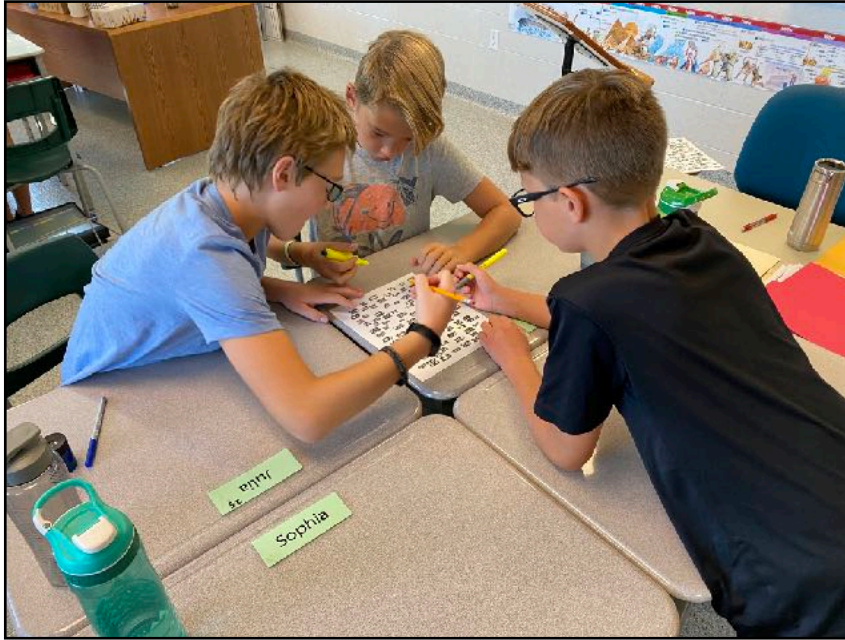




**JOHN KNOX**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL • WYOMING

# Knox Talks



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Monday

September 12, 2022

## Upcoming Events

Proverbs 4:7  
"Get Wisdom"  
Theme Verse 2022-2023

### Get Wisdom Theme Week

Next week we will be having our annual theme week. This is an opportunity to dive deeper into God's word to learn about seeking wisdom and to get to know others in our school.

**Monday September 19:** Chapel at 9:00am

**Wednesday September 21:** Prayer around the flagpole

Oofy Icebreakers: 12:00pm- 3:00pm

**Friday, September 23:** Terry Fox Walk: 1:50pm-3:00pm

*\*\*If you are able to help out on Wednesday or Friday afternoon please let the office know. Volunteers are needed to help lead events at Oofy and to supervise our younger students on the trail walk.\*\**

### Tuesday, September 13

Gr. 4-6 Agriculture in the Classroom (Wyoming Fair)

### September 19 - 23

Theme Week - "Get Wisdom"

### Monday, September 19

Theme Chapel 9am

### Wednesday, September 21

Prayer Around the Flagpole

Oofy Icebreakers 12:00-3:00pm

### Friday, September 23

Terry Fox Run/Walk

### Monday, September 26

Honey, Apple, Tart Orders Due

### Friday, September 30

Picture Day SK - 8

### Monday, October 3

Soccer Tournament - Chatham

## **Acceptable Technology Use**

Coming home today to families with students in grades 4-8 is the Acceptable Technology Use Policy. We ask that each family take time to review the policy and discuss the elements with their children. After review, please sign and return the last page to the school office. There is one signature page/family.

## **Wyoming Fall Fair Parade**

On Saturday, September 17th, our students will have the opportunity to march in the Wyoming Fall Fair Parade and promote Christian education at JKCS . We will meet at McKay Park (by the swimming pool) in Wyoming, at 11:00 am. Students will receive their black JKCS shirts at the park. Kindergarten students will participate via a ride on the bus. The parade will end at the fairgrounds where participants will receive a small treat for their efforts. Parents, please pick up your children at the Fair Grounds gates immediately following the parade. We appreciate your help in promoting our school!

