

TALKS



Theme Verse for 2025-2026 "Knowing God" John 17:3

Parent Information Night

On Thursday, October 23 at 7:30pm we will be hosting two information sessions on the new report card template and MAP Testing. Parents are invited to join us for one or both of the sessions.

7:30pm-8:00pm: Report Cards: The new format which will be used in this school year has a different grading scheme, includes a larger space for comments, and encourages parents to set goals with their child(ren). Mrs. Lisson will lead this session.

8:10pm-8:40pm: MAP Testing: Have you ever wondered what MAP Testing is? Mrs. Bouma will lead the second session on the standardized testing that JKCS has been using for the past three years. We will share about how teachers use the results to guide their teaching and how the results can be used to measure the growth of each student in math, reading and language.

Pizza Day

This Wednesday, October 22 will be our first Pizza Day of the school year!



Monday,

October 20, 2025

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

Monday, October 20

Helping Hands Meeting 7:30pm

Wednesday, October 22

Pizza Day Library Day

Thursday, October 23

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm Parent Information Night 7:30pm

Friday, October 24

Chapel - Grade 6 at 9:00am

SK A and SK/Gr. 1 Fall Walk at Pelleboers

Tuesday, October 28

Gr. 7 Immunizations

Wednesday, October 29

Library Day

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm (due to PD Day)

Thursday, October 30

PD Day - Edvance Convention for Staff

Friday, October 31

PD Day

Wednesday, November 5

Library Day

SK and Re-take Picture Day

Thursday, November 6

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Fall Membership Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, November 7

Ladies Social at Sipkens

Edvance Educator's Convention

Next week Thursday and Friday (October 30 ad 31st) there is no school for students. The JKCS staff will be travelling to Redeemer University for the annual Edvance Convention with over 1400 other Christian school educators. The staff will participate in devotions and a key note address in the morning, which will focus on God's people as image bearers and what that means in our age of technology and Al. In the afternoon, will met in small sessions to learn about other themes and best practices in education. The staff is thankful for this time of learning and also for the encouragement that comes with meeting together as a Christian school community.

Vouchers

With the PD Day on Thursday, October 30. Vouchers will be available on Wednesday, October 29 from 1:30 - 2:30pm in the school lobby. Please be sure e-transfer payments are made by 12:00pm on that day.

Calling All Home Bakers!

The Helping Hands Committee will be selling boxes of homemade baked goods as a fundraiser at the Country Lane Makers Market! We need donated baked goods to be at the school by October 30 at 12:00pm. Any questions contact Marika Huizinga.

Sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A8AB2DA6F9C52-59473941-country

This is an excellent opportunity to help fundraise from the comfort of your own home!

It's Spiritwear Time!

JKCS SpiritWear will be available for order until November 11, and ready in time for Christmas. Samples will be in the school lobby from November 3-11, to view and try on for sizing. Forms are attached to the The Knox Talks. Please contact Val Sipkens for any questions or help with the order form.

Catering

The Catering Committee is trying something new! We are now using google docs to sign up for catering events. The catering committee is hoping that by using google docs it will make it easier for you to sign up for catering events and also make it easier on the committee by not having to call or text people all the time. If you have any questions feel free to message Liz Sipkens @ 519-542-9215 or mlsipkens@gmail.com. Thank you! https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VCRS6xm8Q6CCKJ9VI3CHF9owXiza6U5KXGRy7RYMg8/edit?usp=sharing

October 27 (Monday) Lions Hall 7-9pm Nov 1 (Saturday) at JKCS 12:45pm serve

Nov 28 (Friday) at JKCS 9am-12pm prep

Nov 29 (Saturday) at JKCS 1-4 pm prep / 4:45 pm serve

Nov 24 (Monday) Lions Hall 7-9pm

Dec 9 (Tuesday) at JKCS 1-4pm prep

Grade 7 Immunizations

The Health Unit will be at the school on Tuesday, October 28 for those grade 7 students who have parental permission for their immunizations to be given here.



