

TALKS



Theme Verse 2024-2025

"Growing Roots and Bearing Fruit"
Galatians 5:22-23a

JKCS Auction

→ WOW—We are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude! →

We are beyond blessed, excited, and thankful to share that the John Knox Christian School Auction Fundraiser was a HUGE success!

With God's goodness and the incredible support of our community, we raised an astounding \$270,000!

To everyone who gave, served, bid, and prayed - THANK YOU. Your generosity is making a lasting impact on our school and students. God is so good! 🔭

XOXO -The Auction Committee

Hanging Baskets

Helping Hands is so thankful for your support of our Hanging Basket Fundraiser. We were able to raise \$540 that will be used for fixing up our high jump equipment and our year end school picnic among other things. If you ordered certificates, they will be sent home today with students or a member of Helping Hands will contact you to arrange delivery.

Tuesday,

May 6, 2025

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

Tuesday, May 6

JK & Grade 2 Field Trip to Lorne Henderson Conservation Area

Wednesday, May 7

Chapel - Gr. 2B at 9:15 am Library Day Pizza Day

800 m races - Gr 4-8 at 1:40pm Ed Committee Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday, May 8

Grade 4 & 5 Field Trip to Lambton Centre 400 m races - Gr. 6-8 at 11:10 am 800 m races - Gr. 1-3 at 1:40pm Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Friday, May 9

SK B visit Lamrecton Beach 1500 m races - Gr. 6-8 at 1:40pm

Monday, May 12

SK Field Trip to Lorne Henderson Conservation Area

Tuesday, May 13

Gr 7 & 8 Field Trip to Western University and Strathroy

Wednesday, May 14

JKCS Track and Field Day (rain date May 15)

Monday, May 19

Victoria Day - no school

Tuesday, May 20

Staff Meeting 3:35pm

Wednesday, May 21

JK Welcome Day

Long Distance Races this Week

Wednesday, May 7 - 800m - starts at 1:40pm - Grade 4-8 Thursday, May 8 - 400 m - starts at 11:10am- Grade 6-8 Thursday, May 8 - 800 m - starts at 1:40pm - Grades 1-3 Friday, May 9 - 1500 m - starts at 1:40 pm - Grade 6-8

Field Day - Volunteers Needed!

JKCS Field Day is just two weeks away on May 14 with a rain date of May 15. This is a great day of competition, sport, encouragement and community. It is very important that we have volunteers for the day who are able to assist the teachers in running an event or leading a group of younger athletes. If you are able to volunteer for the day or even half of the day, please let the office know by calling or emailing.

JK and SK Visiting Mornings

Families who have students starting JK or SK next year were sent an email this morning with sign up details. Future JK students will be able to visit on May 21 and May 27 and new to SK students will be able to visit on May 22. If you did not receive the email, please connect with the school office.

Professional Development Day

Yesterday, our teachers and paraeducators participated in Behaviour Management Training provided by Edvance. Staff appreciated being able to receive this training and to participate in this a whole staff team. This session began with an introduction on child development and factors that impact how they learn at school. The leader then focused on proactive strategies to support positive behaviour in the classroom, building a toolkit to address challenges effectively, and strengthening communication with families. The training also included guidance on safe intervention techniques to ensure the well-being of both students and staff, reinforcing our commitment to maintaining a safe and supportive school environment.

EduDeo Fundraiser

Thank you, students! Our EduDeo Cotton Candy Fundraiser raised just over \$338!

Catering Events

May 8: Prep @ 9:00 (school) wedding
May 9: Prep @ 2:00 (Covenant church)
May 9: Serve @ 5:45 (Covenant church)
May 9: Cleanup @ 6:45 (Covenant church)

Please contact Samantha Boer if you are able to help 226-402-3308.

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 Sign-up closes May 30th.

JKCS Girls Choir

The JKCS girls choir will be performing at the Stars of the Festival Concert on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00pm. The new location for this event is Great Lakes Secondary School at 340 Murphy Road, Sarnia. There is a \$5 admission fee for those who would like to come and support this event.

<u>Tuition Intention Forms</u>

A reminder to please return tuition intention forms to the treasurer, by sending the paper form to school or emailing a copy to treasurer@wyomingikcs.com.

Kinderstart (A)

Mrs. Robinson

Phone ph!

