



JOHN KNOX  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL • WYOMING

# KNOX TALKS



Theme Verse 2024-2025

**"Growing Roots and Bearing Fruit"**

Galatians 5:22-23a

## Track and Field District Meet

Letters went home last Thursday to those that were chosen to represent our school at the District meet on Monday, May 26 at the University of Windsor. Please let the school know ASAP if your child is unable to attend this meet. We will be taking the bus to Watford for another relay practice today.

## Tuition Intention Forms

A reminder to please return tuition intention forms to the treasurer, by sending the paper form to school or emailing a copy to [treasurer@wyomingjkcs.com](mailto:treasurer@wyomingjkcs.com).

## DSW/PSW Position for 2025/2026

As Mrs. Wendy Scott is retiring at the end of this school year, we are looking to add a new DSW/PSW to our support staff team. If you or someone you know of is looking for work in this field and would be a great fit for JKCS, please check out the job posting at <https://edvance.ca/jobs/detail?id=13705>

**Tuesday,**

**May 20, 2025**

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, May 20

Staff Meeting 3:35pm

### Wednesday, May 21

Chapel Grade 7 - 9am

JK Welcome Day

Library Day

### Thursday, May 22

SK Welcome Day

Gr. 1 visits Greenview Aviaries

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

### Friday, May 23

Senior Two-Pitch Tournament - Camlachie

### Monday, May 26

District Track and Field - Windsor

### Tuesday, May 27

JK Welcome Day

### Wednesday, May 28 - Friday, May 30

Grade 8 Graduation Trip - Fair Glen/  
Wonderland

### Thursday, May 29

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Gr. 3 Field Trip to The Lambton Centre

### Monday, June 2

Grade 6 Field Trip to The Jet Aircraft  
Museum

### Tuesday, June 3

Volunteer Luncheon

### Wednesday, June 4

Pizza Day

### Thursday, June 5

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Vision Nursing Home - Grade 3 & 8

### **May's 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 membership informed.

With thankfulness to God, we are overjoyed and grateful to announce the incredible success of our recent fundraising auction. Through the generous support of our community, we raised approximately \$270,000.00 for our school. God is so good! A special thank you to the members of the Auction Committee for the dedication and hard work to make this night a success!

Along with an exciting night at the auction, we were able to host two other exciting events at school this past month. Grandfriend's Day and the school musical are always thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all those who were involved in the making of the school musical! It takes so much time and effort on many ends to make this happen.

A reminder from our Finance Committee to please return your Tuition Intention forms for 2025/2026 school year. If you have any questions regarding bursaries, please the school office.

We are pleased to share our most recent PD Day was a success. Our staff participated in a Behaviour Management Training course that focused on strategies to support student behaviour and create a nurturing environment for our students. We are grateful to our staff's commitment to ongoing growth in Christian education.

Over the past years, the building committee has been renovating one classroom each summer in the west end of the school. This work will continue again, refreshing one of the primary classrooms with a new floor, ceiling tiles, and air conditioning. Fundraising for the building expansion is ongoing and the projected start date for the project is Spring 2026.

### **Junior Baseball**

Do you have children going into Grades 4-6 at JKCS this fall? We are starting a NEW co-ed baseball league for JKCS enrolled students. Baseball will be on Tuesday evenings, starting at 6:30. The league will run for 8 weeks, from July 8th to August 26th, at JKCS. Cost and payment options will be sorted out when we have a better handle on the number of players. We expect the cost to be around \$20 per player. We are hoping to have jersey sponsorships, so the fees are just to cover a few supplies. This is a great way to teach your kids the rules of the game, improve their skills, and have fun! For more information, please contact Ryan Benjamins or Matt DeBoer. To sign up, please email [baseball@jkcswyoming.com](mailto:baseball@jkcswyoming.com) Sign-up closes May 30th.

