



Galatians 5:22-23a

“Growing Roots and Bearing Fruit”

Theme Verse 2024-2025

School Skating

Students in grades 1-8 will skate at the Watford Arena on Thursday, March 6. Students must bring a helmet and a pair of skates; boot-sliding is not permitted at the arena. Parents are encouraged to join us for the day to help tie skates and support our students! If you are willing to volunteer for your child’s class, please contact the teacher. If you need to borrow a pair of skates, or if you have skates to lend out, please get in touch with the office. We’re looking forward to a great day!

11:00-12:00: Grades 4-8

12:00-1:00: Grades 1-3



LOST & FOUND

There are a number of unclaimed items on our lost and found table. If you are in the school this week please take a minute to look at the items and see if there is anything belonging to your children.

Kernels Popcorn Order - Pickup

A reminder that pick up for the Kernels popcorn order is this Friday, March 7 from 2 - 4pm at the school gymnasium.

Monday,
March 3, 2025

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 5

Library Day
Hockey Tournament Strathroy
Ed Committee Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday, March 6

Chapel 9am - Singing Chapel (Gr. 2A)
School Skating - Watford
Grade 4 - 8 11:00am - 12:00pm
Grade 1 - 3 12:00pm - 1:00pm
JK Report Cards sent home
Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Friday, March 7

SK B visit Mandaumin Woods
Math Buddies 11:15 am
Cozy Up/PJ Day
Report Cards sent home
Pick-up Kernels Popcorn Orders 2-4pm

March 10 - March 14

March Break

Monday, March 17

PD Day - no school

Wednesday, March 19

Pizza Day
Library Day

Thursday, March 20

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Friday, March 21

SK B visits Lamrecton Beach

JKCS Hockey Team

The hockey tournament is this Wednesday in Strathroy at the Gemini Arena. Our first game starts at 7:15. Please plan to be at the arena no later than 6:45. We will be assigned team dressing rooms. Don't forget to bring a water bottle and some healthy snacks for the day.

School Musical

We are excited for our upcoming school musical, *The Amazing Grace Race!* Singing auditions for solo parts will take place on Tuesday for students in grades JK-3, and on Wednesday for SK and grades 4-8. This year, we ask that students come prepared to sing "Jesus Loves Me". We can't wait to hear their beautiful voices!

School Musical Auditions

Auditions for acting roles in our school production will take place on Tuesday, March 4th during second recess. At this point, auditions are open to students in grades 6-8. Actors are requested to come to auditions with a piece of scripture OR a poem that they have memorized that they can recite. Acting parts will be chosen and scripts will be handed out by the end of the week so that actors who have the desire to familiarize themselves with their roles over March break can do so.

Cozy/P.J. Day

We're bidding a fond farewell to a snowy winter with a fun Friday! On Friday, March 7, we're having a Cozy/PJ Day at school, brought to you by the Student Life Leadership Team from Grade 8! Students are invited to wear their favourite pyjamas or comfy clothes for the day. Please remember, no slippers for safety reasons. We can't wait to see everyone in their cozy outfits!

Book Character Day

Get ready for a fun and creative day at JKCS brought to you by our Student Life Leadership Team! On Friday, March 28, we're celebrating Book Character Day! Students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring the story to life. Whether it's a beloved hero, a funny sidekick, or an adventurous character, we can't wait to see everyone's costumes and celebrate the joy of reading together!

Primary Teaching Position

We are seeking a full-time primary teacher for the 2025/2026 school year. We are looking for educators who love God and are passionate about teaching children about His word and His world. Applicants should demonstrate a love for children and learning, understand 21st-century learning skills, be familiar with responsive classrooms, and possess strong organizational and classroom management skills. Applications for this position will be accepted until March 10, 2025. Please submit your application to principal@jkcswyoming.com.

Teacher Requirements:

- OCT certification (ideally paired with a Christian Schools Teaching Certificate)
- Regular involvement in a Christian church

Application Requirements:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Statement of Faith (A paragraph summarizing your beliefs)
- Philosophy of Christian Education (A 1-page document explaining how your faith connects to your calling as a teacher)
- Three references (one from your church's pastor)

Catering Announcement

After many years of service the leaders of catering would like to slow down and take a step back. On March 18 at 1:00 in the school kitchen, we will have a meeting to come up with ideas/plans on how to continue catering. We are looking for individuals who are willing to help to keep catering going. If you are willing to help organize or have some ideas please come out. If you have any questions or If you cannot make it but would like to contribute please reach out to Angela Huizinga at (519) 384-4409. Thank you.