Memory Work: Matthew 7:24-27

Bible: Jesus Heals A Paralyzed Man - Matthew 9:1-8 Jesus Calms The Storm - Matthew 8:23-27

Thursday Shared Snack: Paisley

Weekly Theme: After a long winter, spring has finally arrived and we are ready to work on some spring things! Our particular focus will be on caterpillars and butterflies. We expect to welcome some very hungry caterpillars to our classroom in the next few days. We will keep you posted on their progress. In addition to all of that, we also have some top secret work to complete! Shhh, KinderStart!

Show and Tell: Show and tell is an excellent opportunity for students to learn how to speak in front of their peers and how to ask and answer questions. We continue to do show and tell even though our "letter of the week" schedule is finished. During the month of May, students are encouraged to bring in an item related to spring or something connected to our study of caterpillars and butterflies.

Phonemic Awareness: Both classes are working on word families. We are concentrating on short vowel words, particularly consonant/vowel/consonant words. JK students have become very adept at identifying the beginning phonemes and they are learning to recognize the middle and ending sounds of words. SK students are busy stretching words as they write the phonemes that they hear.

Field Trips! The JK class visited Lorne C Henderson Conservation Area to participate in the "Spring Has Sprung" workshop today. The SK class will do the same on Monday, May 12. Our workshop runs between 12:30 and 2:30. Several chaperones have already offered to come, however if you would also like to join us on the SK trip, please contact Mrs Robinson. Please note that we are unable to accommodate younger siblings on this outing.

Teddy Bear Picnics!













Kinderstart (B)

Mrs. Lofgren - Junior KinderStart - B

Star Student: Tuesday – Brooklyn Thursday - Bryce

Shared Snack: Julianna (Thursday)

Memory Work: Matthew 5:3-11

Bible: John Baptizes Jesus/Jesus Says "Follow Me"

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

Weekly Theme: May brings signs of new life as flowers bloom and new life forms. This month, we will focus our time on spring, butterflies, and this week, our mothers and the good gift that they are to our lives. God created all these systems to show His glory in creation and how He makes us new.

Math: This week, we will explore addition.

Field trip on Tuesday, May 6th. Both JK classes are headed to Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area for their "Spring Has Sprung" workshop. Our workshop runs between 12:30-2:30. We will be leaving the school shortly after 12.

Mrs. Sipkens - Senior KinderStart - B

Memory Work: 1 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Socials: This month is all about Butterflies! We are expecting some little visitors to be delivered this week, and we will watch them in our classroom, following along on their metamorphosis journey. There will also be some secret work for a special day!

Math: We will look briefly at how we measure time, and learn how a clock is arranged. You can reinforce this learning by looking at your analog clocks at home with them too!

Show & Tell: Boys on Wednesday (can you find two things that rhyme?)

Next Monday May 12, we will have a field trip to Lorne C Henderson, with some guided learning by the staff there, along with SK-A. We will need a few chaperones, so please let me know if you can join us. We will not be able to accommodate younger siblings on this outing.

Forest Friday: We head to Lamrecton Beach on Friday - feel free to send beach toys with your child again, labelled with their name. I still need one more volunteer for this trip (younger siblings can come along for this).

Grade 1

Mrs. Tetreault

Phonics: This week we'll work on 2-syllable words with at least one long vowel sound.

Spelling: mistake, invite, inside, entire, would, could, when, these, said, here

Memory Work: We will add to our psalm of David: Psalm 24: 1-4: "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god."

Math: We have been working on a short mental math, and will wrap it up with a test on Thursday. Our next unit is on Addition and Subtraction to 50!

Creation Studies: We have dissected and learned about the parts of seeds. Each child planted a bean seed in a plastic bag so we can observe the process of sprouting each day! Ask your child what's happening with their seed! We continue our study of plants with a look at their parts and what they need to live.

Bible: David was chosen by God and anointed by Samuel to be the future king of Israel! We've read the story of David and Goliath and learned how God helped David win many battles. Next, we'll explore how King Saul responds to David's victories, discover what happens while David is in exile, and see how he finally becomes king after Saul's death.

Lunches: Please check in with your child to see if they may benefit from a few extra snacks in their lunchbox. Please send in a spoon or fork if your child's lunch requires one. Thanks!

Field Trip: On May 22, our class will be going on a field trip to Greenview Aviaries in Morpeth! The four parent volunteer spots covered by the school have already been filled—thank you to those who volunteered! If any other adults would like to join us, you're very welcome! Additional adult tickets are available for \$12 each. (Please note: adults only.) This trip ties into our new Creation Studies unit, "The Needs of Living Things," and will be a wonderful way to celebrate our learning about God's amazing creatures!