# Classroom News

## Kinderstart (A)

Mrs. Robinson

**Memory Work:** Matthew 7:24-27

**Bible:** Jesus Walks On Water - Matthew 14  
Jesus Heals A Blind Man - John 9

**Tuesday Shared Snack:** Tessa

**Weekly Theme:** The caterpillars ate and ate and grew and grew! We were all amazed by how much bigger they became. Now that they are hidden from us, they will continue to change inside of their chrysalis. As they do that, we will continue our study of bugs. This week, bees and ladybugs will be highlighted in particular.

**Yellow Day:** The JK class celebrated the last colour day of the year today, "Yellow Day". SK students will be wearing yellow next Wednesday, May 28. During colour days, everyone has been completing pages for our own class copy of the book, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear". We will soon be ready to put the finishing touches on our books. Look for them to come home in your child's portfolio at the end of the year.

**Handwriting:** Both classes are working on the last few pages of their handwriting books. This consists of review of proper letter and number formation. The JK crew is completing some lower case printing and the SK students are perfecting larger writing assignments.

**Math and Language:** Have you counted how many days are left in the school year? The answer is: not many! With that in mind, much of the remaining time will consist of review and assessment of concepts and skills already taught. This will include numeracy, patterning, geometry and measurement in math. Language skills being assessed will include letter, sound and word recognition, rhyming and syllable identification.

**Welcome Days:** Mrs Robinson will be hosting new students this week Wednesday and Thursday. Current SK - A students will join the SK - B class on Wednesday morning. Current JK students will meet some new friends on Thursday morning. These are students who will be in our SK class next year.

**Water Bottles and Cutlery:** Please remember to send a water bottle to school, particularly on these warmer days. Recently, many students are requesting spoons for their lunches. We have a very limited supply at school. If you think that might be your child, you are welcome to send a box of disposable spoons to be left school.

**Looking Ahead Dates:** Year end picnics at the Jagts - June 9 (SK)  
June 10 (JK)  
Last Day of School - June 17 (JK)  
June 18 (SK)

SK students were exploring at the conservation area, going on a word hunt and learning about the butterfly life cycle.



# Classroom News

## Kinderstart (B)

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### Mrs. Lofgren - Junior KinderStart - B

**Star Student:** Tuesday – Jase

Thursday - Julianna

**Shared Snack:** Emmett (Thursday)

**Memory Work:** Matthew 5:3-11

**Bible:** Jesus Uses a Boy's Lunch to Feed 5000/Jesus Loves Children

**Handwriting:** We will practice writing our names using proper uppercase and lowercase letters.

**Weekly Theme:** This week we will learn about author Eric Carle and some of his more popular works, including *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

**Math:** This week we will review patterns and sorting.

### Mrs. Sipkens - Senior KinderStart - B

**Memory Work:** Continuing with the Lord's Prayer, and students will be tested on Friday.

**Socials:** Butterfly life cycle, as well as looking at the differences between moths and butterflies.

**Show & Tell:** Boys on Wednesday

This week Wednesday, we will have SK-A join us for the first two blocks, as Mrs. Robinson is hosting next year's JKs for the morning, so we will expect a busy, but fun morning of games and extra outdoor time!

**Forest Friday:** We head to Perch Creek this week - send bug spray, sunscreen, and hats, as you see fit for your child.

**Yellow Day** will be next Wednesday, May 28.

# Classroom News

## Grade 1

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### Mrs. Tetreault

**Memory Work:** Due to our 3-day week, we will review 1 Chronicles 16:11

***“Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!”***

**Phonics:** Over the next two weeks we will look at words that have the spelling pattern -ea or -ee.

**Spelling:** We will not have a test due to the short week and our field trip. The words for next Friday (30th) are: feel, week, keep, need, wheel, eat, mean, real, clean, because.

**Creation Studies:** Students took home their bean plants last week, and have planted some new seeds to observe! We hope to see these grass heads sprout some hair soon! Invite your child to help out in the garden at home for some hands-on learning!

**Field trip:** We are looking forward to an amazing day of learning and fun at Greenview Aviaries! Please watch the forecast and dress your child in layers for changeable weather, and footwear suitable for running and playing. Lots of healthy snacks and water will be helpful for a full day outdoors. We will leave the school at 9:00, and return home by 3:00. We can't wait for our adventure!

**Math:** Students are trying a new challenge: addition with regrouping! We are learning to count up the ones, circle and group of ten, and put a small “1” in the tens column. Way to go, grade 1s!

**Bible:** We will wrap up our unit on David with a quiz on Tuesday.

# Classroom News

## Grade 2A

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### Mrs. Ferguson

**Memory Work:** Our memory work comes from our theme for the month of May which is Gentleness. Proverbs 15:1 says "A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath." I will listen to memory work on Friday, May 30.

**Phonics:** We will be working on the diphthongs "ou" and "ow". A diphthong is a gliding vowel where the sound begins as one vowel and moves to another vowel sound.

**Spelling:** Our spelling words are **loud, found, sound, ground, mouth, house, around, town, frown** and **growl**. Our spelling test will be on Friday, May 23.

**Math:** We will finish up our unit on shapes today and have our unit test on Thursday. A review sheet will come home today. Our next unit is on Graphing. We will look at collecting data in order to make a graph.

**Writing:** We have been working hard researching our animals and writing jot notes. This week we will take our jot notes and begin to write sentences for our reports.

**Science:** We will move onto fish this week and look at the characteristics that all fish share. Fish have a special way that God created them to breathe underwater.

I will be away this Friday with the Two Pitch team. Mrs. Noorloos will be in our class for the day.

**Social Studies (Miss Sluys):** Australian climate and history are our topics for this week. How are the country projects coming along? Students are sharing many things they've learned with me from doing their research. Remember, if you need anything let me know.



# Classroom News

## Grade 2 (B)

### Miss Sluys

**Memory Work** – Romans 8:37 - 39 (Fri. May 30)

**Bible – Paul's Missionary Journeys**

**Mon.** – Victoria Day

**Tues.** – Paul and Silas in Jail

**Wed.** – Chapel

**Thurs.** – Corinth

**Fri.** – Priscilla, Aquilla, and Apollos

**Spelling:** turn, burned, surf, sure, cure, pure, picture, nurse, land, they (Fri. May 23)

**Math:** Graphs and Plot Lines – We'll be finishing our unit this week and spending time in review.

**Phys. Ed.:** For the remainder of the year we will be playing soccer baseball as well as cooperative games.

**Social Studies:** Australian climate and history are our topics for this week. How are the country projects coming along? Students are sharing many things they've learned with me from doing their research. Remember, if you need anything let me know.

**Art:** Check out our wonderful porthole aquariums!



**Science (Mrs. Ferguson):** We will move onto fish this week and look at the characteristics that all fish share. Fish have a special way that God created them to breathe underwater.

# Classroom News

## Grade 3

### Mrs. Bouma

**Gates-MacGuinitie Reading Assessment:** This week our primary students in Grades 1-3 will be doing a reading assessment. This assessment covers comprehension, vocabulary, and word decoding. It allows teachers to track each student's growth and where they may need some extra help.

**Spelling:** Due to our short week, we will not have a new spelling list this week! We only have two spelling lessons left this school year!

**Reading:** Some of our reading time this week will be completing our reading assessment. Hopefully, we can also get Chapter 8 read in *Sarah, Plain and Tall!* Will Sarah stay in the prairies with the Witting family?

**Math:** We will wrap up our Geometry unit on all things shapes and mapping this week. Students have learned many new vocabulary words with this unit and enjoyed using our 3-D shape manipulatives.

**French:** We will start Unité L this week - our second last French unit! This unit covers the months of the year and weather phrases like - Il fait beau (It is nice) and Il fait chaud (It is hot). Check out the new vocabulary sheet going home this week.

**Music:** We have brushed the dust off the handbells and enjoyed making music with them last Friday. We will be using them again this week as we prepare for our performance at Vision Nursing Home on June 5.