## **Cross Country Practices**

Practices will start this week! Grades 4-8 will practice on Monday and Wednesday and Grades 1-3 will practice on Tuesday and Thursday. I highly encourage everyone to try out for the team as running is a great physical activity. Due to the size of the meet again this year we will be limited to the number of runners we can take. The Cross Country meet will be on Thursday October 6 (rain date October 7) at Canatara Park. We are excited to participate in our local Petrolia Optimist meet as well this year. The Petrolia Optimist Meet is on October 4 at Bridgeview Park.

## **Information Packages**

A reminder to please complete and return the student info sheets, scholastic form, voucher permission forms and milk/pizza order forms that were found in the info packages you received today. Also, for those students who are starting school for the first time, please send a copy of their birth certificate to the school office.

## **Fall Fundraiser Reminder**

Only two more weeks to have your order forms in for our Honey-Do honey, apples (from Zekvelds Garden Market), and pies and tarts fundraisers! Forms and payment need to be in by September 26 and will be ready for pick up October 7. Thank you for your support of Helping Hands.



## **Soccer Team**

Practices will be running on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the tournament. If possible, please wear shin pads and cleats to practices. Grade 6s who are trying out will know after Thursday's practice if they will be playing in the tournament. The tournament will be on Monday, October 3 in Chatham. Parents, if you are able to drive a few players to the tournament, please send an email to [g.vanderwoerd@jkcswyoming.com](mailto:g.vanderwoerd@jkcswyoming.com) to let me know how many players you can bring, and if you're able to drive players to the tournament, back from the tournament, or both. Thanks!



## **THE HARVEST SOIREE GALA DINNER**

The Faith and Mortar team invites you to  
join us for an amazing night!

The evening features a fantastic dinner, live music, a short programme, and plenty of opportunity for conversation.

**Come as you are... or Dress Up** for our Gala Dinner Event **September 24 AT 5PM.**

We need your help to raise the final seven percent of the expansion and renovation project's cost.

This is an evening of celebration of God's providence and gratitude for His blessings - join us.

**Monday, September 12** is the deadline to reserve your place. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Contact [jkcsgala22@gmail.com](mailto:jkcsgala22@gmail.com) or speak to Doug Boelens (519-384-0558) or Brian Sipkens (519-466-1373) or any Faith and Mortar member.



## **Occasional Teachers, PSWs, EAs**

We are looking to add names to our supply list for teachers, PSWs, or EAs. If you would like to share your gifts and training with the school and are willing to come and do occasional teaching, please send your resume and an email to the principal [mlisson@jkcswyoming.com](mailto:mlisson@jkcswyoming.com).



## **Picture Day**

Picture Day for SK - Grade 8 will take place on Friday, September 30. Another day will be booked for our JK students as well as for any re-takes that will be needed. Once that date has been finalized we will update you here in Knox Talks.

# Classroom News

## KINDERSTART (A)

Mrs. Robinson

Awesome Aa announces an amazing alphabet!

**Memory Work:** In keeping with our 2022/23 school theme of “Get Wisdom”, we will be memorizing Proverbs 4:4b-7 during the month of September. We began with verses 4 and 5 last week.

**Bible:** We are continuing with the story of Creation as well as Adam and Eve’s fall into sin.

**Shared Snack:** Our shared snack schedule begins this week. Typically, we have our shared snack on Wednesdays (SK) and Thursdays (JK) at 10:20. Parents are welcome to come and serve the class, however this is not a requirement. Snacks can also be dropped off in the morning or sent with students. Please check for the “letter of the week” to see what the snack should connect to. You can contact Mrs. Robinson if you have difficulty thinking of an idea or need more information. SK students should prepare for 18 students and JK students need enough for 13 friends. This weeks snacks will be provided by:

**Wednesday:** Arianna

**Thursday:** Amberly

**Theme of the Week:** Author Bill Martin’s books, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* and *Chicka Chicka 1,2,3* are being highlighted this week. These books will provide us with many opportunities to review our letters and numbers as well as work on our rhyming skills.