Kinderstart (A)

Mrs. Robinson

Gentle **Gg g**rows and **g**athers **g**orgeous **g**eraniums.

Memory Work: Psalm 95:1-7 - We are focused on verses 4 and 5: For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods. The depths of the earth are in his hand, and the mountain peaks are his. The sea is his; he made it. His hands formed the dry land.

Bible: Joseph Is Thrown Into A Well - Genesis 37

Joseph In Egypt - Genensis 39

Shared Snack: Wednesday - Rowyn

Thursday - Owen

Weekly Theme: Our fall study continues with a look at animals this week. How are various animals preparing for winter. Will they be hibernating, migrating or adapting?

Orange Day! Tuesday, October 28 will be "Orange Day" for the JK students. The SK crew will be wearing orange the next day, Wednesday, October 29.

Handwriting: SK students have been working on magic C letters. As we print in our daily work and journals, we are taking note of short, tall and descending letters and their proper placement on a line. JK students have more work on letters with vertical and horizontal lines. We have already covered L, F, E, and H. This week, we will focus on T and I.

Language: The SK class will begin a new decodable reader, "The Man". We will be introduced to another high frequency word, "look". We will also look for -an family words. Both classes have been learning to count syllable beats in words and we will continue with more syllable work this week. JK students, can you name all of the letters in your name? We will do some letter sorting activities in the next few days.

Math: Students are currently being assessed on their patterning skills as well as number identification. Both classes have been regularly reviewing how to properly print numbers on the small classroom chalkboards. JK students should be able to identify numbers 1-5 and the SK students should know most numbers between 1 and 20.

Fall Walk: Both classes will be looking for signs of fall as we explore the outdoors next week. The JK class will explore our school yard as well as our neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Schenk on Thursday, October 23. The SK group will visit Mr. and Mrs. Pelleboer's bush with Miss Jackson's class to find items on a fall scavenger hunt on Friday, October 24. Please check the weather to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the occasion!

Keeping busy in JK







Senior Kinderstart (B) / Grade 1 (B)

Miss Jackson

Memory Work: Philippians 4:19: "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." SK and Grade 1 students will recite memory work this Friday, October 24.

Phonics: In SK we continue our letter review with letters li and Ff. We will also work on identifying the beginning sounds of CVC words. Grade 1 students are continuing a review of digraphs /sh/, /ch/, /th/, and /wh/. There will be a spelling test this Friday: *when, thin, bath, math, path, them, this, that, then, they.*

Math: SK students have been busy identifying and creating patterns. Patterning is a skill we will continue to revisit throughout the year. This week we will begin a review of numbers 11-20. In Grade 1, we are continuing to study addition.

Creation Studies: SK is learning all about apples this week. We'll study the life cycle of an apple as well as investigate the characteristics of apples through a variety of activities and experiments. Grade 1 students will be studying the water cycle as we take a closer look at weather.

Fall Walk: This Friday we head to the Pelleboer's for a fall walk and scavenger hunt. What signs of fall will we find? We will be leaving the school at 12:45 and returning in time to end the day with our Secret Reader.

Secret Reader: Thanks, Ms. Becky, for joining us as our Secret Reader! It was so fun to listen to you read. We can't wait to find out how the story ends!

Book Bags: Mrs. Boersma will be here on Wednesday to read with Grade 1s. Please make sure students have their book bags that day so they can exchange their books for a new one.







Grade 1

Mrs. Tetreault

Book Bags: Our program took a short pause last week due to the long weekend. Many book bags have been returned and will be sent home again on Tuesday. These final weeks of the term are a great opportunity to make the most of this individualized reading program—please remember to send book bags in every Tuesday!

Field Trip: Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for making our trip to the London Children's Museum such a fun and successful day! We truly appreciate your time, energy, and support in helping our students learn and play.

