

# JKCS KNOX TALKS



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December 14, 2009

## Theme: "Serving God...Serving Others"

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### DECEMBER 15

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

#### DECEMBER 15

Picture Retakes

#### DECEMBER 17

Bakesale

#### DECEMBER 18

Christmas Assembly

#### DEC 21-JAN 1

Christmas Break

#### JANUARY 20

Open House

#### JANUARY 31

Basketball Tournament in Chatham

#### FEBRUARY 15

Open House

**The Christmas Heart:** George Adams writes: "Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of Jesus stands as the most significant event

in all history, because it has meant the pouring into a sick world the healing medicine of love which has trans-

formed all manner of hearts for over two thousand years." Sometimes the Christmas season with its secular overkill can be tiring. If we can remember that, at its heart, Christmas is a transforming moment we can be renewed. As Phillips Brooks notes, "Sometimes the earth grows old with its burdens of care, but at Christmas it is always young." Simple words maybe, but words that reveal a powerful truth: We

are renewed, as promised in Isaiah: we will soar on wings like eagles, we will run and not grow weary. God's promises are sure; we need but to accept them in faith and joy.

We wish all the families and stu-

dents in our school, as well as the whole school community, a very Merry Christmas full of joy and God's blessings. See you in 2010!



**Christmas Concert:** We will end this part of the school year with a special Christmas concert this **Fri-day 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.

**JK/SK Open House:** The annual Open House is being held on January 20, 2010. Attached to the Knox Talks you will find a form regarding this event. They are personal invitations for families that you know who might be interested in attending. Fill out the form and return to the office by this **Friday, Dec. 18** or give it to Shelley Korvemaker, Cathi Korvemaker or Terry Moesker asap. Please take a look at the form which explains more details.

**Report Card Envelopes:** Please remember to return *signed* report card envelopes.

**Lost and Found:** This is the last week of school before the Christmas holidays. Please come and check out the lost and found for any of your child(ren)'s missing items. It is growing quite large and the items will be brought to Goodwill some time soon.

**Pizza Day:** Pizza forms are due tomorrow. Pizza day is this **Thursday, Dec. 17.**

**Bake Sale:** The Gr. 8's will be holding a bake sale this **Thursday.**

**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.

**Book Fair:** Our final sales totaled over \$1,100! We are amazed and grateful for your support! The teachers chose \$260 worth of product to add to our library. Thank you so much!

**Picture Day:** Retakes will be available tomorrow, **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 **purity**: "Create in [them] a pure heart, O God, 'and let their purity of heart be shown in their actions'" (Psalm 51:10).

*[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**



**Samantha H.**

**Dec. 16**

**JK**

**Adyson K.**

**Dec. 23**

**Gr. 4**

**KINDERSTART:** Mrs. Robinson

During our last week of school before the Christmas break, we will spend time on Christmas activities and preparing for Friday's Christmas assembly.

**Memory Work:** Isaiah 9: 6&7

**Bible:** The Wise Men

**Christmas Symbol:** Gift

**"Green Day":** Tuesday, December 15 is "Green Day". Don't forget to wear something green and to bring a green show and tell.

**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 KinderStart classroom at 1:45. We look forward to celebrating our Saviour's birth together during this special chapel. Please let Mrs. Robinson know if your child will not be attending on Friday.



**Towels:** Towels will be sent home this week so that they can be washed and returned in January.

**Looking Ahead:** The January calendar will be sent home this week.

**Happy Birthday!** Our class wishes Samantha a very happy 5th birthday on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

\*It's my prayer that all of my students and their families enjoy a blessed Christmas and a wonderful Christmas break!

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

**Memory Work:** Poem for Christmas chapel:

What can I give him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wiseman  
I would do my part.  
But what can I give him?  
Give him my heart.

**Bible: Mon:** The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary

**Tues:** Jesus' Birth

**Wed:** The Shepherds

**Thurs:** The Wisemen

**Special Child:** This week: *Aaron Noorloos*  
Jan. 11-15: *Matthew VanRooyen*

**Student Reader:** Fri. Jan. 8: *Ethan*

**French:** Test on Fruits and Vegetables tomorrow, Dec. 15.

**Art:** Please bring in a can by Wednesday for a special Christmas art project.

**Classroom Celebration:** Please bring in a wrapped Christmas gift (\$1-\$2 value, for a boy or girl) for a class gift exchange on Friday.

*\*Warmest wishes to Gr. 1/2 students and their families as you celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas season!\**

### **GRADE THREE AND FOUR**

Could it really be that we are in the last week before our Christmas break?! Wow! Congratulations to Adyson K. who hopes to celebrate her 9th birthday Wed. Dec. 23rd! If you are able to bring some money to support Francisco this week that would be

great! Just a reminder that this Thursday is Pizza Day. Friday at 2 pm we have our Christmas Chapel and all are welcome!

**Mrs. Noorloos:**

**Memory Work:** Please memorize the words to our Christmas song, *Listen to the Story* (verse 1 and 3 and the chorus).

**Bible:** We are seeing the hand of God in the life of Joseph. This week our stories are: *The Brothers' Second Trip to Egypt, Benjamin is Arrested, Jacob's Journey to Egypt* and *The Death of Jacob and Joseph*.

**Math:** Gr. 3 will be practicing writing number words this week.

Gr. 4 will continue working with fractions and decimals.

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

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

*Wed:* Clayton K., Caleb N.

**Health:** Our paper bodies are hanging up! We agree with the Psalmist who said that we are "*fearfully and wonderfully made*"! This week we will look at some of the body systems: circulatory, nervous, digestive and respiratory systems.

*\*Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!\**

**Mrs. Tamming:**

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

Gr. 3 - **into, today, without, something, become, upon, myself, everybody, everyone, maybe, outside, basketball**

Gr. 4 - **across, alone, among, brother, again, front, banana, appear, compass, pedal, given, heaven, mountain, ocean, cousin, purchase, often, colour**

**Special Guest:** We are excited to have the Dairy Educator come and visit our class on Tuesday afternoon.

*\*\*\*I would like to wish all of our students and their families a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! May the celebration of the birth of our Saviour bring you joy!\*\*\**

**GRADE FIVE AND SIX:** Mrs. Te-treault

Blessings to you and your families as you celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! The Grade 5/6 class lit a candle on Monday morning for the past two weeks to mark the Advent season. We have prayed especially that our focus will be on Jesus this Christmas, and we hope that this may be true for all of us even through the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

A special thank-you to our field trip chaperones! The tour and work at the Inn of the Good Shepherd was educational, fun, and a real eye-opener. Ask your son/daughter about the Genesis project and the donation/volunteer opportunities at the Inn!

We have an exciting week ahead! On Monday Sarah Klapak, Brandon's aunt, will be visiting to tell of her work at a school for the blind in Jamaica through the Salvation Army. Thanks to Andrea Wierenga for setting up this interesting class guest.

On Tuesday an educator from the Ontario Dairy Farmer's Association will be teaching us about how the industry has changed since pioneer times. This program is connected to our Ancient Farming socials unit.

**Socials:** Our test is scheduled for Wednesday. Please use your study guide and be well prepared. (Parents, be sure to check out the Pharaoh masks in our hallway!)

**A.R./Egypt:** Our celebration for A.R. achievement and Socials wrap-up will be on Thursday. Please send a note if you can bring any of the following items for our Egyptian taste test: bread, figs, dates, pomegranates, fresh fruit, \_\_\_\_\_. Thanks!

**Spelling:** Test and work due Friday.

**Memory Work:** Isaiah 40: 3-5.

**Portfolios:** Check today for Math and Bible tests and other graded work.

**Current Events:** Wednesday: Jacob, Brandon and Shaelyn.

## **GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:**

**Mrs. Koetsier:**

**Literature:** Tests will be handed back tomorrow. Students will be handing in their notes for *The Bronze Bow* unit tomorrow. They will be marked for

completeness and neatness! This week we'll enjoy reading several Christmas stories.

**Vocabulary:** Quiz on *The Bronze Bow* words on Wednesday.

**Geography:** Quiz on mining terms on Thursday.

**Art:** We'll be creating a special Christmas project this week!

\*Thanks to Mrs. Sipkens, Mrs. Benjamins and Mrs. VanderWal for offering to drive us to Petrolia tomorrow! We'll leave the school around 1:40 pm and return by 3:00 pm.

**Mr. Boersma:**

**Memory Work:** Students are learning the song *Listen to the Story* for memory work. Please know it for Wednesday.

**Bible:** We are spending this week reviewing the Christmas story and aspects of its effects throughout history. There is a writing assignment attached to this; students will have class time to work on this but it must be finished by Friday.

**History:** As we near the end of this history unit, students are working on creating an illustrated version of an historical event covered in this 1610-1763 time period in Canada. There will be class time given for this but it may be necessary to complete it at home. I look forward to seeing the artwork. Students are advised that it must be historically correct. There will be a quiz on Thursday covering the events from 1713-1763. In addition, students will complete a brief writing assignment. The writing and the illustrated history are due on Friday.

**Math:** Quiz on fractions this Thursday: multiplying, dividing, order of operations. Each day this week students will receive 8-10 fraction questions to do at home for review and practice.