**Handwriting:** Both classes reviewed proper pencil grip last week. We talked about how each of our fingers have a name and a place to go when we hold a pencil or crayon. This week, JK students will work on making little lines in their handwriting books while SK students begin to print “frog jump” letters. What’s a “frog jump” letter? Ask your SK student to explain!

**Show and Tell:** Our letter is “A”! Please bring a show and tell that begins with this first letter of the alphabet. The schedule is as follows: **Mon** - SK girls, **Tues.** - JK girls, **Wed.** - SK boys, **Thurs.** - JK. boys

**Extra Clothes:** Please send an extra set of “just in case” clothes to school with your child if you have not already done so.

\* It was wonderful to see so many families at the back to school barbecue last Friday!

\* Just a reminder - if you have any question or concerns, please email or call me! My contact information can be found on the back to school letter or you can call the school.

# Classroom News

## KINDERSTART (B)

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Mrs. Raja

It was wonderful meeting many of you at the Back to School BBQ! Please check your child's backpack for an invitation to the Seesaw platform. I will be placing regular pictures and updates of your child's learning and adventures there.

Week One is like orientation, everyone is getting to know one another, discovering routines, and learning expectations. Week two should feel more structured and will have subject-based learning goals.

**Student of the day will be:** Monday/Jackson, Wednesday/Grace, Friday/Malachi.

The student of the day is the line leader, the teacher's helper, and also shares a Show and Tell with the class that day.

Our literacy theme this week is *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin.

**Bible:** The Beginning of the World: The 7 Days of Creation

**Handwriting Without Tears:** Begin with uppercase letters as we focus on proper pencil grip and letter formation

**Math:** sorting, shapes, counting and number identification

All students are encouraged to walk in Wyoming's Fall Fair this Saturday morning. More details from Mrs. Lisson are found in another section of this week's Knox Talks.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 1

### Mrs. Tetreault

**Take-Home Folders:** Our student planners and some finished work will be packed into take home folders today. These folders and planners can be returned to school before Friday. In grade 1, students will use their planners to learn about the calendar (days, months, important dates, etc), and later in the school year students will copy down spelling or reading words in their planners to practice at home. You can also look for our "Weekly Update" 1/2 page containing this week's memory work.

**SeeSaw:** I'd love to share photos of school activities with you from time to time. An easy and fun way to send them is through the app called SeeSaw. Today I'm sending home a sign-up paper for families; let me know if you have any questions!

**Social Studies:** This week we will be creating family trees in class! Please return the Family Tree sheet with the names of 5-15 of your family members listed for your child to copy down on the leaves. Next week Thursday and Friday (22nd/23rd) we will have a Show and Tell about family traditions. Please take some time to discuss your family traditions at home, and have your child bring in something that represents a tradition. It can be as simple as a pebble from a beach you love to visit, or a Christmas ornament with an explanation about how your family celebrates Christmas! Children who missed last week's show and tell are more than welcome to bring in something this week!

**Phonics:** We continue our work on consonant sounds this week! Ask your child if they remember the actions for each letter sound!

**Bible:** We're working on beautiful posters to show the 6 days of creation!

**Memory Work:** This week Friday students will be asked to recite their memory work out loud. Psalm 119:11 *"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."* (ESV)

**Pinery Visit:** This Thursday we will have a guest speaker from Pinery Provincial Park! This will help us get ready for our upcoming science unit on seasonal changes.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 2

### Mrs. Ferguson

We had a great first week in Grade 2! It is a pleasure and joy getting to know each student in my class. Thank you to all the families that stopped into our classroom before the barbecue.

**Memory Work:** Our memory verse for the next two weeks is Proverbs 4:4, 5. *“Your heart must hold on to my words. Keep my commands and live. Get wisdom, get understanding; don’t forget or turn away from the words from my mouth.”* I will listen to this memory work on Friday, September 23.

**Phonics:** We are reviewing short vowel sounds this week.

**Spelling:** The spelling words for each week will come home on Monday on colour paper as well as printing in our Agenda. This week’s words are jam, gap, led, jet, kit, zip, got, box, hut, and jug. Our spelling test will be on Friday, September 16.