Memory Work: Genesis 8:22: "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Phonics: We continue to learn the /th/ and /wh/ digraphs and review/ch/ and /sh/.

Spelling: when, thin, bath, path, math, them, this, that, then, they

Bible: Our stories are about Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and the birthright, and Jacob's blessing.

Remembrance Day Forms: Our school will be participating in the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day competitions. Grade 1 students will be drawing pictures on the theme of Remembrance to submit to the competition. A parent permission form is included in this week's take-home package. Please return the completed form by Friday. Thanks!

Science: Evaporation, condensation, and precipitation: this week, we'll make the water cycle in a bag! We will track the weather conditions as fall blows in!

Math: Our study of addition continues this week.

Grade 2

Mrs. Ferguson

Bible: In this unit we see how God kept His promise to send a Messiah. Jesus is the fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecy of the coming Saviour.

Memory Work: Our memory work comes from our theme for the year. This month we are looking at how God is our Provider. Philippians 4:19 tells us "And my God will supply all my needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." I will listen to this verse on Friday October 24.

Phonics: Our focus will be on double consonant endings such as -ff, -ll, -ss and -zz. We call these double final consonants twin letters because when they appear at the end of a one syllable, short vowel word, we double them. Our high frequency words this week are the homophones to, too and two.

Spelling: Our spelling words are: **stuff**, **class**, **dress**, **jazz**, **still**, **well**, **small**, **to**, **too** and **two**. Our spelling test will be on Friday, October 24.

Math: We will finish up our unit on mental math and move into our next unit, 'Getting Ready for Multiplication and Division'. We will look at adding the same number to find the total number of items in groups of the same size.

Writing: This week we will see that a good sentence contains a subject (the who or what) and an action (what are they doing). Some sentences have a part that tells where or when the action is happening. We will practice making sentences using these three parts and remembering to add a capital and correct punctuation.

Science: We will see how some solid objects will float on a liquid (buoyancy) and some will not. We will take on the challenge to make a boat that is able to float on water using various materials and learn that how something has been designed can affect how it works.

Phys Ed: In gym this week we are looking at balance and focus. How can we use our bodies to help up balance?

Grade 3 A

Mrs. Lofgren

Memory Work: Genesis 17:7 – "I will keep My covenant between Me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, as an everlasting covenant to be your God and the God of your offspring after you." Students may orally recite the verse or complete a "fill in the blank."

Bible: This week begins a new unit. We will be studying the life of Abraham and the covenantal relationship he had with God.

Spelling: This week's words are: to, two, too, know, have, save, give, live, blue, do. Words can also be found on the back of the "This Week in Grade 3" page.

Creation Studies: Our 'Historical Communities' unit will follow the life of a pioneer family and the life that they lived. We will be reading the book "They Called Us Loyalists" and discovering more about a time long ago. We have already read the first two chapters and are captivated by Lydia and her life as a child. This week, we are going to learn more about each of our own family histories and where our ancestors lived and maybe how they lived.

Writing: We will be completing our pen pal letters this week and sending them off. We look forward to hearing from our pals and learning more about them.

Mrs. Bouma

Math: We will finish up our subtraction unit this week. Students have been working hard to remember to look and see if "there is more on top, or more on the floor." Our next unit will be on word problems with addition and subtraction.

French: We move on to Unité C this week. Our question for this unit is Ca va? - How are you? Our responses: Ca va bien. (I am good.) Ca va tres bien! (I am very good.) Ca val mal. (I am bad.) Comme ci, comme ca. (I am so-so.)

Grade 3 B									
<u>Miss Sluys</u>									
Miss Sluys will send a paper copy of her Classroom News home on Tuesday.									
French (Mrs. Bouma): We move on to Unité C this week. Our question for this unit is Ca va? - How are you? Our responses: Ca va bien. (I am good.) Ca va tres bien! (I am very good.) Ca val mal. (I am bad.) Comme ci, comme ca. (I am so-so.)									

Grade 4

Mrs. Noordam

Memory work: Trust the Lord 1 My son, don't forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commands; 2 for they will bring you many days, a full life, and well-being. 3 Never let loyalty and faithfulness leave you. Tie them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Then you will find favour and high regard with God and people. 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:1-6

We will have a fill-in-the-blank test on verses 3 and 4 on Friday.

Bible: In Judges 7, we will read how Gideon defeats Midian.

Math: We concluded our unit on using bar models to solve addition and subtraction questions. There will not be a formal test on this unit, and the worksheets for this unit have been sent home today. Our next focus will be on multiplication facts for 3,4,6,7,8, and 9.

Social Studies: As part of the 'Ancient Farming Communities Unit', the students have been asked to visit a farm and interview a farmer. An interview sheet has been sent home today (yellow paper) in their take-home folders. This will be due on Monday, November 17. We went over the interview questions together as a class; however, if you have any questions, please let me know!

Spelling: In Lesson 7, we will focus on the suffix -al. The words and the rules they need to know are in their spelling lexicon. We will have a test this Friday.

Writing: We will review paragraph writing, focusing on the importance of a strong topic sentence, supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence.

Grammar: We will be discussing how complete sentences have subjects and predicates. There will be a short quiz this week on different types of sentences (declarative, interrogative, imperative, exclamatory) as well as subjects and predicates.

Art: Students will participate in the National Youth Remembrance Contest, sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion. Look for two permission forms coming home that must be signed by a parent so students have permission to enter the contest. Please bring them back to school. Thanks!

Grade Four French (Madame DeBoer): Last week we heard our play for the first time; it's amazing how quickly the students pick up on repeated phrases!

Grade 5

Mrs. Siertsema

Welcome back to another week in Grade 5!

Here is what is upcoming in our curriculum for week 8!

Spelling: New spelling words will come home on Monday. Our morpheme of the week is "al". Students will be given the rules that show how to add "al" to words and how that changes the meaning of those words. There is a spelling quiz on Friday.

Writing: Students will take a break from essay writing to learn about different types of poems and try writing some poems themselves in preparation for a Remembrance Day poem.

Math: Students will be learning how to divide 3-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. They will be learning the decomposition method and the standard algorithm of long division as well. There will be a small division guiz on Friday.

Literature: Students will be tackling more chapters of "From Anna" as they learn about Anna's new school in Canada.

Grammar: Reviewing present tense verbs with a quiz on Monday.

Music: We tried our first listening log last Friday and will continue with a second listening log this coming Friday. Students will try to identify different elements of music that they hear when listening to a piece of music.

Physical Education: We will continue to learn and practice various volleyball skills while participating in a variety of cooperative games.

It should be a good week!

Grade Five French (Madame DeBoer): Last week we started some "put the words in order" exercises; this helps establish grammar and syntax structures for second language learners.

Mrs. Raja

Science: TEST FRIDAY!

Keep your eye out for our green study game, full of matching definitions and terms, along with a white paper outlining the biblical principles of the unit. The expectations in the junior division require students to apply the knowledge instead of simply memorizing facts that will be repeated on the test. They may be asked to think like an engineer and explain their building material choices, or determine with rationale if a modern/famous building feat or failure. Personal safety is also a component of the unit, and students may be asked to demonstrate how to be safe on their bikes, for example.

Bible class will be spent looking at God's covenants with Noah, Abraham, David, and finally, Israel, with the hope of understanding God's deep desire for a relationship with us. We will spend time discovering Jeremiah, the prophet who spoke about a New Covenant, which Jesus Christ has fulfilled for both Jew and Gentile. Due to our long memory work assignment last week and our science test this week, we will resume our memory work next week.

In art class, we are heading into Remembrance Day preparations. Students will be given 1-2 periods to brainstorm and draft a creative piece of art for the Legion's Remembrance Day Poster Contest. Extra work at home will likely be needed for students to complete their piece. Students may submit 1 entry into each of the following categories: Black & White poster, Colour Poster, Written Poem. More details to come.

Grade 6

Mrs. Kamel

The following is what we have planned for this week:

Chapel this Friday: Our class is hosting a chapel at 9am Friday morning. You are all invited to come join us in worship.

Memory: For this coming Friday, students are to memorize Col 1:15-16 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Spelling: Quiz on our October commonly misspelt words this Friday.

Writing: We will begin working on free verse poetry and tie that into some Remembrance Day writing.

Science: Slideshows on invasive species will be presented tomorrow.

Math: On **Tuesday**, we will have a little quiz on how to round and estimate to add and subtract whole numbers to the nearest thousands. Students will also continue learning about angles up to 360 degrees.

Bible: We will be working on our chapel in Bible class a bit this week. We will also begin a new unit on Jesus' later Judean ministry.

Art: I hope to finish up our lesson on calligraphy through our individualized Psalms. These psalms will be due on **Monday.** We will also begin brainstorming and creating Remembrance Day art.

Social Studies: We have started a new unit on 'Communities in Canada: Past and Present'. Over the next couple of weeks, I will begin teaching the grade six students about culture and worldview.

Gym: We are wrapping up our dance unit while simultaneously beginning our unit in volleyball.

Have a wonderful week!

Grade Six French (Madame DeBoer): We are starting our "put the words in order" exercises together! These types of activities help to solidify grammar structures and syntax in a different language.







Grade 7

Mr. Teeuwen

I hope you have had a wonderful weekend, and are ready for a full week of learning. Volleyball tryouts continue this week Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for the boys and Tuesday and Thursday for the girls at second recess. Here are the topics we will be covering throughout the week.

Math: 'Ratios as Percents' - solving percent problems, then moving towards decimal multiplication and division.

Bible: Continuing with our study on 'Themes of the Old Testament' by examining the travel to the promised land, Israel getting their first king, and the promise of the Messiah.

Language Arts: We are finishing our examination of 'Honouring Creation' through the 'Choices and Decisions' stories by doing some perspective paragraph writing. We will also be reading the first five chapters of our first novel study of the year "The Giver".

Science: Students will learn about what matter is and how God designed it to be cycled through an ecosystem. We will also explore primary and secondary ecological succession, factors that limit an ecosystem's growth, and how invasive species and species at risk affect the balance of God's creation.

Art: This week, we'll be practicing our penmanship skills and working on our Remembrance Day posters as we reflect on the gift of peace and freedom that God has blessed us with.

Physical Education: We are continuing to improve upon our reception of the volleyball from a serve or spike and attempting a three hit response to best position for a good return, all the while cheering our opponents for their efforts.

Music: Continuing to practice tone chimes playing, "Ode to Joy".

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers and have a great week!

Grade Seven French (Madame DeBoer): We'll be learning about possessive adjectives this week along with the imperatif- giving a command.

Grade 8

Mrs. VanWyk

Poinsettia fundraiser forms went home on Friday, and I'm looking forward to seeing how this year's grade 8 class works together to raise funds for their graduation trip. Just a quick reminder that our first bake sale will take place during the first week of November. More details, including the exact date and the number of baked goods each student is expected to bring, will be shared in next week's Knox Talks.

I hope you have a wonderful week ahead - we certainly will in grade 8!

<u>Important upcoming dates to keep in mind:</u>

Tuesday, October 21: End-of-unit Bible test

Tuesday, November 11: Visit to the cenotaph for Remembrance Day

Our curriculum focuses this week:

Bible: We'll finish our assignment on the Holy Spirit, and then look at Jewish sects as we aim to understand the early church. After our end-of-unit test, we'll start our second unit on *Themes of the New Testament*.

