



JOHN KNOX
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL • WYOMING

KNOX TALKS



Galatians 5:22-23a

“Growing Roots and Bearing Fruit”

Theme Verse 2024-2025

Registration and Admissions for the 2025/2026 School Year

If you are a current family who has a child entering JK or SK this September, a registration form will be sent home this week in an older child's backpack. Please return these forms by March 28. For families new to JKCS, admissions packages are also available from the school office.

Pizza Day

Pizza Day is tomorrow, Wednesday, March 19.

Vouchers

Every Thursday the Voucher Committee is in the school lobby selling gift cards to local grocery stores and Tim Horton's. This program provides a tuition reduction, in that a percentage of all sales go back to your family and a percentage of sales go back to the school. The school has been able to use funds from this program towards classroom renovations and the purchase of a new bus. If your family is not yet buying your grocery gift cards from the school, check in with the school office or come out on Thursday afternoons from 1:30-2:30pm, to see how participation in the program can be an excellent fundraiser that benefits both your family and the school.

Musical Acting Practices

With only a month until our musical, we are going to be hitting the ground running with our acting practices. Practices will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during second recesses. We will also be having an after school practice every Thursday until April 25th from 3:30-5pm. An email will be sent out to all actors' parents with more details.

Tuesday,
March 18, 2025

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 19

Pizza Day

Library Day

Thursday, March 20

JK A - Field Trip to Pelleboers

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Friday, March 21

SK B visits Lamrecton Beach

SK A - Field Trip to Pelleboers

Wednesday, March 26

Library Day

Thursday, March 27

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Friday, March 28

Book Character Day

Wednesday, April 2

Library Day

Thursday, April 3

JKCS Spring Membership Meeting

7:30pm

Tuesday, April 8

Battle of the Books Competition

Wednesday, April 9

Library Day

Thursday, April 10

Chess Tournament - Strathroy

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Board Corner

The Board of Directors aims to maintain regular communication with parents and the community about the school's ongoing work. After each meeting, the Board will provide a monthly update to keep the membership informed.

We are excited to welcome back the staff and students after a refreshing March Break. We ask for your prayers for them as they go into the final term of the school year. The theme for the school year is on the fruit of the spirit. The focus for the month of March is on goodness. The students will spend time reflecting on the goodness of God and learning how they can bring that goodness to others through their words and actions.

The board would like to express a note of appreciation to Shirley Deelstra and Lia Noorloos for their work in covering a leave over the past few months. We are thankful for their joyful and faithful service to our school community.

On another staffing note the board is pleased to share with you that Madeline Jackson has been hired as a new primary teacher for the next school year. Madeline is an alumni of JKCS and will soon graduate from Redeemer University with a Bachelor of Arts and Education.

Preparations are finishing up for the upcoming membership meeting on Thursday, April 3. We have a special guest coming from the Christian School Foundation to give a presentation on Will Planning. More information on that will come with the membership package.

Through the Christian School Foundation families may be eligible for one of two bursaries to help with the cost of tuition. The first is a welcome bursary for families new to Christian education and the second is a needs based bursary to help families with a lower income. Application information for the bursaries will be sent to families at the beginning of April.

On Saturday, May 3 we plan to come together for our fundraising auction which is always a great night out! There are a few select spots still available, so if you are interested in attending the dinner, please reach out to the auction committee.

Skipping Club

Skipping Club is back at JKCS for grades 3-5! Join Mrs. DeGroot and Mrs. Ferguson for four Friday afternoon recesses in March-April to learn some new skipping skills. Sign up with your classroom teacher and join us for lots of fun, starting this Friday, March 21 (second recess). See you there!

Primary Teaching Position

JKCS is looking for a primary teacher to join our staff team for September 2025. If you are interested in learning more about this position please check out the posting at <https://edvance.ca/jobs/detail?id=16562>

JOMO Webinar

JOMO (Joy of Missing Out) is an organization that is partnered with Edvance Christian School Association. JOMO Campus is hosting a family webinar series called, Managing Big Emotions and Setting Digital Boundaries. In this session Julia Swaigen will discuss how emotional intelligence is critical in the digital age. She will also share practical strategies for setting clear, respectful boundaries around technology use. The webinar is on March 25 at 7pm, and you can join by visiting this link: <https://edvance-ca.zoom.us/j/85148287504?pwd=s2FzwUVeeCuOsSOa40WldctZUJ4aHL.1>

✨ AUCTION UPDATE ✨

The John Knox Christian School Auction is fast approaching, and the committee has been busy planning an unforgettable event.