Fridays in February

On behalf of the students and staff, thank you to the parents and community members who helped to lead electives over the month of February. Thank you for sharing with us your talents and interests, and for leading our students in those activities.

Classroom News

Kinderstart (A)

Mrs. Robinson

Work with wonderful Ww! Wow!

Memory Work: Our JK and SK classes will begin memorizing Psalm 100. A copy of these verses will be sent home this week. In addition to this Psalm, both classes are also learning songs for our upcoming musical.

Bible: Elijah and the Widow (1Kings 17)
Fire From Heaven (1 Kings 18)

Bluewater Music Festival: As noted on the March calendar, SK-A will be performing at the Bluewater Music Festival in April. The class will be singing "Jesus Calms The Storm", a song sung by the Gettys. Families are encouraged to play the song at home. More information regarding our performance will be shared closer to the date of the competition.

Wednesday Shared Snack: Jane.

Thursday Shared Snack: Timothy

Pancake Day! Tuesday, March 4 is "Pancake Day". The JK class will be making and eating pancakes for lunch.

Weekly Theme: Besides JK's pancake work, both classes will have some fun with Dr Seuss beginning this week. Did you know that March 2 is Dr. Seuss' birthday, so this is the perfect time to learn more about Theodor Seuss Geisel, the man who wrote many well known books including "The Cat In The Hat", "Horton Hears A Who" and "The Lorax". We will be reading and completing activities connected to "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" and "Green Eggs And Ham" this week.

Math: Dr. Seuss will be featured in our sorting, graphing and addition work!

Phonemic Awareness: SK students have been reading consonant/vowel/consonant words and sorting real and silly words. Dr. Seuss was masterful at creating silly, rhyming words and we will read and sort some Seuss themed words. Both classes will also brush up on their rhyming skills.

Extra Clothes: Please ensure that your child has at least one extra pair of socks in their backpack in addition to the emergency clothes that they keep at school. Our playground is very wet!

Clash of the Classroom Reading Challenge: Have you been reading, KinderStart? Our reading competition is coming to an end! Don't forget to record your child's reading progress on our school's online form: <https://forms.gle/Cyaw5sH9q5BbBmCz7>.

Happy Birthday: Two SK students will be celebrating birthdays over the March Break: Bennett turns 6 on March 12 as does his sister, Paisley. Happy Birthday, Bennett and Paisley!

Stretching, balancing,
jumping and running at
Bluewater Gymnastics!



Classroom News

Kinderstart (B)

Mrs. Lofgren - Junior KinderStart - B

Star Student: Tuesday – Maja Thursday - Oakland

Shared Snack: Bryce (Thursday)

Letter of the week: Ww

Memory Work: Daniel 6:26-27, Musical Songs

Bible: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal/Jonah Disobeys God

Handwriting: A review of lowercase letters will be done this week, and we will practise printing the numbers 11-20.

Weekly Theme: We start a new unit of study this month. We will explore the works of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. We will read some of his better-known books, and activities will flow into our math and social/science time.

Math: We will take our first look at the numbers 11-20 this week.

Mrs. Sipkens - Senior KinderStart - B

Memory Work: Mark 12:31 says *“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”*

Socials: We begin a new unit this week - all about Dr. Seuss!

Show & Tell: Boys on Wednesday (anything you want to share!)

Math: We have been practicing addition to 10, and this month we will shift to subtraction within 10.

Clash of the Classrooms: Keep tracking those minutes and send them in by Friday!

Forest Friday: After a school musical practice on Friday morning, we aim to head out by 9:40 to Mandaumin Woods, and return by 11:10 for math buddies. We still need one more parent for this trip, so please let me know if you can join us!

Report cards go out this week - as there are no Parent/Teacher conferences this term, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to chat about your child's progress.

Enjoy your break together!

Classroom News

Grade 1

Mrs. Tetreault

We have reached the end of term two! It has been a joy to see the growth and progress students have made in so many areas over the past few months. Report cards will be coming home Friday. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out or schedule an interview.

Phonics: We have reached new heights in phonics: long vowel sounds! This week we'll explore the different sounds each vowel can make, and complete sorting and writing activities.

Spelling: We will not have a formal spelling test this week.

Memory Work: Students may practice the words to "Heroes of the Faith" and "A Better Way". Look for a packet of our lyrics in take-home folders today, and check out this YouTube version for sing-a-long fun at home! <https://youtu.be/gyOhXE76Uak?si=-f18zMqh4vF0W5pt>

Math: We have completed our unit on data management and will have a test on Tuesday. Students enjoyed stretching their skills to interpret challenging pictographs! Our new unit is on 'Numbers to 50'. We will practice counting by tens and ones to identify numbers, use base ten blocks to represent numbers, and fill in the missing numbers in sequences. Challenge your child to read the numbers on price tags and gas signs!

Science: Last Thursday's addition of tunnels created a wonderful cardboard city playscape! We will add one more playtime on Tuesday, and students are invited to bring along a stuffy!

School Skating: This Thursday we will be skating from 12:00 - 1:00 at Watford Arena. Students must wear helmets and are asked to wear snowpants and gloves while on the ice. We would benefit from some parental help that day. Please let me know if you are available to help tie skates and monitor students on the ice.

Cozy/P.J. Day: We're cuddling up in pyjamas or comfy clothes on Friday! Students may also bring a cozy item: a small blanket or stuffed animal for an extra-long and cozy reading time!

Clash of the Classrooms: This is the last week for reading minutes. Parents are asked to submit all minutes by Thursday:

1. Using the paper tracker sent home last week *It would be helpful if parents could total the minutes at the bottom of the page.
2. Using the online form linked here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyn4hHkY0OhzPhJjRx7_BU32h3LZ6szqZIEBlm_f1GDWBVA/viewform?usp=sharing

Remember that every little bit counts towards the contest, but more importantly towards gains in reading fluency!

Classroom News

Grade 2 (A)

Mrs. Ferguson

Memory Work: There will be no memory work this week.

Phonics: We will continue studying words that begin with the prefix re- and un-. We will learn what each of these prefixes mean and how they can be added onto words.

Spelling: Our spelling words are: **refill, remind, renew, repay, rewrite, unable, unlike, untie, unhappy, and again.** Our spelling test will be on Thursday, March 6.

Math: This week we will look at adding and subtracting coins and some word problems that go along with this. This is a great time to pull out some coins at home and practise counting them to get faster!

Writing: This week we continue our novel study on *Charlotte's Web*. There has been a message written on Charlotte's web. Will her plan to save Wilbur work?

Reading Challenge: This is the last week for our reading challenge. I have been logging minutes read in the classroom. Don't forget to go into the book tracker online and log any minutes read at home over the last month. Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/Cyaw5sH9q5BbBmCz7>. You can also send the clash of the classroom tracking sheet back to me this week and I can log the minutes for you. If you can't find the form you can also email me your total minutes before the end of the day on Friday.

Chapel: We will be leading a singing chapel this Thursday morning at 9:00. Parents are always welcome to come and join us for chapel.

School Skating: This Thursday we will head back to Watford for some school skating. Grade 1-3 will be skating from 12:00-1:00. This is another fun way for us to get some exercise. Parents are welcome to meet us at the arena and join us on the ice. Everyone must have a helmet for skating.

Hockey Tournament: I will be joining the school hockey team for their tournament in Strathroy on Wednesday, March 5. Mrs. vanWyk will be looking after my class for the day.

Classroom News

Grade 2 (B)

Miss Sluys

Memory Work Zechariah 9:9 (Fri. Mar. 7)

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Bible - The Beginning of Passion Week

Mon. - Triumphal Entry

Tues. - Cleansing of the Temple

Wed. - Teaching in the Temple

Thurs. - Chapel

Fri. - Jesus Teaches about Taxes and Love

Spelling: No spelling words this week.

Math: Unit 8 - The students are doing an excellent job learning about money! They can identify each coin as well as their value. They can count money and identify which coins are needed to make a specific amount. This week we'll do some word problems and add and subtract money.

Phys. Ed.: Alas, with the end of February comes the end of our skipping unit. That means skipping ropes need to be returned to the school. Please do so this week.

School Skating: A reminder that we have school skating on Thursday. Grades 1-3 will be skating from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Social Studies: Mapping My Neighbourhood - Parts of a Map

I'd like to wish everyone a wonderful March Break!



Classroom News

Grade 3

Mrs. Bouma

March definitely blew in on the weekend! We have a full week ahead with choir practices, a chapel, school skating, and Comfy/PJ Day. As I worked on report cards last week, it was great to reflect on the growth our class has had in Term 2. From greater reading fluency to learning how to multiply, from reading music and playing handbells to learning about prefixes, root words, and suffixes — we have learned so much! I look forward to another four great months ahead!

Clash of the Classrooms: Friday is the last day to record reading minutes! I handed out another recording reading sheet today but it needs to be in before March Break! Our class has done some great reading in the last month - way to go Grade 3!