Memory work: Acts 4: 32 – 35

Math: We will continue our study of fraction, specifically fractions of fractions, and multiplying and dividing fractions.

History: We are continuing to look at the 1840's to 1867, studying the politics, the people, and the causes of Confederation in Canada.

Geography: We will be looking at settlement factors, patterns, calculating population density of various countries, global settlement patterns, and a land use case study (Caledonia Ontario).

Literature: This week, we'll begin our short story unit from *Choices and Decisions: Responding to Injustices*, where we'll explore how God calls us to act with compassion, fairness, and courage when we see injustice in the world around us.

Physical Education: We are continuing to improve upon our reception of the volleyball from a serve or spike and attempting a three-hit response to best position for a good return, all the while cheering our opponents for their efforts.

Grade Eight French (Madame DeBoer): We are wrapping up our unit; this week we begin our final project.

JKCS Grocery Vouchers

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

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NO FRILLS/SUPERSTORE/	INDEPENDENT	x \$50.00	x \$100.00 _	x \$250.00							
FOODLAND	=======	X \$50.00	x \$100.00 _	x \$250.00							
TIM HORTONS	x \$10.00	X \$15.00 	_ x \$20.00	5.00x \$50.00							
All Vouchers Subject to Availability											
CHEQUE TOTAL \$_	or Cash total \$ or E-transfer total \$										
PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: J.K.C.S. VOUCHERS											

E-transfer: vouchers@jkcswyoming.com





Spirit Wear Order Form



Do You Have Questions?

Call Val Sipkens at 519-466-6267

Email: bvsipkens@hotmail.com

HOODED SWEATSHIRT embroidered full front OR embroidered left chest YOUTH XS-XL \$55.00 ADULT S-XL \$55.00 2XL \$65.00





1/4 ZIP SWEATER
ADULT ONLY
embroidered left chest
S-XL \$45.00
2XL \$50.00

DRY FIT T-SHIRT screened full front OR screened left chest YOUTH XS-XL \$20.00 ADULT S-XL \$22.00 2XL \$25.00



BASEBALL CAP embroidered side crest \$15.00

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

NAME

PHONE

Embroidered Name on Hooded Sweatshirts (sleeve) \$5.00 extra each Screened Name on T-shirts (across the back) \$5.00 extra each

COTTON T-SHIRT screened full front OR screened left chest YOUTH S-XL \$20.00 ADULT S-XL \$22.00 2XL \$25.00



<u>Item</u>	Position (circle one)		Colour (circle one)		Age (circle one)		Size (circle one)	Quantity	<u>Total</u>	
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COTTON T-SHIRT	Left chest	Full front	Black	Purpl	e Grey	Adult	Youth	S M L XL 2XL		
DRY FIT T-SHIRT	Left chest	Full front	Bla	ck Pu	ırple	Adult	Youth	XS S M L XL 2XL		
1/4 ZIP SWEATER	Left chest		Bla	ick	Grey	Adult		S M L XL 2XL		
FLIP TOQUE	Brim		Blad	ck F	urple	one size fits all		n/a		
POM POM TOQUE	Brim		Blac	k l	Purple	one size fits all		n/a		
BASEBALL CAP	Off-centered front		Blad	ck	Purple	Adult	Youth	n/a		

SIZES: XS (2-4) S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16) XL (18-20) 2XL (22-26) EMBROIDERED/SCREENED NAME IS \$5.00 EXTRA EA
IF YES NAME ON ITEM______

TOTAL (TAXES ARE INCLUDED)

PAYMENT METHOD (CIRCLE ONE)







NOTE: Cheques must be written to Sewlutions with "JKCS order" in the memo Etransfers to sewlutions@cogeco.net with "JKCS order" in the notes

DELIVERY METHOD (CIRCLE ONE)





-Orders & payment due November 11
-Orders will be complete before Christmas

-Samples available for viewing at the school November 3-10

-Inquire about larger sizing if needed

NOTES: