



Galatians 5:22-23a

**“Growing Roots and Bearing Fruit”**

Theme Verse 2024-2025

**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](mailto: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)

**Monday,**  
February 24, 2025

**Upcoming Events**

**Tuesday, February 25**

Sr. Basketball Tournament - Windsor  
JK A & B - Bluewater Gymnastics

**Wednesday, February 26**

Hockey Practice 7-8 am - Watford  
Library Day

SK A & B - Bluewater Gymnastics  
Gr. 2A & B - Bluewater Gymnastics

**Thursday, February 27**

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm  
February Electives

**Friday, February 28**

PD Day - no school

**Wednesday, March 5**

Library Day  
Hockey Tournament Strathroy

**Thursday, March 6**

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

**March 10 - March 14**

March Break

**Monday, March 17**

PD Day - no school

## **JKCS Hockey Team**

We will have one last practice this Wednesday at 7:00am in Watford. The tournament is next Wednesday, March 5 in Strathroy at the Gemini Arena. The schedule will be sent home as soon as we receive it. If you haven't sent your payment to the office, please do so as soon as possible.

## **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



## **Clash of the Classrooms**

The Lambton County Library is hosting the annual *Clash of the Classrooms* which runs from February 3 to March 7. Classroom teachers at John Knox have registered their classes for this contest which counts how many minutes of reading the students complete. Students can help their class tally more minutes by reading at home. You can let your child's teacher know how many minutes that have read by using the google form <https://forms.gle/Cyaw5sH9q5BbBmCz7> or sending in a note. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

# Classroom News

## Kinderstart (A)

Mrs. Robinson

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**Memory Work:** Psalm 121

**Bible:** The Wise King - Solomon (1 Kings 3-10)  
God Watches Over Elijah (1 Kings 16, 17)

**Wednesday Shared Snack:** Gerrit

**Thursday Shared Snack:** Theo

**Weekly Theme:** We will wrap up our "Healthy Living" unit with a focus on physical fitness! Our trip to the gym will connect well to that topic! The JK crew will also learn about dental care, a subject that we missed earlier in the month due to a snow day.

**Purple Day!** Monday, February 24 will be "Purple Day" for the SK students. The JK crew will celebrate "Purple Day" on Thursday, February 27. Take note that these dates are different than what was originally posted on the February calendar.

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

**Clash of the Classroom Reading Challenge:** Have you been reading, KinderStart? Don't forget to record your child's reading progress on our school's online form: <https://forms.gle/Cyaw5sH9q5BbBmCz7> . If you prefer, you can fill out a tracking sheet which was sent home in your child's planner. You can keep these sheets in the pocket planner and I can get the minutes read from there. Please contact Mrs. Robinson if you have questions. Happy reading, KinderStart!

**Bluewater Gymnastics:** Everyone is very excited about our trips to Bluewater Gymnastics this Tuesday (JK) and Wednesday (SK)! Students should come dressed with loose fitting clothing on the day of their outing. (eg. T-shirt, track pants, leggings)

**Happy Birthday!** We have another JK birthday to celebrate! Theo turned 5 on February 23. Happy birthday, Theo!

**Looking Ahead:** The March calendar will be coming home this week. The month will be filled with Dr. Seuss fun!

Belated Valentine  
Celebrations,  
Puzzle fun and  
SK Chapel



# Classroom News

## Kinderstart (B)

### Mrs. Lofgren - Junior KinderStart - B

**Star Student:** Tuesday – Kayden      Thursday - Kinsley

**Shared Snack:** Emmett (Thursday)

**Letter of the week:** Vv

**Memory Work:** Psalm 23

**Bible:** Solomon becomes King/Elijah Fed By Birds

**Handwriting:** We will continue studying lowercase letters and practise matching uppercase and lowercase letters.

**Weekly Theme:** This week we will look at where most of our milk and dairy products come from and even attempt to make our own butter!

**Math:** We will spend more time on patterning and graphing this week.

**Purple Day** is on Thursday! Please wear something **purple** and bring a **purple** show-and-tell item.

**Field Trip:** On Tuesday we head to Bluewater Gymnastics in the afternoon. Please have your child dress appropriately for the event. Clothing that is easy to move around in is best.

### Mrs. Sipkens - Senior KinderStart - B

**Memory Work/Bible:** We'll continue with Psalm 23 this week, and if you wish to play the song at home as well, we are singing "Psalm 23 Musical Memory Verse for Kids - ESV Translation" by The Great Big Bible Story on YouTube.

**Phonics:** We will review digraphs this week: ch, th, sh, wh, ck, qu. The class is doing an excellent job with these - test them at home to see for yourself!

**Socials:** We wrap up our unit on Healthy Living this week, with a trip to Bluewater Gymnastics on Wednesday afternoon with SK-A. No parent chaperones are needed for this one, and we ask that students wear comfortable clothing they can move well in.

**Show & Tell:** Girls on Wednesday - bring something that shows how you keep your body healthy (ideas: toothpaste, a bath toy, favourite healthy snack, \*small\* weights, etc)

**Clash of the Classrooms:** Keep tracking those minutes - if you'd like to keep the tracker page in your child's planner, I will update the website weekly.

Friday is a PD Day for report card writing, so please keep the staff in your prayers as we complete assessments and begin this task with prayerful consideration (and loads of love!). Enjoy your extra day at home, SK!

# Classroom News

## Grade 1

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### Mrs. Tetreault

**Phonics:** We are working on words with an r-controlled vowel “or”. In these words, the “r” controls and changes the regular sound of the letter “o”.

**Spelling:** We will have our weekly spelling test on Thursday. The words are: *or, fort, sort, north, born, storm, porch, forget, more, other*

**Memory Work:** We’re preparing for our exciting spring musical, *The Amazing Grace Race!* This week, we’ll practice “Fixin’ My Eyes” and “L-O-V-E, Love!” Students won’t be tested individually on the lyrics, but are asked to review at home if possible. Thanks!

**Science:** Wow! Our first-grade builders have designed some amazing structures for our town. We’ll be finishing them up this week, and students are welcome to bring a stuffy to play in our mini-city on Thursday afternoon!

**Bible:** We’ll learn about God’s call to Gideon and the sign God gave him with the fleece and dew. We’ll also bring the story to life by acting out the defeat of the Midianites using our colourful props—torches, jars, and horns!

**Math:** We are moving from pictographs to graphs with tallies.

# Classroom News

## Grade 2 (A)

### Mrs. Ferguson

**Memory Work:** *"I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* John 13: 34, 35. I will listen to memory work on Thursday, February 27.

**Phonics:** For the next two weeks we will be studying words that begin with the prefix re- and un-.

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

**Math:** We had so much fun learning and practising the counting of coins last week. Next we will learn that there is more than one way to make an amount of money. We will also look at comparing amounts of money to see which is more.

**Writing:** This week we continue our novel study on *Charlotte's Web*. Wilbur has made a new friend in the barn? How will Charlotte help Wilbur?

**Science/Health:** We finished off our science unit on movement today with a unit test. Next we will move into our health unit which starts by looking at Canada's Food Guide and healthy eating.

**Social Studies (Miss Sluys)** 'Mapping My Neighbourhood' - Parts of a Map

**Field Trip:** This Wednesday we will be headed to Bluewater Gymnastics for an hour of fun and exercise. This goes great with our health unit as we look at being active as a way to keep our bodies healthy.

I am excited to announce that Miss Madeline Jackson will be joining our class for the next six weeks as a student teacher. Miss Jackson is finishing up her time at Redeemer University and this will be her last placement before she graduates. Miss Jackson was a student here at John Knox and is the daughter of Mrs. Jackson, our office administrator. She will begin by teaching a few subjects and then work her way up to teaching almost all subject areas. I am excited to have her join us for this time. I will remain in the classroom with Miss Jackson so you can continue to message me during these weeks.



# Classroom News

## Grade 2 (B)

### Miss Sluys

**Memory Work** - 1 John 3:16 (Thurs. Feb. 27)

***By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.***

**Bible** - Parables of Jesus

**Mon.** - The Loving Father

**Tues.** - Ten Talents

**Wed.** - Review

**Thurs.** - Test

**Fri.** - PD Day

**Spelling:** jungle, wiggle, twinkle, giggle, simple, apple, maple, puzzle, example, juggle (Thurs. Feb. 27)

**Math:** Unit 8 - 'Money'

**Phys. Ed.:** Another week of good improvement, Grade 2. A special thanks to Mrs. DeGroot (Ezra's mom) for joining us and sharing some special skipping skills.

**Social Studies:** 'Mapping My Neighbourhood' - Parts of a Map

**Science/Health (Mrs. Ferguson):** We will finish off our unit on movement with a test tomorrow. Next we will move into our health unit which starts by looking at Canada's Food Guide and healthy eating

**Class Trip:** A reminder that we will be going to the Bluewater Gymnastics Club on Wednesday for an hour.



# Classroom News

## Grade 3

### Mrs. Bouma

And February is on its way out! Our last week of February is a short one and it looks like it is going to be wet and warmer than the last few weeks. Some extra dry socks at school might be helpful. As we welcome March in, we look forward to school skating, comfy, cozy day, our last math buddies, and March Break! Keep up the great reading Grade 3! I look forward to logging in more minutes this week!

**Spelling:** Due to our short week, we will take a break from spelling. No test this week!

**Reading:** We look forward to reading some more chapters in our novel study, *Stone Fox*. We know Grandfather is sad but we haven't learned why yet. Meanwhile, Willy is working hard at keeping their potato farm going and brought in a great harvest. Who is the stranger at the door?

**Math:** Playing with money last week was a highlight! We continue our money unit this week as we practice buying items and making change.

**French:** Our Unité H on adjectives has got off to a great start. You can practice some phrases at home: Je suis drôle. (I am funny.) Tu es formidable. (You are great.) Elle est malade. (She is sick.) Il est sympa. (He is likeable.) Tu n'es pas triste. (You are not sad.)

**Music:** It is a musical year and for the next few months our music focus will be on learning songs for the musical.

### Mrs. Pries

**Memory Work:** This week the students are asked to memorize the Ten Commandments.

**Bible:** There is a Bible quiz on Tuesday. An orange study sheet went home on Friday. Our new unit will begin on Wednesday, the students will be learning about The Tabernacle.

**Social Studies:** This week we will focus on Ontario farming and contrasting the lifestyle from rural to urban communities. Our key terms: agriculture, industry, mining, forestry and natural resources.

**Writing:** The students did a great job on their first informative paragraphs last week. This week we will write another, this time on sharks!

**Poetry:** Poetry tests came home in students folders today.

**Grammar:** We continue to look at conjunctions and writing proper sentences.



# Classroom News

## Grade 4

### Mrs. Noordam

**Bible:** We will conclude the unit on King David with a reflective writing piece as a final assessment.

**Memory Work:** Over the next several weeks we will be memorizing Psalm 24: 1-9. There will be a test on verses 7 and 8 on Thursday.

**Spelling:** Lesson 22 will focus on spelling words with -ight, -ought, -aught, -au. A new spelling list was sent home today and the test will be on Friday.

**Writing:** We will review writing friendly letters and thank-you notes. This will give students an opportunity to practice addressing envelopes as well as their home address!

**Grammar:** There will be a quiz on pronouns on Thursday.

**Science:** How does light travel? Students will make hypotheses about the path light travels to get from one point to another. Students will participate in two experiments to discover how light travels.

**Cursive:** We have been working through our cursive book and this week we will focus on the letters 'S' and 'T'.

**Math:** On Tuesday there will be a math test on the unit, 'Time'. Our next topic of study is on fractions.

**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

*And the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying, "Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart." ~Zechariah 7:9~*

**Coming up in our curriculum:**

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

**Memory work:** Colossians 3:12

*"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ..."*

**Math:** The math review is coming home on Monday. It is on calculating tax using division to find what 1% would cost and then multiplying that 1% by the amount of tax (for example 13) and then adding that amount onto the price of an item. In our math lessons, we will focus on rates, finding a unit rate, using the unit to determine the cost, and using unit rates to compare costs.

**Bible:** A new unit begins Monday, 'Gospel Writers'. This unit introduces us to the gospel books of the Bible: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

**Literature:** We finished *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. If students missed some chapters, they will need to read through the chapters missed and finish the chapter pages that go with them. Students will have three big blocks of time this week to finish their *Lion, Witch and Wardrobe* projects. Thursday will be the oral presentation part of the project.

**Music:** We are continuing recorders! Students have been working really hard! They seem very excited to learn to play the recorder! I'm really proud of their efforts! We hope to have recorder music classes at the end of the day on Monday and Wednesday.