### Mrs. Pries

**Memory Work:** No memory work this week.

**Writing:** This week we continue to practice paragraph writing. We are focussing on informative topic sentences, descriptive language and transition words.

**Library:** We have library on Wednesday, please remember to bring those books back!

**Phys. Ed:** We will begin soccer baseball this week. Proper outdoor footwear is important. Please remember outdoor running shoes on Monday and Wednesday.

**Science:** We continue to look at soil erosion through natural and human causes. We will be diving deeper into the soil profile this week. As well as, the amazing design and gift of worms!

**Friday:** This Friday we will be going to Perch Creek conservation area with the SK-B class. On this short outing we will be adventuring and exploring the local environment around us. Thank you to my amazing volunteers! You are appreciated!



# Classroom News

## Grade 4

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### Mrs. Noordam

**Memory Work:** Psalm 135: 1-9. There will be a fill-in-the blank test this Friday on verses 3 and 4.

**Bible:** In 1 Kings 19 we will read where Elijah is sent to meet Elisha, and Elisha is called in ministry. We will discuss Elisha's diligence, love, obedience, and commitment.

**Math:** Tests have been returned today on the Geometry unit. We begin learning about probability to predict the outcome of an event. This is a short, fun unit with a lot of group work opportunities!

**Literature:** We will continue with the Nelson Literature unit on 'Pulleys and Gears'. We will look at specialized vocabulary, discussing media text and making inferences.

**Writing:** Students have been busy finalizing their opinion assignment as well as a Bible writing activity.

**Grammar:** We continue working through our daily language review and each student will keep track of their own progress .

**Science:** The pulleys and gears project is due on Friday June 6. An information package has been sent home. Please let me know if you have any questions!

**P.E.:** We will spend our classes outdoors practicing for District as well as playing some soccer baseball.

**French (Madame DeBoer):** We are creating props and the backdrop this week for our play performances; continue to memorize your parts! We plan to perform our plays on June 4th.

# Classroom News

## Grade 5

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### Mrs. Siertsema

*But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.*

~1 Timothy 6:11

**Coming up in our curriculum:**

**Spelling:** Spelling this week, and our usual spelling quiz on Friday.

**Memory work:** New memory work this week with a quiz on Friday. Mark 16:15-16

*And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

**Math:** Students will be learning more about triangles and beginning to learn about graphs and charts.

**Bible:** We are moving on in our Bible curriculum to 'Parables of the Kingdom'. We will have lessons on the parable of the sower, the last shall be first, and the rich fool.

**Literature:** Students are getting close to the end of the novel "Island of the Blue Dolphins". Once each group has finished reading the novel, there will be an end-of-novel project.

**Music:** We are going back to recorders and music theory. They will need recorders on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Writing:** The students will continue to plan the details of their fictional narrative.

**Physical Education:** Soccer baseball and baseball.

**Field Day:** We had a great field day! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the day a success! Also, a big congratulations to the students for their perseverance and encouragement of others throughout the day as they participated in all events.

**French (Madame DeBoer):** We are continuing to memorize our parts for our performance, which will be on Wednesday, May 28th.

# Classroom News

## Grade 6

### Mrs. Kamel

**Weekly Homework:** Now that grade 6 is back to their regular spelling program with weekly studying and tests, I am going to discontinue our cursive homework. Please help your child study for their spelling daily as this can be a hard task for some. \*\*\* I will continue the optional weekly math work that students complete for candy (not marks) due each Friday.\*\*\*

**Upcoming Field Trips:** Grade 6 will be going on two field trips in the coming weeks. I will need some volunteer parents to join the fun.

1. **May 29<sup>th</sup> Rock Glen:** I need two more volunteers. We will be leaving the school at 9:30am and most return around 2pm.
2. **June 2<sup>nd</sup> Jet Aircraft Museum:** Thank you to those parents who volunteered to join us. We are all set!