**Math:** Our first unit in Math is Counting to 200. We will work on making and comparing numbers up to 200 using base ten blocks.

**Reading:** What is a story? This is a question we will be looking at over the next little while by looking at the elements of a fictional story (characters, setting, problem, and solution). We will also be focusing on making connections to the books we are reading. \*Just a reminder to keep reading with your child each night and sign each day on the calendar.

**Science:** We will be starting our new unit on Air and Water in the Environment. This will be a fun unit with lots of experiments and things to learn about the incredible world that God created.

**Phys. Ed:** We will have Phys Ed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. While the weather is nice we will be outside for these classes so please make sure your child wears appropriate footwear. For this month we will focus on soccer, learning some skills and rules of the game.

**Cross Country:** Our cross country practices will be Tuesday and Thursday first recess. I am asking that all my grade 2’s try out for the cross country team but due to limitations of the meet not everyone will be able to attend the Cross Country meet at Canatara Park. The meet this year is October 6 with a rain date on October 7. Please let me know if your child is unable to participate due to health concerns.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 3

### Mrs. Bouma

We had an great start to the school year and it was great to meet many of the families on Friday evening! Over the next 3 weeks, I hope to get in touch with all the parents, hopefully by phone. Looking forward to another week together with the class!

We look forward to a visit from two Pinery naturalists on Thursday when we will learn about butterfly migration.

**Spelling:** A letter is coming home today explaining our spelling for the year. We are working on different word sorts and noticing the phonics patterns. Test will be on Friday.

**Reading:** Matching our science unit, our first reading unit is on Plants. We will be using graphic organizers to find the main idea and details.

**Math:** We have started our first unit on Numbers to 1,000. We are working with Base 10 Blocks, building numbers, using expanded form ( $300+20+9=329$ ), and counting on by 1s, 10s, and 100s.

**French:** This week we will start Unité A which focuses on initial conversation starters: Bonjour (hello), Je m'appelle (My name is), and Comment t'appelle tu (what is your name).

### Mrs. Noordam

**Memory work:** *'The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight'*  
Proverbs 4:7

We will have a fill-in-the-blank test on this verse this Friday.

**Bible** - Students will review the creation story. Look for a creation book the students have been busy working on to come home sometime this week! We will begin a new lesson on *Adam and Eve: Life in Eden*.

**Science** - *The Trees of the Field* - every part of a tree has a purpose...this week we will explore roots! Students by the end of the week should let me know which tree they would like to study for their in class project. This project will be due on Tuesday October 4.

**P.E.**- We continue with soccer and cross country.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 4/5

### Mrs. Gagnon

**Announcements:** Grade 4 / 5 will be going on a field trip tomorrow, Tuesday, September 13th for Agriculture in the Classroom. A letter with details about the trip was sent home with students on Friday, September 10th. The bus will be leaving at 9:00 and will return to school around 2:00 p.m. Students will need to bring their lunches and a water bottle with them as we will be having lunch there. I am still looking for one more parent to help with chaperoning the trip. If you feel that you will be able to take part, please let me know today.

**Bible:** We will continue our first lesson on the story of the birth of John the Baptist. We will study how the circumstances of his birth and his life paved the way for the coming of Jesus. Students will be tested on Proverbs 4:7 on Friday. A copy of the verse was sent home last week; however there are always extra copies available should students need them.

**Literacy:** At the beginning of this week, students will conclude the final copy of their autobiographies. Any unfinished work will be sent home for completion. I would like to ask that the autobiographies be handed in to me no later than Friday, September 16th. Later in the week, we will be exploring the structure of adventure stories and students will begin planning a story of their own.

**Social Studies:** The class will be working in their houses to complete their research and infographics on the fort they have been named after. In the later part of the week, we will dive into our first topic called, *Early Exploration: Conflict, Hope and Healing*. A knowledge organizer will be sent home with students on Friday. The organizer will give an overview of what the class will be learning as well as key concepts and vocabulary they will need to know.

**Spelling and Grammar:** This Monday, the class will receive their spelling list of 10 words. They will be tested on their words on Friday, September 16th. We will be reviewing the spelling rule used to make singular nouns into plural nouns. Our grammar lessons will consist of reviewing and classifying nouns.

**Art:** In our lesson this week, we will study 'line' as an element of art and design. The goal will be for students to create line portraits based on a remake of the Mona Lisa line portrait.

### **Grade 4**

**Math:** Students will continue to learn about the place value of numbers up to 10,000.

This week, they will begin to order and compare numbers using place value charts, number lines and base 10 apparatus. Daily math will begin this Monday and will give students a chance to review what they have learned in class at home. Daily math homework will be due in class the next morning.

**Reading:** Last week, grade 4 began reading the novel, *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. We are enjoying the personality and descriptions of Winn-Dixie so far and will continue to learn more about the main character and her father through character sketches and comprehension questions.

\*For grade 5 math please check Miss Hotke's 5/6 Classroom News page.

### Mrs. Lisson

**Grade 4/5:** We are learning how to introduce ourselves and share information about our preferences. On Friday students will be introduced to the play of the year "Trois Petits Cochons"

### Mrs. Noordam

**Grade 5 Reading:** Students will be studying what type of media forms are used to provide information. This will be shown through our study on different civilizations with this week focusing on Ancient Rome.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 5/6

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### Miss Hotke

This week is the first full week of school! As a new teacher I am still learning the ropes around here, but don't you worry! Your children have been helping me out with all I am doing wrong ;) I appreciate all the "help" I have been receiving. I apologize for not having anything in the Knox Talks last week, so this week's message will be a little long.

A note was sent home Friday about the coming field trip. On Tuesday, we will be heading to the Wyoming Fairgrounds for Ag in the classroom. We will be leaving the school around 9:15 am and arriving back around 2 pm. Students will need to bring a lunch and water bottle.

**Memory work and spelling** will start this week. Friday's will be our designated day for the spelling and memory work quizzes. Monday's I will introduce the spelling words for the week. Students will be responsible to bring home their spelling lists to study. Monday's I will also introduce the week's memory work. We will work on writing out the verse during some of our class time, but students will be responsible to learn their verse at home.

**Bible:** The first unit we will be working through is Jesus' Birth and Early Life. We have begun talking about John the Baptist and his role in Jesus' life.

**Math** will be taught separately in each grade this year; with both grade 5/6 being taught by Miss Hotke. We will be reviewing numbers and how to write them in three different forms. They will have math homework each night. Math is a love of mine and I want my students to fall in love with math as well.

**Science:** Our first unit in science is on *Living Together in God's World*. We have been discussing biodiversity and the different habitats of the world. Ask your student what animals live in what habitats and they will be able to tell you!

**French** will be taught by Mrs. Lisson on Tuesday's and Friday's.

**Literacy** will be taught by Mrs. Noordam on Monday and Thursday before lunch and on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

**Phys Ed:** This year we will be having gym class on Monday's and Thursday's at the end of the day. I would encourage each student to bring a change of clothes and deodorant for gym class. We are starting the year off improving our soccer skills.

**Silent Reading:** Students are encouraged to bring their silent reading books to school to leave in their desks. These can be their own books from home or books they have borrowed from the library. Reading is important to me and I want to impress this upon my students as well. We will have scheduled time throughout the week to work on our reading skills. I hope each student develops a love for reading throughout this year.

**Communication:** Parents, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns; my contact info is on the parent letter and in the handbook. Please feel welcome to pop in to say hello if you're in the building too! I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you this year!

### Mrs. Noordam

**Grade 5/6 Reading:** Students will be studying what type of media forms are used to provide information. This will be shown through our study on different civilizations with this week focusing on Ancient Rome.