**Electives:** The last day of electives is on Thursday! Students have been enjoying their different opportunities through electives! A huge thank you to everyone running an elective!!

**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. This is our first time trying this exercise together!



# 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!

**Report card writing day:** Will be this coming Friday. There will be no school for the students. Please keep the teachers in your prayers as this is a busy time for them. Thank you!!

**Electives:** This week, electives will happen on Thursday in the third block of school. This will be our last week of electives.

**Science:** This will be our last work week for our science projects. Research is fully complete so we will be working on the poster and the 3-D model. Projects will be due on Monday, March 3.

**Math:** Our test for Chapter 10: 'Length, Mass, Capacity, and Area' will take place on Tuesday February, 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Grammar:** We have finished our lessons on capitalizing correct words, now we will focus on correct punctuation.

**Bible:** We have now started on a unit on Pentecost and the first few chapters of the book of Acts. Students have studied Acts 2 very closely and are in the process of creating a large comic strip on the chapter.

**Writing:** Now that our essay writing is completed, we are going to start on some persuasive writing.

Memory: 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 beginning story extension writing this week!

# Classroom News

## Grade 7

### Mr. Teeuwen

Thank you for all your support, encouragement, and prayers for the staff and students at John Knox School. February is a short month and this week we have another short week with lots of activities happening. The boys and girls senior basketball tournament is taking place on Tuesday at the St. Denis Centre in Windsor. Please ensure your son/daughter has brought their green form indicating who they are driving with for that tournament day. Electives happen on Thursday this week as Friday is the PD Day. Check out what is being covered this week in Grade 7:

**Memory Work** - Ephesians 5: 8.

**Bible:** After looking at the challenges the Israelites faced rebuilding the temple we are going to examine what happened with Alexander the Great and the Septuagint.

**Math:** Spatial sense, describing and classifying 3D shapes (cylinders, pyramids, prisms, circles & performing dilations, translations, reflections, rotations.

**Language Arts:** - Analyzing the poem "A Time to Talk by Robert Frost" for making meaning, rhyme, and imagery.

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

**History:** The students have been divided in four groups, each one examining a different historical character for the purposes of picturing and imagining what life must have been like for immigrants to move to Canada between 1815 and 1838.

**Geography:** Looking at both human factors and natural factors that contribute to vegetation changes.

**Music:** Continuing to work on learning new chords, playing along with recorded tracks, hand picking on the ukulele and starting to learn the pieces for this year's musical, "The Amazing Grace Race"

**Art:** Finishing up a watercolour version of two amazing biblical animals: Behemoth and Leviathan.

Please pray for our collective sanctification as we strive with His Grace to follow Christ.

Have a blessed week!

**French (Madame DeBoer):** We continue to work on our new unit: *Les Microbes*.

# Classroom News

## Grade 8

### Mrs. vanWyk

This week may be a short one, but we'll be making the most of every minute for academics! With report card writing day on Friday, students have an extra day off, but until then, we'll stay focused on our learning. A big good luck to our basketball teams as they compete on Tuesday, your hard work and dedication over the past few months have not gone unnoticed! Additionally, we're excited to see the school's musical take shape as rehearsals begin this week.

#### Important upcoming dates:

**Tuesday, February 25** – Basketball Tournament

**Wednesday, February 26** – Science definitions quiz

**Thursday, February 27** – Last week of electives

**Friday, February 28** – PD Day

**Wednesday, March 5** – Chapter 8 math test

#### Our curriculum focuses this week:

**Bible:** This week, we'll discuss the power of prayer, what worship outside of the church can look like when honouring God through our interests and hobbies, and how to be cautious of idolatry.

**Math:** We continue our study of chapter 8 by looking at representing pattern relationships and creating and evaluating algebraic expressions.

**Science:** Learners will learn about the reactants and products of combustion. We will also learn about acids, bases, the pH scale, and pH indicators as they test various household items.

**Geography:** Students will learn about the various agencies working worldwide to improve people's quality of life by conducting research and presenting a presentation on this.

**Literature:** Responding to injustices by reading short stories from the book *Choices and Decisions*.

**Memory verse:** Matthew 7: 7 – 8

**Music (Mrs. Lisson):** Students are learning strumming patterns for the ukulele.

**French (Madame DeBoer):** We continue with our new unit: *Bizarre et Fascinant* this week.

# **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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