**Bible:** Paul's third missionary journey will be our focus this week.

**Memory Work:** Psalm 46: 1-5. Due **Friday May 23rd.**

**Spelling:** Grade 6 will have a spelling test on Friday.

**Math:** We will have a test on Algebraic Expressions on **Thursday.** Our next unit will be on Patterns.

**Literature:** Grade 6 students will learn how to write a chronological sequence text pattern based on their fictitious future. This lesson will be a nice transition to our next unit on Biographies.

**Science: Flight:** Grade 6 will learn about the four forces that are working on any flying object: Lift, weight (gravity), drag and thrust.

**Science con't:** We will do just a little bit of learning in human organ systems this week. I hope some more students will be able complete their presentations on stretches and cardio activities.

**Music:** A couple more weeks left for composing music with boomwhackers.

**Art:** Grade 6's mosaics are looking good! Hope to finish them up this week.

**Gym:** Softball

**French (Madame DeBoer):** We are working on our specific parts for the scenes of the play that we'll be filmed in; please work on memorizing your part. We hope to begin filming next week.

# Classroom News

## Grade 7

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### Mr. Teeuwen

Greetings Families of Grade 7 Students,

Welcome back after the Victoria Day weekend! I hope you enjoyed the extra time away, be it camping, gardening, or whatever blessings God had in store for you. This is a shortened week with some important events happening. Friday is the two-pitch tournament for the baseball team and on Wednesday the Grade 7s will be hosting chapel at 9:05am. On Thursday this week, the Grade 7 students will be writing a Gauss contest for mathematics put on by the University of Waterloo. This is a word problem based test that will challenge the students in a variety of ways and prizes can be won for the top finishers! Have a look at some of the topics that we are covering this week.

**Memory Verse:** Deuteronomy 18: 15.

**Bible:** We are beginning our final Bible unit of the year on the prophets doing an introduction of who they were and what was their main message.

**Math:** In our financial literacy unit we are continuing to look at exchange rates determining what is the best price when comparing Canadian, U.S. and Mexican currency. On Thursday we write the Gauss test.

**Literature:** Working on the second draft of *The Hobbit* essays, and some will begin an independent novel study.

**Grammar:** Daily language review of concepts covered.

**Phys. Ed:** Baseball and European handball.

**History:** Beginning a new unit on Rome. We will begin with an overview of terms and a test to see what the students already know of Rome.

**Geography:** Current events assignment regarding natural resources.

**Music:** Chapel singing practice and ukulele chord and ear listening exercises.

Thank you for continuing to keep us in your prayers.

Have a great week!

**French (Madame DeBoer):** We are learning the future tense (futur proche) so knowing the verb "aller" is essential!

# Classroom News

## Grade 8

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### Mrs. vanWyk

As the end of grade 8 approaches, the excitement of graduation is beginning to build, and it's certainly felt among our soon-to-be graduates. While we're all looking forward to the celebrations, there's still important curriculum to cover as we work to ensure students are well-prepared for high school. This week is also a busy one with relay practice for track and field, and our two-pitch tournament taking place on Friday. It's an exciting time!

#### Important upcoming dates to keep in mind:

**Friday, May 23** – Two-Pitch Tournament

**Wednesday, May 28 – 30** – Graduation trip

**Thursday, June 5** – Visit to Vision Nursing Home to play the tone chimes

**Tuesday, June 10** – Field trip to The Lambton Centre

#### Our curriculum focuses this week:

**Math:** This week, we'll write the end-of-chapter 11 test, the Gauss contest test, and start with our final chapter on probabilities.

**History:** We continue our study of the development of Western Canada after Confederation by examining the Canadian Pacific Railway and the experiences of gold prospectors during the late 1800s gold rush.

**Literature:** *The Bronze Bow*, chapters 7 – 9

**Geography:** We conclude our last Geography unit by writing an end-of-unit test on Tuesday, May 20.

**Music (Mrs. Lisson):** We are practicing for our upcoming performance at Vision Nursing Home in June.

**Physical Education:** Baseball

**Memory Work:** Romans 8: 5 – 8

**French (Madame DeBoer):** We're learning about the past tense using the verb être.

# **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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