### Mrs. Lisson

**Grade 5/6 French:** We are learning how to introduce ourselves and share information about our preferences. On Friday students will be introduced to the play of the year "Trois Petits Cochons"

# Classroom News

## GRADE 7 & 8

### Mr. Vanderwoerd

We had an excellent first week in Grade 7/8 last week! I especially hope that the new students in our classroom felt welcome. From what I saw, the class did an excellent job of introducing them to the JKCS community and welcoming them to our routines. Thank you, parents, for returning the student learning questionnaires that I sent home last week.

**Soccer Team:** Practices will be running on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the tournament. If possible, please wear shin pads and cleats to practices. The tournament will be on Monday, October 3 in Chatham. Parents, if you are able to drive a few players to the tournament, please send an email to [g.vanderwoerd@jkcswyoming.com](mailto:g.vanderwoerd@jkcswyoming.com) to let me know how many players you can bring, and if you're able to drive players to the tournament, back from the tournament, or both.

**Memory Work:** Our first memory work is a section of JKCS's theme verse - Proverbs 4:4b-7 will be checked on Thursday the 15th. Student numbers 21-29 will be speaking their memory work, while numbers 1-20 will write it from memory.

**Spelling:** Our first unit assignment and test are due this Friday, September 16.

Grade 7: TW 1; WW 3,4; TED 1

Grade 8: TW 1,2; WW 1,2; TED 1

**Bible:** Our first lessons begin this week. Before we start studying the New Testament specifically, we will look at the significant Bible stories that show how God's plan for salvation unfolds throughout the entire Bible.

**Math:** Our first unit is under way. Grade 7s are learning about multiples and factors, while Grade 8s are learning about prime numbers and prime factorization.

**Science:** We will begin our unit on cells this week.

**Phys Ed:** This year, we will have Phys Ed on Monday and Thursday. Be sure to come to school with deodorant and a change of clothes! 😊 We will start off the year with soccer, so we will be outside as much as possible.

### Mrs. Noordam

**Reading** - Our first short story in our textbook, *Choices and Decisions* is titled, *Golden Tonsils*. Students will understand that selfish acts do not build community but destroys it.

### Mrs. Lisson

**7/8 French:** We are continuing with a review of aller, avoir, etre, and faire. There will be a quiz Friday on Avoir and Etre.

# JKCS Grocery Vouchers:

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**NO FRILLS/SUPERSTORE/INDEPENDENT** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$250.00

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**FOODLAND** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$250.00

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**TIM HORTONS** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100.00

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**\*\*All Vouchers Subject to Availability\*\***

**CHEQUE TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **or** **CASH TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: J.K.C.S. VOUCHERS

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## To raise \$ for Helping Hands!



Purchase 5lb bags of apples for \$8.00 each and support our school while keeping your family healthy. The apples are firm and will last weeks in cold storage. Buy for snacks or baking!

Student Name		Phone Number								
Customer Name	Customer Phone Number	Empire	Ida Red	Macintosh	Mutsu	Royal Gala	Golden Delicious	Jonagold	Unit Price \$8.00	Total
									Total Due:	

Orders and payment need to be in by **Monday, September 26**. You can pick up your orders at the school on **Friday, October 7 from 2:30pm-5:30pm**. Cheques to be made out to JKCS Helping Hands. For any questions, contact Megan Bork at 519-402-9063. **Zekveld's Garden Market 845-3482**

# JOHN KNOX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## PIE AND BUTTER TART ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Unbaked Pies \$11.00	Quantity	Total
Blueberry	_____	_____
Cherry	_____	_____
Apple	_____	_____
<b>Pie Shells (4) \$10.00</b>	_____	_____

Butter Tarts (9) \$10.00	Quantity	Total
With Raisins	_____	_____
Without Raisins	_____	_____

**Grand Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque \_\_\_\_\_

Cheques made payable to JKCS Helping Hands

-Order forms are due by **Monday September 26**. Contact Megan Bork (519-402-9063) or Jen DeBoer (519-402-4493) with any questions.

-Orders will be ready for pick up at the school on **Friday, October 7th**  
**from 2:30pm – 5:30 pm.**