Phys. Ed: We are preparing for track and field season by learning proper throwing form, trying running long, high and standing long jumps, and building endurance for sprints and distance races. We are also learning about trying our best, encouraging one another, and managing our disappointment when someone else wins! Students in grade one will participate in the track and field day at JKCS on Wednesday, May 14 (*note that this is a change from the original school calendar date). Parent volunteers are needed to supervise and encourage our young athletes for the day as they go to each event. Please get in touch with me or the school office if you are available to walk around with grade one boys, or help run an event for the day or half day. Thanks!

Grade 2A

Mrs. Ferguson

Memory Work: Our memory work is from, Romans 8:31, 32 "If God is for us, who is against us? He did not even spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all. How will He not also, with Him grant us everything?"

Phonics: This week we will look at r-controlled vowel words with the patterns -or, -ore, and -oar.

Spelling: Our spelling words are: **born, short, storm, north, organize, chores, store, roar, board** and **door.** Our spelling test will be on Friday, May 9.

Math: This week we will look more at shapes. We will learn the difference between an open and closed 2-D shape. We will also identify and classify polygons by the number of sides, angles and vertices.

Writing: We will continue to work on our animal reports this week. We are researching our animals' habitat, appearance and food, as well as how they look after their babies.

Science: We will move onto our next animal group, Birds, and look at the characteristics that all birds share. Can all birds fly? Do they all have feathers? These are some questions we will answer this week. We have some eggs that we are watching in our classroom and we are excited to see when they will hatch.

Social Studies (Miss Sluys): As a class we will be studying the country of Australia. Information regarding individual projects to be completed at home will be coming home this week.

Field Trips: Thank you to the parents that volunteered for both of our field trips. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you for helping us make learning fun.

Track and Field: This Thursday Grades 1-3 will be running the 800 m races. Please be sure that your child is dressed for running and has proper outdoor footwear for a race.

Grade 2 (B)

Miss Sluys

Memory Work – Romans 8:32 (Fri. May 2)

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also along with him, graciously give us all thing?"

Bible - Early Church

Mon. - PD Day

Tues. - Peter Escapes From Prison

Wed. - Singing chapel hosted by Grade 2B

Thurs. - Review

Fri. - Test

Spelling: first, bird, stir, third, thirsty, squirt, fire, hire, drier, flier. (Fri. May 9)

Math: We've completed our short unit on lines and surfaces and will be starting our next unit on graphs and line plots.

Phys. Ed.: Track and field practice. This week we'll focus on high jump. Students will compete in the 800 m event on Thursday. Please be sure to wear proper footwear for running!

Social Studies: As a class we will be studying the country of Australia. Information regarding individual projects to be completed at home will be coming home this week.

Science (Mrs. Ferguson): We will move onto our next animal group, birds, and look at the characteristics that all birds share. Can all birds fly? Do they all have feathers? These are some questions we will answer this week. We have some eggs that we are watching in our classroom and we are excited to see when they will hatch.

Thank you to the parents who came out to hear us sing at the festival and the ones who have come along with us on our recent class trips. We couldn't do it without your support!

Grade 3

Mrs. Bouma

Can you believe it is May and there are only 7 more weeks of school! We look forward to Track and Field Day and many class trips in these last weeks of school! This week we will finish off our last MAP Assessment on reading.

Spelling: We have a short week so we have a few less words this week - the other words will be bonus words. Our spelling words are full of suffixes which we have talked about many times over the last few months. Test on Friday!

Reading: We have just started digging into *Sarah*, *Plain and Tall*. We will read a couple of chapters this week as we discuss what life was like on a pioneer farm in the prairies.

Math: We will finish our unit on time this week and jump into our geometry unit. We will be looking at 3-D shapes and their faces, bases, edges and vertices as we describe and compare them.

French: Ask your child to tell you the colour of things around your house in French this week. Our other vocabulary we are learning are a car (une auto), a bicycle (une bicyclette), a plane (un avion), and a train (un train).

Music: We will review our music note values and names for the next couple of weeks!

Mrs. Pries

Memory Work: Galatians 6:9-10 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." We will work on this verse over the next two weeks.

Science: Last week we briefly began our soil unit. This week we will dive into the different types of soils: clay, loam, silt and sand. The students will be examining different samples and we will learn about the different types of particles and how water passes through.

Grammar: From this point forward, we will review and work on mastering our grammar skill in different formats through written work, games and activities.

Writing: Back by popular demand, the students would like to do another "mystery object." They did very well last week and enjoyed creating riddles to stump their classmates. We will do all the writing in class, however, if your child could choose an object by Wednesday and bring in their object on Friday, that would be appreciated.

