



JOHN KNOX
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL • WYOMING

KNOX TALKS



Proverbs 4:7

“Get Wisdom”

Theme Verse 2022-2023

Junior Basketball

John Knox hosted a basketball tournament last week Thursday for neighbouring Christian schools. The goal of the tournament was to teach the fundamental of basketball and to experience full court games. Well done to the grade six students who worked hard in this tournament and made great plays to capture three wins. Many thanks to our referees for the day Jules Boelens and Jalyn Jackson who refereed five games back to back. For the junior players, please hand in your washed jerseys to the office by the end of the week. Parents if you snapped any great photos, can you send them to the office? We would love to save these memories for future events such as graduation.



Helping Hands is partnering with Kernels Popcorn to bring you another delicious fundraiser! Purchase individually sized bags of flavoured popcorn for an easy snack on the go. Orders and payment are due **tomorrow, February 22** and pickup will be March 10 at the school. Order forms are attached to today's Knox Talks.

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Tuesday

February 21, 2023

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 22

Hockey Practice 7-8am Watford
Knitting Club Gr. 4-8
Reading Partners SK-8

Thursday, February 23

Game Day Gr. 3-5
Gr. 7/8 Curling
Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Friday, February 24

Friday Electives Gr. 4-8

Wednesday, March 1

Hockey Practice 7-8am Watford
Chapel
Skipping Club Gr. 2-6
Reading Partners SK-8

Friday, March 3

PD Day

Wednesday, March 8

Hockey Tournament Strathroy

Thursday, March 9

School Skating Watford
Gr. 4-8 from 11am-12pm
Gr. 1-3 from 12pm - 1pm
Pilgrim's Progress Play Gr. 5-6

Hockey Team

Players who haven't been cut from the team are invited to this Wednesday's practice. After this practice, final cuts will be made.

If you are in Grade 7/8, you can bring your \$15 payment to school or practice. Grade 5/6's who have been invited to this week's practice can hold off paying still.



Teaching Positions

With increasing enrolment, John Knox Christian is looking to fill **three full-time or part-time** teaching positions for the new 2023 school year. The positions would be for a single grade classroom in either the primary or intermediate divisions. A successful candidate would have a passion for leading young children to learn more about God's world and how to love, obey, and serve Him. Strengths in teaching French, Math and/or coaching sports would be an asset. Candidates should hold an OCT certification and a CSTC is preferred. John Knox Christian School offers a comprehensive salary and benefit package, including a staff discount on tuition.

If you have a passion for Christian education and desire to work alongside our wonderful team, please submit an application to Marnie Lisson at mlisson@jkcswyoming.com. Applications should include a cover letter, resume, statement of faith, a philosophy of Christian education, and three references including one from a pastor. The application deadline is March 1 or until the positions have been filled.



Skipping Club

Students in grades two through six are welcome to join a Skipping Club! This will take place every Wednesday in March during the second recess. We will gather in the gym to learn and practise some new single, partner and double rope skipping skills. All skill levels are welcome to come join the fun! Students can sign up with their teachers. Please contact Naomi DeGroot at naomilauradegroot@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Dinner/Auction Fundraiser 2023

This is a reminder to book your table soon! Three quarters of the tables are sold so order yours now. This year's JKCS Auction will be held on **April 22, 2023**. Don't miss it! The proceeds go to the budget to help maintain affordable tuition. It's an evening of fun, socializing and listening to our entertaining auctioneer John VanKlaveren of VK Auctions. We also get a great home cooked meal by our very own JKCS caterers! Please book your table for 8 now before they are gone. Also consider if you or your family want to donate something to the cause. We are now also receiving auction items. Any questions or table bookings please contact Tara Boelens 519-384-0298 or Phil Wilpstra 519-331-5876 or email auction@wyomingjkcs.com.

Classroom News

KINDERSTART (A)

Mrs. Robinson

Super students seriously study splendid Ss!

Memory Work: We are going to begin memorizing a new psalm this week, Psalm 100. A copy of the new memory work will be sent home.

Bible: David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 18 -20)
David the Kind and Psalmist (Psalm 23)

Shared Snacks: Wednesday - Ally
Thursday - Joanna

Pancake Day! Tuesday, February 21 is “Pancake Day”. The JK class worked together to make pancakes for lunch. They were delicious!

Weekly Theme: We will continue to focus on food this week. In particular, we will look at grains and cereals as well as dairy products. Several books, including “Pancakes” by Eric Carle, “If You Give A Pig A Pancake” by Laura Numeroff and “The Little Red Hen” will be featured. The SK class will be welcoming the Lambton County Dairy Educator on Friday. We are looking forward to learning more about milk products and how milk comes from the farm to our table.

Snuggle Up And Read! KinderStart, please continue to record your minutes read on the JKCS recording form as outlined at the beginning of Knox Talks. Every minute counts in our Lambton County reading challenge! In addition to the county contest, Reading Partners continues for SK every Wednesday. Students are encouraged to bring books from home to share with their reading buddies.

Happy Birthday! We want to wish Micah a very happy 6th birthday on Friday, March 24!

February Calendar Note: Some SK February calendars have two February 27 and 28's. The second 27 and 28 are actually March 1 and 2. Purple day will be on March 1 in the SK classroom.

The SK class devoured a rainbow fruit tray!
Thank you, Whitney, for providing our
letter Rr snack last week!



Classroom News

KINDERSTART (B)

Mrs. Raja

God sure knew what He was doing when he created family. I am so thankful to have a tribe to navigate this journey: family supports, encourages, speaks life, seeks truth, and shows love. And having a Christ-centered tight-knit family is one of life's greatest blessings.

The DeGroots are our Star Students of the Day. Linkoln is on Wednesday and Ezra is on Friday.

Last week, we focused on dental health and this week we explore other ways to be healthy. We learn about the term habits and making good choices that keep our body, mind, and heart healthy. We will talk about Canada's Food Guide and plan a few recipes and try out some "new to us" foods. We will speak on moderation and balance.

Classroom News

GRADE 1

Mrs. Tetreault

Phonics: This week we'll introduce the suffixes -ing and -ed.

Spelling: We will not have a spelling test this week. Next week's words are: **jumped, yelled, rested, winked, called, telling, helping, sending, going, has.**

Memory Work: We will have the same memory work as last week due to Friday's weather day.
Matthew 22:37:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Math: We are looking at graphs and charts! Students will be creating and interpreting pictographs, concrete graphs, and tally charts.

Social Studies: We're excited to learn about the beautiful country of Ecuador! Several students have connections to Ecuador through family and church mission work. We're looking forward to preparing for a 'trip' to Ecuador at the end of our study.

Reading Tracker: Please remember to track your child's reading minutes at home for our library competition! Bring in a piece of paper with the number of minutes read or add it to the online form! Thanks for supporting our class and your child's reading development through this fun competition!

Classroom News

GRADE 2

Mrs. Ferguson

Memory work: Our memory work for the next two weeks is found in Ephesians 4:32,

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”
I will listen to this verse on Thursday, March 2.

Phonics: This week we will continue to look at words that have the long vowel ‘e’ in them. There are different ways to spell the long ‘e’ sound, including with a silent ‘e’, ‘ee’, ‘ea’, ‘-y’ in a two syllable word and even ‘e’ by itself.

Spelling: Our spelling words are: **complete, funny, happy, feed, seem, street, team, reach, squeak** and **there**. Our spelling test will be on Friday, February 24.

Math: This week we will look at adding and subtracting coins and some word problems that go along with this. This is a great time to pull out some coins at home and practise counting them to get faster!

Writing: We are working our way through the novel *Charlotte’s Web*. After each chapter we stop and respond to what we have read with some questions.

Science: What have we learned about moving in water by watching God’s creation move? This week we will see how man has made things to help us move through the water faster.

Social Studies: We will look at the Canada Goose this week as we continue to study the symbols of Canada.

Music: Our Musical has been the focus of our music classes this month. We are working so hard to memorize the words to each song so that we are ready to be a part of the choir for our Musical Presentation in April.

Classroom News

GRADE 3

Mrs. Bouma

Wednesday: Library Day - don't forget to return your books tomorrow!

Thursday: Game Day - for those who want to join, please bring a game to share.

Spelling: No spelling test this week!

Writing: We have a few more poetry forms to try our hand at writing! I hope you have enjoyed the various writing pieces that have gone home.

Reading: We will likely finish reading *Stone Fox* this week. Little Willy has entered a dog sled race to try and win the \$500 they owe in taxes. Will he win?

Math: We have been working on mental math in addition and subtraction. Part of this unit is rounding to the nearest 10 and the nearest 100.

French: We will finish up Unité H this week and will have a short quiz next week.

Music: We have a few orchestra instrument activities to wrap up in the next couple of weeks, but the bulk of our music classes will be learning songs for our spring musical.

Mrs. Noordam

Memory Work - Over the next several weeks we will focus on memorizing the songs for our upcoming performance, *Acorn to Oaks*. This week we will focus on the song, 'Fruit that is Rooted in You'. There will be no formal test and we will review and sing this in class!

Bible - This week we will discuss the story of Moses and Jethro. Highlights of this story are :

1. Jethro suggested that Moses appoint judges to assist him.
2. Moses and the people were both frustrated and tired before more judges were appointed.
3. The people needed one set of laws to follow.

Social Studies - Students have been studying the map of Canada - learning about provinces and territories as well as capital cities. Each child was assigned a province or a territory to research at school. Students will be working on a research project in a pamphlet/brochure form. Students have access to books, however, if your child would like to do some research at home and bring it to school they are welcome to do so!

P.E. - The grade 3 class have been using their basketball skills and having some exciting basketball games using our amazing new gym!

Classroom News

GRADE 4/5

Mrs. Gagnon

Grade 4/5

Bible: This week, we will continue to unpack the meaning of Jesus' teachings in The Sermon on the Mount. Our memory verse this week is as follows:

***May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
Lord, my rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14, CSB)***

Students will be tested on their memory verse on **Friday, February 24, 2023.**

Social Studies: This week, the class will be introduced to their next topic, *Ancient Farming*. In this unit, we will learn about the farming practices in ancient Egypt and ancient China before comparing these practices with modern Canadian farming practices.

Writing: We will conclude our study of Langston Hughes and his poetry this week. Toward the end of the week, the class will begin learning the structure of cinquain poems and will try writing their own.

Spelling and Grammar: Spelling will be sent home with students on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023.** This week's focus is on the prefixes, -over and its meanings. We will complete a formal lesson on the words this Monday and will complete a carousel of spelling activities during the week. Students, as always, are encouraged to study their words each night in order to be prepared for their test on **Friday, February 24, 2023.**

Grade 4

Math: Grade 4 students will use their knowledge of the 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9x tables to solve simple division problems.

Literature: Students will continue to read chapters and complete comprehension questions from our current novel, *Owls in the Family* by Farley Mowatt.

Grade 5

(Miss Hotke) Math: Grade 5 has started their new Chapter on Operations with Decimals. I will continue to give homework each night for the students to review the work done in class.

(Mrs. Noordam) Literature: In our novel, *Maniac Magee*, we are starting chapter 27 this week. These are very short chapters and we are almost finished part two of the book! A quiz will be coming up on chapters 27-31. This quiz will be on vocab words as well as comprehension of the chapters. Students are always encouraged to take their work home to study the vocab words.

(Mrs. Lisson) Grade4/5 French: Only two more weeks until we present the play "Trois Petits Cochons." Students should have their lines. In class we have made masks for the presentation and if students want to add to their character by dressing up they are free to put an costume together. Grade 4/5 will present on March 1.

Classroom News

GRADE 5/6

Miss Hotke

Upcoming: A Bible test is scheduled for this Thursday. Review sheets have been sent home. A math test will also be in the near future for both classes. I have not figured out an exact day yet, but they do have their review sheets already.

Memory Work: This week we will be focusing on Romans 11:33. Due to electives this month, and other circumstances, the quiz over the verse will be this **Thursday**. We will continue saying and writing out the verse during our Bible time.

Spelling: This week our spelling words will all begin with the prefixes “ir-” “il-” “im” and “in”. Students should have a list of their spelling words and should be working on their words at home. Like the memory work, the spelling quiz will be this **Thursday**.

Math: Grade 6 has started into their new Chapter on Percents and is quickly working through it. Grade 5 has started their new Chapter on Operations with Decimals. I will continue to give homework each night for the students to review the work done in class. