quite so well, but showed much improvement in comparison with our last quizzes. Please speak with your child about his/her result. Several students will be given a fresh copy of the test to complete (using their study notes) as a homework assignment. River systems projects are due TOMORROW. We'll begin making models of those systems tomorrow or Wednesday.

**Special Request:** We will be working with paper mache to complete our river systems models. We need a number of small buckets or large plastic containers as well as newspaper for this project. If you can spare either of these (buckets/containers to be returned in a week or so) please send them along with your child tomorrow.

**Battle of the Books:** Our second battle was held today! The "smarties" who manage to pull off the victory for this session will receive their due tomorrow. The book summaries were generally well done, and were returned last Thursday. Our next battle will be at the end of January.

**Vocabulary:** "Quest" on words from *The Hobbit* on Thursday. Some review will be done in class, but extra reinforcement will be needed at home as well.

**Mr. Boersma:**

**Memory Work:** Matthew 7: 1,2. Please know for Friday.

**Bible:** A new writing assignment will be given this week. The paragraph is due on Friday.

**Math:** We begin a new math unit this week as we explore the world of fractions. Once again, students are reminded to keep up with the daily work and ask questions if there are uncertainties.

**French - Grade Seven:** On Thursday, there will be a quiz on the grammar from unit 2.

**History:** Please review the information we have studied so far; there will be a "fact quiz" on Thursday.

**Grammar:** Quiz on punctuation this Wednesday.