Phys Ed: Our class is going outside every Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child is wearing weather appropriate clothing and footwear. The grade 3's will be doing their 800m race on Thursday afternoon.

Grade 4

Mrs. Noordam

We have an exciting short week ahead of us!

Field Trip: For our day at the Lambton Centre on Thursday, students should be prepared for a full day outdoors. Last night I sent out a parent email with the schedule of events for the day and what students are asked to bring along. Please reach out if you did not receive it!

Memory Work: Psalm 135: 1-9. There will be a fill-in-the blank test this Friday on the first two verses.

Bible: As a concluding assessment on the Psalms and Proverbs unit, students will work on a word pictures assignment.

Spelling: There will not be a spelling lesson or test this week.

P.E.: We continue with our track and field practices this week! Grade 4 students run the 800 metre race tomorrow! Our P.E. classes are every Wednesday and Friday.

Health: Last week we had a quiz to assess understanding of the skeletal system. This week we will conclude the unit by focusing on nutrition and healthy relationships (including on-line safety, bullying, and peer pressure). There will be a short quiz on Wednesday on this portion of this unit.

Science: Our last unit of study is all about pulleys and gears! This is a fun hands-on unit which will include a science project to be completed at home. Students will be asked to build a device using pulleys and gears. We have been brainstorming ideas in class and the students are excited! The students took home a package today explaining in detail the requirements. This project is due on Friday June 6.

Math: In geometry we will create a geometric house and school. This assignment will focus on geometric terms (acute, obtuse, and right triangles). Today students completed their MAP math test.

Novel Study: We will conclude our novel study this week. Students have been busy working on various activities, chapter quizzes, and class discussions.

French (Madame DeBoer): We are creating props and the backdrop this week for our play performances; continue to memorize your parts!

Grade 5

Mrs. Siertsema

Our fruit of the Spirit focus for May is gentleness.

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid guarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. ~Titus 3:1-2~

Coming up in our curriculum:

Spelling: No spelling words this week because of the short week and our field trip on Thursday.

Memory work: New memory work this week with a quiz on Friday.

Matthew 6:31-33

Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Math: We are continuing angles in math. We have been learning to use a protractor to measure and draw angles.

MAP Testing is happening this week.

Bible: We are continuing our unit on Jesus' ministry - The Sermon on the Mount. We will learn what Jesus taught about prayer and how the crowd reacted to the Sermon on the Mount. That will conclude this Bible unit, and we will have a Bible test on Thursday.

Literature: Continuing our literacy circles with "Island of the Blue Dolphins".

Music: We are going back to recorders and music theory.

Grammar: We are emphasizing adverbs and adjectives as well as complete sentences as students begin a new writing unit.

Writing: We will begin our unit of writing on creative fictional narratives.

Physical Education: Track and field practice. Grade 5s will participate in ball throw, standing and running long jump, high jump, 100m, 200m, and 800m events.

Field Trip: This Thursday, May 8th, we will be heading to Lambton Centre for a field trip to participate in a variety of activities, including low elements, archery/slingshots, team challenges, and instincts for survival. We would love to have more parent volunteers join us! If you are available, please email me! Thank you! We will be leaving the school at about 9 am and returning around 3 pm.

French (Madame DeBoer): We are creating our props and backdrops this week as we continue to practice for our play.

Grade 6

Mrs. Kamel

Track and Field: Our class will be competing the long distance races for track and field this week. Grade six will run the 800 metre on Wednesday, the 400 metre on Thursday and the 1500 metre on Friday.

Secret Kindness Project: In order to keep up a kind and encouraging atmosphere in grade six, we as a class have decided to do the secret kindness project. Students have randomly chosen the name of another student from our class. All that they need to do is secretly leave an encouraging note, picture, poem, etc. in their secret students desk at some point in the day. This will be in effect from now until Friday May 9th.

MAP Testing: We have one more MAP test to complete this week.

Memory work: "James 1: 2-4 ² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." Due Friday.

Grade 6 Spelling (Mrs. Van DenAssem): This is our last week of doing alternate spelling. The students are learning the seven different syllable types, which is helpful for both reading and spelling. There is no test this week. They will be marked on the sentences they provide, using both their sight words and words from this week's lesson. They will complete this in class. It has been a pleasure to do this mini unit!

Math: Transformations and Cartesian Planes test will be on Wednesday this week. Then we will begin a new unit on Algebraic Expressions.

Bible: We will be diving deep into Paul's second missionary journey.

