

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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December 7, 2009

Theme: "Serving God...Serving Others"

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 3-9

Book Fair

DECEMBER 8

Gr. 5/6 trip to Inn of the Good Shepherd

DECEMBER 15

Gr. 7/8 tone chime choir performs at the Lambton County Association for the Mentally Handicapped

DECEMBER 15

Picture Retakes

DECEMBER 18

Christmas Assembly

DEC 21-JAN 1

Christmas Break

JANUARY 20

Open House

Serving God at Christmas: With the busyness and pervasiveness of Christmas, Christians sometimes tire of the season's excesses. We know that the "reason for the season" is buried under mounds of advertising, embarrassing Santas, and nauseating Christmas jingles. However, Christmas, or at least, the celebration of Christ's birth is under threat from the steady advance of "political correctness" and assertive agnostics. How do we respond? God asks us to remain faithful in all things. We need not panic or despair, only trust. We serve God by celebrating Christmas as a time to remember Christ's birth, God becoming flesh, the eternal infusing the temporal, a key moment in our salvation story. Only through such remembrance and celebration does the hope, peace, and joy take on a meaning that lasts beyond the Christmas sales.



Community Christmas Concert:

Thanks to the students in grades 3-6 for playing handbells at the community Christmas concert. Your performance was truly appreciated. Thanks to the parents for supporting this opportunity.

Sports Update:

1) The volleyball teams competed in the Chatham District Christian School Tournament last Monday. Both teams gave a good effort even though no pennants were taken home.

2) Basketball is next. We are still looking for coaches for both teams. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the school. The tournament is in Chatham on January 31.

Report Cards: If any parents have feedback about the *Guidelines for Report Cards* that was included in the report card envelopes, please be encouraged to share it with a teacher or Mr. Boersma. Also, please remember to return *signed* report card envelopes.

Parent Teacher Meetings: Thanks to the parents for supporting your child's education at JKCS by attending the parent-teacher meetings. For those of you who were unable to come due to scheduling conflicts, please contact your teacher(s) or the school to arrange a suitable time to meet. There will be no scheduled meetings in the second term, but parents are encouraged to contact their teacher if there are any concerns, questions, or comments.

Christmas Concert: We will end this part of the school year with a special Christmas concert next Friday at 2pm. All classes will take part in celebrating our Saviour's birth in words and music. Consider this a gilt-edged invitation to all parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbours to join us on December 18.

Scholastic Book Orders: Flyers have been sent home today and are due back **THURSDAY**. This is so that orders can be placed before the Christmas break and will hopefully be in before the break as well.

Pizza Day: Order forms for December pizza have been sent home today and are due back Tues. Dec. 15. Pizza Day is next Thursday, Dec. 17.

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.

Petrolia Food Bank: Thanks to all those who brought cans in for this event!

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

Book Fair: Thank you so much to all who have supported our in-school Book Fair! There is still a great selection of books available! Encourage your child to become a reader! Those first books that they read are the stepping stones to the more challenging novels to come. The Book Fair is in the spare room until Wednesday afternoon. Still to come...the Family Event Door Prize! It may be your family that can choose \$50 worth of books - \$25 for the student and \$25 for your child's teacher.

Poinsettias: will be ready for pickup after lunch on Friday, December 11.

Picture Day: Retakes will be available on **December 15**.

Praying for our Children: We continue our list of encouraging one another to pray for our children. The list intends to make our prayers purposeful and focused on the specific needs of our young people. This week's focus is on **courage**: "May they always 'be strong and courageous' in their character and in their actions" (Deuteronomy 31:6).



[Source: Bob Hostetler, "31 Ways to Pray for Your Children," *The Banner*, August, 2009]

School Absences: The cold and influenza season is upon us. Given that, absentee rates have remained average to date. Parents are encouraged to keep their students at home if they are not well. It is also helpful if you can let the school know where you can be reached if you are not available at any of the numbers listed on the student information sheet.

Vouchers: Vouchers will be on sale Thursday from 1:00-2:30.



Happy Birthday

Aiden M.

Dec. 10



Gr. 3

KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson

Please ponder perfect Pp.

Memory Work: Isaiah 9: 6&7

Bible: Tues: The Shepherds

Thurs: Simeon and Anna

Christmas Symbols: Tues: Candy Cane

Thurs: Candle

"Green Day": Tuesday, December 15 is "Green Day".

Don't forget to wear something green and to bring a green show and tell.

Francisco: Our classroom piggy bank is empty! Don't forget Francisco in December.

Christmas Program: Our class is participating in the school Christmas program on Friday, Dec. 18 at 2:00. JK parents are asked to bring their children to the Kinder-Start classroom at 1:45. We look forward to celebrating our Saviour's birth together during this special chapel.

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: Isaiah 9:6 - "For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Bible: Mon: Through the Red Sea

Tues: Water in the Wilderness

Wed: Bread From Heaven

Thurs: Amalekites Attack

Spelling: (Gr. 2) - place, make, making, help, here, want, nice, to, two, into

Special Child: This week: *Megan Huizinga*
Next week: *Aaron Noorloos*

Student Reader: This Friday: *Samantha*
Fri. Jan. 8: *Ethan*

French: Test on Fruits and Vegetables next Tuesday. A review sheet will be sent home tomorrow in your child's Student Planner.

Math: (Gr. 2) - Please memorize your addition doubles for Friday.

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| 0+0=0 | 4+4=8 | 8+8=16 |
| 1+1=2 | 5+5=10 | 9+9=18 |
| 2+2=4 | 6+6=12 | 10+10=0 |
| 3+3=6 | 7+7=14 | |

A Special Thank You: to Lora Bos for being our Mystery Reader last week and for doing a craft with our class!

Art: Please send in cans for a Christmas Art project.



GRADE THREE AND FOUR

Welcome to another December week! (I think I see snowflakes this morning!). It was nice to meet and talk with you, parents, last Thursday.

Congratulations to Aiden who hopes to celebrate his 8th birthday this Thursday, December 10! Thank you for your support for the Petrolia Food Bank as well as Francisco!

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is for Friday, Dec. 11 from Romans 12:16 NIV.

Bible: We are finishing up our research on Egypt and hope to cover the following stories in Bible: *The Butler & Baker, The King's Dreams, Joseph is Made Ruler, and Ten Brothers Come to Egypt.*

Math: Gr. 3 will be working on learning to round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100.

Gr. 4 will be working with fractions and decimals.

*Both grades have a math homework assignment due this Thursday.

Current Events: *Tues:* Aiden M., Katelyn V.
Wed: Shane B., Adyson K.

Health: This week we will take a look at the liver, lungs, skin, eyes and nose!

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

Gr. 4 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, January, February, July, August, September, November, month, year, holiday, autumn, season, calendar, second, minute

Reading: New A.R. goals have been set! We have started our second term and hope to reach our goals by the first week of March. Remember to read at home 15-20 min. each day!

Bells: What a wonderful Christmas concert we were able to be part of last night! It was such a blessing to praise our Saviour with the Wyoming community. Great job, bell choir, your playing sounded beautiful!

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Mrs. Tetreault

Thank you to all of the parents who came out to Parent-Teacher interviews last week. It was helpful and interesting to hear your thoughts, concerns, suggestions and advice. We'll continue to work together to make an excellent, faith-based learning environment for your children!

If you would still like to meet for an interview, please call or email me and we'll set something up at your convenience. (519-491-0177/julie.tetreault@gmail.com).

Grade 5/6, we have some loose ends to tie up before the holiday, like completing our Bible, Math and Social Studies units. Please continue to give your best effort right up to Christmas break!

Spelling: Test and work due on Friday.

Memory Work: Psalm 105: 6-7.

Field Trip: Our trip to the Inn of the Good Shepherd is scheduled for tomorrow from 9:30-11:30. Thank you to Andrea Wierenga, Lora Bos, Melissa Moesker and Angela Moesker, the Moms who generously volunteered to chaperone! We'd like to leave JKCS at 9:05, and we should be back before noon. We will be carrying a few bags of food with us, so please think about bringing in some donations tomorrow. Please pray for a blessing on our class as we seek to serve God as we serve others.

Math: Tomorrow students will write a test on Measurement. Please spend some time reviewing metric conversions (135 cm = ___ mm) and how to measure perimeter.

Current Events: We missed Current Events last week, so Aaron and Jacob are on for this week Wednesday. Next week Wednesday Brandon and Shaelyn will report.

Awards: Congratulations to our many Remembrance Day Legion award winners! We had some excellent writing and poster submissions this year!

Bible: Our Bible test on Unit 3 is scheduled for Thursday. Make sure you know the Bible stories as well as the Babylonian legends of Enuma Elish and Gilgamesh. Bible notes from this unit will also be due on Thursday.

Socials: Last week we spent our art class making paper maché pharaoh masks. This week we'll paint them so they're ready to display (and wear?) for our Egypt celebration. We will be having our Egypt party and A.R. celebration on Thursday, December 17. We hope to have a great spread of traditional Egyptian fare, like pomegranates, bread, figs, dates, and of course, chocolate! A list will be sent home for any families that would like to contribute.

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GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Literature: We are nearing the end of our study of *The Bronze Bow*. We'll be doing some wrap up activities this

week with a final test on Thursday. A study guide will be given; please encourage your student to come prepared! Next week we'll enjoy reading some Christmas stories.

Vocabulary: A final test on *Bronze Bow* words will be given next Wednesday. This will require some at-home study and review as well.

Geography: This week we'll be learning about the mining process; a "mini project" will be assigned in connection with this. Students can also count on a quiz on this material for next Wednesday. Logging quizzes will be handed back on Wednesday.

Writing: Narratives will be handed back this week. We are in the "editing and revising" stage of the writing process; students will be asked to make improvements and to hand in the edited version to be marked. We have also begun the process of writing a persuasive essay.

Art: We are working on a Christmas card project; watch for these in the hall later this week!

Tone Chime News: Just a reminder that we are participating in the morning worship service at Wyoming CRC THIS Sunday! I'm counting on everyone who said they could to come out; please be at the church by 9:45 am. Students are to wear white tops (no logos or graphics) and black or navy blue bottoms (no jeans, please) and will be sitting as a group during the service. On Tuesday, December 15 at 2 pm we will be performing at Lambton County Developmental Services. We will need a couple drivers for this - we'll leave the school around 1:40 pm and return by 3 pm. Please call the school if you can spare part of your afternoon on this day. Thanks!

Mr. Boersma:

Memory Work: John 1: 1-5. Please know for Friday.

Bible: Writing assignment will be due on Friday.

History: We continue with pre-Confederation history. Students will also begin work on another assignment focusing on the English presence in North America.

Math: Fractions are on the math menu. This week we'll work on adding and subtracting them; to find out how you're doing, there will be a test on Thursday.

Spelling: Lesson Thirteen - be sure to copy out the words and complete the assigned exercises. Please be prepared for the test on Friday.