Limited Seats Available!

We still have a couple of seats left—reserve yours before they are gone.

Payment Reminder

If you have already reserved a seat but have not yet paid, please submit your payment as soon as possible.

We Need Your Help – Seeking Donations

To make this fundraiser a success, we are looking for donations of new items, gift cards, services, experiences, or anything else that could help raise funds for our school. Your generosity directly supports Christian education and provides incredible opportunities for our students.

Auction Dates:

Online Auction: April 28 – May 1

Live Auction: May 3

Location: John Knox Christian School

Want to donate? Fill out our quick and easy Google Form here: <https://forms.gle/1kHTw3DAWtWrAGETA9>

Donations can be dropped off at the school or coordinated with a committee member. You can also email us at auction@wyoamingjics.com for more information.

Every donation, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you for supporting John Knox Christian School.

May Professional Development

Our staff have the opportunity to complete training with the Edvance Christian Schools, on behaviour management and intervention. To accommodate this training the board of directors has moved the PD Day from Friday, May 2 to Monday, May 5. May 2 will now be a regular day of school, and on May 5 the school will be closed for staff training.

Classroom News

Kinderstart (A)

Mrs. Robinson

Extra! Extra! We are going to x-ray Xx!

Memory Work: Psalm 100, musical songs

Bible: Elijah Goes to Heaven - 1 Kings 2:1-13
Naaman is Healed - 2 Kings 5:1-15

Wednesday Shared Snack: Koegn

Thursday Shared Snack: Watson

Weekly Theme: Fun with Dr. Seuss continues this week with a look at “Cat In The Hat” and “The Lorax”. Did you know that Dr. Seuss wrote “Cat In The Hat” because he wanted a book that young children could easily read? I hope that this book will inspire some rhyming activities in the next few days! Additionally, we learn about truffala trees and the importance of caring for creation in Seuss’ story of the Lorax. Our discussion of trees will segue beautifully into our field trip to learn about maple trees and syrup at the end of the week!

Field Trip! Both JK-A and SK-A will be heading to Mr. and Mrs. Pelleboer’s property this Thursday and Friday afternoons to learn about their maple syrup production. Thank you to the parents who have offered to accompany us on our outing. We plan to leave the school around 1:00 and expect to be at the Pelleboer’s for an hour or slightly more.

Brown Day! It will be “Brown Day” for the JK students next Tuesday, March 25 and for the SK class on the following day, Wednesday, March 26. Don’t forget to wear something brown, KinderStart!

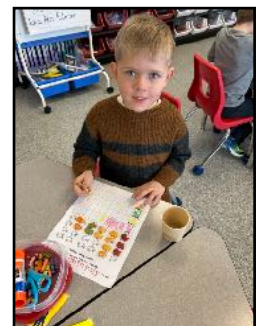
Math: We will continue our work on simple addition and patterning.

Phonemic Awareness: Both classes will be completing “word family” work. Words in the same word family share an ending sound. We will be listening carefully to phonemes and manipulating letters to create words.

Extra Clothes: If you would like to exchange or check your child’s emergency clothes which are kept at school, please make a note of that in your child’s planner and we can send them home. Some students have grown a lot since September! Everyone should also have an extra set of socks in their backpacks as little feet often get wet on our playground!

Salad! The lettuce in our hydroponic grower is thriving! There will be some for the SK class to sample this week. There should be more for the JK crew to eating a week or two.

Graphing
Goldfish!



Classroom News

Kinderstart (B)

Mrs. Lofgren - Junior KinderStart - B

Star Student: Tuesday – Saige Thursday - Benjamin

Shared Snack: Brooklyn (Thursday)

Letter of the week: Vv

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

Bible: Elijah and Elisha/Josiah Hears God's Word

Handwriting: Lowercase letters l, f, e, h, t, u.

Weekly Theme: We continue our study of the books of Dr. Seuss. This week, we will be looking at the books "The Cat in the Hat" and "The Lorax". Rhyming and art activities will stem from these books.

Math: We will continue our look at the numbers 11-20 this week and introduce ten frames into our lessons.

Mrs. Sipkens - Senior KinderStart - B

Memory Work: We'll be working on some of our musical songs over the next few weeks, beginning with the chorus of "Find Us Faithful":

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful

May the fire of our devotion light their way

May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe

And the lives we live inspire them to obey

Oh, may all you come behind us find us faithful

Socials: We continue with Dr. Seuss, focusing on *The Cat in the Hat* and *The Lorax* this week.

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

Forest Friday: After a school musical practice on Friday morning, we aim to head out by 9:40 to Lamrecton Beach, and return around 11:30. If your child has a shovel or pail they would like to bring, please label it with their name. I will be making up a new schedule for the remainder of the school year - please let me know if you are able to chaperone for this final term!

Classroom News

Grade 1

Mrs. Tetreault

What an exciting time of year! We welcome spring and the beginning of our final term in grade one! I hope you all had a wonderful March Break; I look forward to hearing all the stories this week.

Report Cards: Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress in grade one after the second report card. I would be happy to set up a meeting with you!

Spelling: open, silent, hello, subject, problem, subtract, out, about

Math: We will review our unit on Numbers to 50 and have a test on Thursday. Our next unit is a short study of calendars. Because we review the calendar and months of the year daily, we will move through this content quickly.

Writing: Students will continue writing opinion pieces using graphic organizers. These writing planners help students capture their ideas before creating a paragraph. This week's prompt is about which pet students would like to have when they grow up! Ask your child what animal they chose!

Memory Work: Please use the packet of lyrics to review the musical songs: "In His Steps" and "Find Us Faithful." Check out the musical here: <https://youtu.be/gyOhXE76Uak?si=-fl8zMqh4vF0W5pt>

Social Studies: Our Grade 1 class is embarking on an exciting adventure as we explore the beautiful country of Ecuador in our Social Studies lessons! As part of our study on *Homes Around the World*, we're diving into the geography, animals, culture, and daily life in this fascinating country.

Classroom News

Grade 2 (A)

Mrs. Ferguson

I hope that everyone had a wonderful March Break and enjoyed some time with family and friends.

Bible: For the next two weeks we will focus on the events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection.

Memory Work: Our memory work is from Romans 5: 6, 8. *"For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* I will listen to these verses on Friday, March 28.

Phonics: We will be studying words that begin with the prefixes mis-, dis-, and pre-. We will see how these prefixes change the meaning of the word that they are added to.

Spelling: Our spelling words are: **mistake, mislead, misbehave, dislike, distrust, dishonest, preheat, pretest, prepay** and **animal**. Our spelling test will be on Friday, March 21.

Math: We started to practise making change last week. If we go to the store to buy something, how much change should we get back? We will look at Canadian bills this week and practice counting them.

Writing: We will continue with our novel study on *Charlotte's Web* this week. Charlotte's web has brought much attention to the Zuckerman farm. Will her words be enough to save Wilbur?

Health: We will investigate how to stay safe in our local community and how to be safe in various types of weather.

Phys Ed: For the month of March we will play some hockey/floorball in the gym.

Classroom News

Grade 2 (B)

Miss Sluys

Memory Work: "Find Us Faithful" verse 2 (2nd half) and chorus (Fri. Mar. 21)

But as those who've gone before us

Let us leave to those behind us

A heritage of faithfulness passed down through Godly lives.

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful

May the fire of our devotion light their way

May the footprints that we leave

Lead them to believe and the lives we live inspire them to obey

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful

Bible - The Beginning of Passion Week

Mon. - PD Day

Tues. - Plot Against Jesus

Wed. - Jesus as Servant

Thurs. - The Last Supper

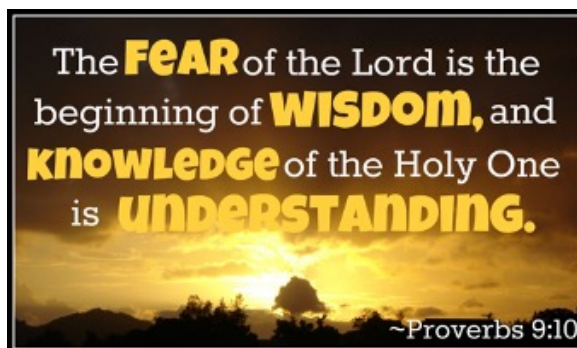
Fri. - Jesus Comforts His Disciples

Spelling: refill, remind, renew, repay, rewrite, unable, unlike, untie, unhappy, again

Math: Unit 8 - giving change and using bills

Phys. Ed.: With the coming of spring comes track and field day. We'll begin practicing standing and running long jump this week.

Health (Mrs. Ferguson): We will investigate how to stay safe in our local community and how to be safe in various types of weather.



Classroom News

Grade 3

Mrs. Bouma

I hope everyone had a wonderful March Break full of visits, sleeping in, and time to relax. My prayer for the next few months is that our class continues to make great academic and spiritual growth as we end the year strong. This morning we will discuss again what makes a great classroom as a remember our classroom expectations.

Spelling: No spelling list this week!

Reading: We will be reading about urban, suburban, and rural communities and comparing their differences and similarities. Where would you want to live?

Math: We are working on multiplication and division word problems. We are doing well with our multiplication and division facts and are working on knowing when to multiply and when to divide.

French: We are starting Unité I which covers some more adjectives on how we feel. See the sheet coming home this week with our new vocabulary: fache, fatigue, content, petit, grand, and fort.

Mrs. Pries

Memory Work: Exodus 40: 34, 36-38. This memory verse was carried over from before the March break. There will be a fill in the blank quiz on Friday. The students will also have an opportunity to show deeper understanding if they can explain the significance of the verse and how it connects to our Bible unit on the Israelites wandering in the wilderness.

Bible: Our focus will be to understand some of the feasts and holidays that the Israelites celebrated. The goal is to know why they celebrated and how they pointed the people to God.

Social Studies/Writing: This week students will finish their individual research projects. We will be writing paragraphs, printing pictures and hopefully completing presentations this week. Before the break, the students brought home a small amount of research homework, if this has not come back to class, it would be greatly appreciated if you would assist your child in the research and return it as soon as possible. as they begin to write their paragraphs in class.

Social Studies: "The Living and Working in Ontario" unit test will be next week on Monday. A study sheet came home before the break. If you need another copy, I can provide that.

Classroom News

Grade 4

Mrs. Noordam

Bible: We will continue learning about King Solomon and the building of the temple. We read in the Scriptures how the temple was to be God's house, the place where He would dwell among His people.

Memory Work and Music: Over the next several weeks we will combine music and memory work and learn the songs for our upcoming spring musical. There will be a quiz Friday on the song, *Heroes of the Faith*. A sheet has been sent home to help students study the lyrics of this song.

Math: Decimals will be our next focus. In this unit we will work on understanding tenths by expressing fractions as decimals, comparing decimals, as well as adding and subtracting decimals.

Spelling: Students will spell words with the following suffixes: -ion, -tion, -sion, and -cian, and the test will be Friday. Students have the list at home, however, reach out if you would like another copy!

Grammar: We will finish the preposition unit by the end of this week.

Writing: We will spend time highlighting the main idea, the supporting details, and conclusions in short stories.

Novel Study: As an introduction to our next novel (*Sign of the Beaver*, by Elizabeth George Spear) we have been reading together *Robinson Crusoe*, by Daniel Defoe. There will not be a formal final test on this novel study, however, a literature project has been assigned. Today students took home an information package of what is required of them and this project is due on Thursday, April 17. By Friday all students should let me know which assignment they would like to do. This project is meant to be worked on at home, however, we will have some class time to brainstorm ideas and create an outline of what they plan to do.

Science: In the "Light and Sound" unit, there will be a test on Thursday on the light section only. We will focus on sound for the next few weeks and conclude this section with a separate test.

P.E.: Over the next several weeks we will work through a fitness and a gymnastics unit.

Classroom News

Grade 5

Mrs. Siertsema

Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. ~Psalm 68:9-10~

Coming up in our curriculum:

Spelling: No spelling this week.

Memory work: John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Math: We are beginning a unit on measurement. This week we will look at the units for measuring length, mass, and capacity. If students have left their ruler at home, this would be a good week to bring it back to school.

Bible: Our Bible unit focuses on Jesus' early ministry. We will learn about John the Baptist, Jesus' baptism, temptation, and his first miracle.

Literature: We are beginning our new novel: *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. The students will be reading many of the chapters in small groups and using the chapter to inform their literature circle, as they each have a different role in leading discussions about the chapter they read together.

Music: We are going to take a little break from recorders to work on the songs for the play. Students are welcome to continue practising their recorder at home if they would like to.

Grammar: We are learning about adverbs and making sure that we write complete sentences. We will review what sentence fragments and run-on sentences are.

Writing: We will begin to learn how to write a personal narrative.

Classroom News

Grade 6

Mrs. Kamel

Third Term: We have officially started our third term! This term, grade 6 is going to have some new goals and new learning practices. These new practices will hopefully help prepare the grade 6 students for the senior grades and what will be asked of them then.

1. **Weekly sportsmanship awards:** Each week, one student will be selected as the student that succeeded in showing great sportsmanship in gym class. Students will be observed to see if they can graciously win, be ok with losing, as well as care for each member of their team. This is an incredibly important attribute that I desire to cultivate before they begin playing in senior sports.
2. **Weekly cursive homework:** At the beginning of the week, students will be given cursive work to do for five minutes each night as well as be expected to write in their W.O.W. binders in cursive.
3. **Continued math homework:** I will be going back again to the basic multiplication and division questions to be taken home and completed each week. This is not marked work, but is work that if completed by Friday, they receive CANDY!
4. **Notebook adequacy:** Students will be taught how to write correctly, label and date their work so that it becomes second nature in the senior grades.

Science: We should be wrapping up our space unit this week. Students will be learning about people in space and the affects of space travel on our world.

Math: Students will start a new unit on 3-D Geometry and Surface Area.

Grammar: We will continue focusing on correct punctuation.

Gym: European hand ball and badminton will be taught this month.

Art: We will complete our art pieces of the Andromeda Galaxy this week and will start a small study on Ted Harrison and arctic art.

Writing: We will continue learning about persuasive writing and take what we learn into an assessment for science.

Memory: This is going to be an interesting month for memory work. Today students were given a four page booklet with all the songs found in our musical. Students will memorize all these songs and the corresponding actions over the next month.

Blessings Bottles: Wow! Parents, you have pretty amazing kids. Through your grade 6 child's efforts, we were able to fill 40 JKCS water bottles with kind words, encouraging scripture passages, socks, protein bars and more! These bottles were sent to the Inn of the Good Shepherd by a member of the promotional committee. Through this act of service, the grade 6 students acted as salt and light in our fallen world. Thank you for helping them.



Classroom News

Grade 7

Mr. Teeuwen

Greetings families of Grade 7 students, and welcome back after March Break!

We have several new units that are beginning this week, a school musical currently in production, chess club, and school choir going on. Have a look at what we will be studying this week in Grade 7.

Memory Work: Matthew 22: 37-40.

Bible: Beginning a new unit on Proverbs and examining who we pay attention to in popular culture.

Math: Performing dilations and describing the similarity between the image and the original shape.

Language Arts: Beginning a new novel study of *The Hobbit*.

Grammar: Indefinite pronouns continued.

Physical. Ed.: Badminton and European handball.

History: "Representative Governments: The Focus of Resentment".

Geography: Examining natural resources in Canada.

Art: Folk art sculptures.

Music: Singing practice for "Amazing Grace Race" and ukulele play alongs.

Have a blessed week and thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

Classroom News

Grade 8

Mrs. vanWyk

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing March Break! It's hard to believe we're already in the final stretch of Grade 8, but there's still so much to look forward to. This term will be a busy one, with lots of learning, plenty of rehearsals for our upcoming musical, and, of course, exciting events like the grade 8 grad trip. With high school just around the corner, let's make the most of these last few months together!

Important upcoming dates to keep in mind:

May 2: Field trip to Western University (to visit the observatory) and the medical museum in London. Please let me know if any parent can chaperone on this field trip!

May 13: Field trip to Western University's Chemistry Department and frisbee golf in Strathroy! Please let me know if any parent can chaperone on this field trip.

May 28 – 30: Graduation trip

Our curriculum focuses this week:

Bible: In light of John 8: 34 and 15: 12 – 14, we'll explore true submissive behaviour (self-denial for the sake of Jesus and others). We will also look at John 13: 1 – 17 and Philippians 2: 4 – 11 and discuss the two greatest commandments: loving God with our undivided heart, soul, mind and, strength and loving our neighbour just as we love ourselves.

Math: This week, we'll review our chapter 8 math test and start with chapter 9 on fractions.

Science: Students are still working on their research project on chemicals that are harmful to the environment. Once complete, we will begin our last science unit on water systems later this week.

Literature: Literature circles will kick off this week. Please note that students will have journal work as homework for this unit almost daily.

Art: We'll make a fractured self-portrait by exploring value.

Memory Work: This week we'll memorize the lyrics to two new songs we'll sing during the upcoming musical.

Music (Mrs. Lisson): Students will be picking up the tone chimes again and will learn the chords to one of the musical songs.



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DINNER & LIVE AUCTION May 3

YES, I CAN HELP!

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the school office.

Or

Email it to: Auction@WyomingJKCS.com

QUESTIONS? Please contact one of the committee members.

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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