Social Studies: We will continue on our geography lessons and learn about seasons and climates and how they effect trade.

Literature: We will continue our focus on the use of powerful, strong words and how they are important when used in advertising.

Science: The nervous system will be studied fully this week.

Music: We have been having some fun getting reacquainted with boomwhackers the past couple of weeks. This week, we will be focusing on composing music with boomwhackers.

Art: We will continue our special art this Friday.

French (Madame DeBoer): We are working on our specific parts for the scenes of the play that we'll be filmed; please work on memorizing your part.

Grade 7

Mr. Teeuwen

Greetings Families of Grade 7 Students,

Thanks once again to all parents, and grandparents who took part in the school auction. It was a huge success! It was wonderful being able to support Christian education together as a school community. Friday's field trip was a great combination of learning about rocks, minerals, and fossils with enjoying some outdoor park play with the Grade 8 class at London's SpringBank Park. We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and are ready for a fast paced week. We are finishing up Map Testing this week with our Reading Map Test and track and field long distance races begin this week. The 800 m race will be run at 1:40 on Wednesday, 400m at the same time Thursday, and 1500m at the same time on Friday. Please remind your sons and daughters to bring their running shoes to school this week. Here are the topics we will be covering this week.

Memory Work-- Proverbs 4: 7

Bible: We are continuing to study the book of Proverbs and diving for pearls of wisdom looking at various topics through the book such as discernment, understanding, fear of the Lord, folly, and knowledge.

Math: We have begun our next unit in math which is financial literacy. This week we are learning to work within a budget in various scenarios and creating financial plans to meet small scale and larger scale budgets.

Literature: Students are at different stages in their study of *The Hobbit*. Some are continuing to read through the latter chapters and work on comprehension questions, and others who have completed the book are working on overview essays.

Grammar: Prepositional phrases.

Phys. Ed: Last week preparing for field day, working on high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot putt, and the running races.

Science: Looking at the effects of heat on solids, liquids, and gases.

Geography: Examining different perspectives on natural resources, specifically land ownership, mining theland in Nunavut, and fishing in the Yukon.

Art: Finishing a weaving craft.

Music: Learning to play ukulele by ear and practicing playing chord patterns.

Please keep our grade 7 class in your prayers, specifically for health, safety for the upcoming track and field competitions, and maturity of faith.

French (Madame DeBoer): We continue our new unit all about adaptive technology for people with different disabilities.

Grade 8

Mrs. vanWyk

We have another busy week ahead in Grade 8! A couple of upcoming field trips are listed below, and we would love to have parent volunteers join us—please let me know if you're interested. This week also marks the start of our distance runs (400 m, 800 m, and 1500 m), beginning Wednesday, May 8. Please ensure your child comes prepared with proper running shoes.

Please remember to submit the following for the upcoming graduation:

- Three pictures to the school office <u>info@wyomingikcs.com</u> for the slide show, including a baby, childhood, and recent photo.
- · Please fill in the Google form linked below to select either a Bible or Handbook that your child would like to receive at graduation by May 12, 2025. https://forms.gle/KtEE5whsrr542HE87

Important upcoming dates to keep in mind:

Tuesday, May 13 – Field trip to Western University and frisbee golf in Strathroy

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 continue chapter 11 by exploring the platonic solids, polyhedron faces, edges, and vertices. We will also prepare for the Gauss math test that students will write next week, and we will write our last MAP math test.

History: Students will learn about The Manitoba Act of 1870 and its impact on the Metis Nation of Canada.

Literature: The Bronze Bow, chapters 4 & 5.

Geography: This week, we have an economic systems and sectors quiz and will learn about the different factors in economic development.

Music (Mrs. Lisson): We will be practicing tone chimes to prepare for our musical presentation at Vision Nursing Home on June 5.

Physical Education: Track and Field

Memory Work: 1 Corinthians 10: 31

Art: We will be working on something special for Mother's Day.

French (Madame DeBoer): We continue our new unit all about legends this week.

Looking for donations for

OUTDOOR PLAY

JKCS is dedicated to helping students thrive, and we would like to expand our outdoor play spaces, including natural elements for building and creativity. Please contact us if you are able to donate or purchase any of the following:

- logs, driftwood
- stumps
- 2-6' lengths of wood
- pails, buckets
- cable spools
- tires
- baking tins, scoops, bowls
- shovels
- pinecones, large shells
- small tarps and rope

Contact: Val Sipkens

- **9** 519-466-6267
- v.sipkens@jkcswyoming.com







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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