Spelling: We are on Lesson 21 this week and our words deal with ir, ur, er, or, and our combinations. They sound very similar so be sure to encourage your child to practice their words for our test on Friday!

Reading: Little Willy has learned that they need to pay \$500 in taxes on the farm. He is determined to enter a dog sled race with the prize money to pay off the taxes. How is he going to prepare for the big race? Will he win? We hope to finish our novel study this week!

Math: We finished up our money unit today and will start a word problem unit using multiplication and division.

French: We will have a French quiz on Thursday. A review sheet is going home today. Please make sure your child knows our five new vocabulary words: *drole* (funny), *triste* (sad), *malade* (sick), *formidable* (terrific), *et sympa* (likeable/friendly).

Mrs. Pries

Memory Work: *“Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle...throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.”* Exodus 40: 34, 36-38. This memory verse helps the students understand how God led the Israelites in the wilderness and how they were instructed to wait for the Lord. We will continue this memory verse after the March break.

Project Work: This week will be very hands-on and cross-curricular! Students will be researching on the iPads, making posters, writing independently, and designing brochures.

Bible: This week we are looking closer into the objects in the Tabernacle. Our aim is to understand the symbolism and how they pointed to Christ. We will make a small poster with pictures and words to help understand the objects in the Tabernacle.

Social Studies/Writing: We continue looking at Ontario agriculture, recreation and industry. This week the students will learn about rural, urban and suburban communities. We will also be doing an in-class research assignment. Students are going to select a town or city in Ontario and research facts about the community. They will then create written informational paragraphs and select photos for a poster. (All will be done in class this week and the week after March break).

Classroom News

Grade 4

Mrs. Noordam

We have a full week of learning and fun before our break! On Monday the Board Game club meets, there will be a whole school practice for the musical, on Thursday we have Chapel and school skating, and on Friday it is Comfy Cozy Day! We also have two birthdays to celebrate as their big day is over the break!

Bible and Memory Work: We begin a new unit on King Solomon and there will be a memory work test on Friday on Psalm 24:1-9.

Math: There will be a final test on Fractions on Thursday.

Spelling: Our test is on Friday and we will focus on words with silent letters. Students have the spelling list at home, however, reach out if you would like another copy!

Writing: The student's thank you and friendly letters will be sent home by the end of the week.

Grammar: We will spend the week learning all about prepositions.

French (Madame DeBoer): The class continues to eagerly learn our play and practice vocabulary and grammar in our cahiers.

Classroom News

Grade 5

Mrs. Siertsema

Our Fruit of the Spirit focus for March is goodness!

Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind! ~Psalm 31:19~

Coming up in our curriculum :

Spelling: New spelling words are coming home on Monday with our quiz on Friday.

Memory work: John 10:14-15

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Math: The math review is coming home today. In our unit, we are continuing rates and then looking at real world problems related to rates.

Bible: Our introduction to the Gospels looked at how the feeding of the 5000 event was written differently between the 4 Gospels and how different perspectives record events differently. The students have also learned about the book of Mark and this week, we will look at the other 3 Gospels as well.

Literature: The students finished their projects on *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. Students had wonderfully creative projects that demonstrated their understanding and vocabulary from the novel.



Music: We are continuing recorders!

Grammar: We will be learning about adjectives.

French (Madame DeBoer): We will continue story retelling this week; it's always a fun chance to take a risk as a class and tell our familiar story in different words. We are working in partners for this!

Classroom News

Grade 6

Mrs. Kamel

"Blessings Bottles:" The school's promo committee has asked our class if we could spearhead an act of service for our Sarnia community. The desire is to use the leftover water bottles with the JKCS logo and fill them up with useful (yet smaller) items to give to those who are struggling and need some extra love and care at the Inn of the Good Shepherd. I would desire for us to complete this service project before March break. Some items I am asking the grade 6 students to purchase and bring to school are: **socks, protein bars or small snacks, a pair of thin gloves, possibly hygiene products, or whatever your child specifically would like to bless someone with** (not money though...). Your children are great givers and it is beautiful to see God use them and their gifts to advance his kingdom. Thank you in advance!

School Skating: Will take place on Thursday. Please be sure your child has a helmet. If you need skates, the office can assist in this area.

Comfy Cozy Day: On Friday, wear your comfiest outfit!

Science: Projects are due today, Monday, March 3. Students will be giving presentations today and tomorrow.

Math: Last week, we started a new unit on 'Area of Polygons'. Students will have a small quiz on Tuesday on the area formulas of different shapes. This unit will most likely take only this week to complete. Test is planned for Friday.

Grammar: We are focusing on correct punctuation.

Bible: Comic stripes based on Acts 2 will be due on Tuesday. The rest of the week, we will be learning about some of the events that took place in Acts 3-8.

Writing: We will continue learning about persuasive writing.

Health: We will be starting a new unit on healthy eating habits.

Memory work: Isaiah 43: 1b-3 ***"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour."*** This will be due March 7.

French (Madame DeBoer): We look forward to continue story extension writing this week!

Classroom News

Grade 7

Mr. Teeuwen

Thanks again to all the parents of grade 7 and 8 students who drove to the basketball tournament in Windsor this past Tuesday. Both the boys and girls team played hard demonstrating a Christian attitude towards one another and their opponents. Electives have wrapped up and the students really enjoyed the variety of activities that they were engaged in. Our final week before March Break is a busy one. We have begun singing rehearsals for the upcoming Musical "Amazing Grace Race" and Wednesday the hockey team is going to take part in their tournament. Thursday we have skating, and Friday is PJ/Comfy Cozy Day. Here are the topics we are covering this week in class:

Memory Work - Zechariah 9:11, Matthew 26:28, & Ephesians 5:8.

Bible: We are finishing our study on the period between the Testaments, looking at the Jewish responses to Hellenism, The Essenes who copied Scriptures and hid the Old Testament in 11 caves, and the influence of the Roman Empire.

Math: Drawing top, front, and side views, as well as perspective views, of objects and physical spaces, using appropriate scales. We will also look at planes of symmetry in polygons.

Language Arts: Looking at the poetry works of Pauline Johnson.

Grammar: Indefinite pronouns refer to unnamed people or things, such as "somebody", or "everyone".

Phys. Ed.: Hockey, European handball, and badminton.

History: Looking at the need for improved transportation in the developing colonies of Canada in the 1815-1838 time era.

Geography: Completing our unit on 'Physical Patterns in a Changing World'.

Art: Watercolour barn art.

Music: Singing practice for "Amazing Grace Race".

Have a blessed week and a wonderful March Break!

French (Madame DeBoer): We continue to work on our new unit: *Les Microbes*. We are practicing the verb "devoir" and learning about adjectives.

Classroom News

Grade 8

Mrs. vanWyk

As we wrap up Term 2, I want to acknowledge your children's hard work and dedication over the past few months. They have put in tremendous effort, and it has been excellent to see their growth and perseverance in the classroom. I also want to sincerely thank you for the support and encouragement you provide at home. With March Break upon us, I hope your family enjoys a restful and refreshing time together. For those traveling, I pray for safe journeys and look forward to welcoming everyone back, recharged and ready for the final term of the year!

Important upcoming dates:

Thursday, March 6 – Chapter 8 math test (this date changed due to the hockey tournament on Wednesday)

Thursday, March 6 – School Skating

Friday, March 7 – Cozy/P.J. Day

Our curriculum focuses this week:

Bible: We will learn more about evangelism as we study Matthew 28: 19 – 20. We will then address two common reasons for not sharing our faith: fear of rejection or inadequacy and lack of practice or discipline. Students will also learn about submission. The focus of the lesson is to illustrate accurate interpretations of submission and to teach how to apply this practice to our lives.

Math: This week, we'll finish chapter 8 on equations and relationships in our math textbook. The test on chapter 8 will take place on Thursday, March 6.

Science: We'll be doing a few more experiments using natural indicators this week, and then we'll end off our unit on chemistry by researching harmful chemicals.

Geography: Students will finish their research on organizations that work to improve people's quality of life and present their research to the class. We will also examine population pyramids.

Literature: Responding to injustices by reading one more short story from the book *Choices and Decisions*. We'll also introduce our new literature unit: literature circles!

Memory work: This week, we'll memorize the lyrics to two songs that we'll sing during the upcoming musical.

Music: with Mrs. Lisson and rehearsal for the upcoming musical.

French (Madame DeBoer): We continue with our new unit: *Bizarre et Fascinant* this week; these past couple of weeks we talked about the pronoun "on".

JKCS Grocery Vouchers:

Voucher sales take place every Thursday from **1:30 –2:30 p.m.** in the **front lobby.**

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____ DATE: _____

NO FRILLS/SUPERSTORE/INDEPENDENT _____ x \$50.00 _____ x \$100.00 _____ x \$250.00

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FOODLAND _____ X \$50.00 _____ x \$100.00 _____ x \$250.00

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TIM HORTONS _____ x \$10.00 _____ X \$15.00 _____ x \$20.00 _____ x \$50.00

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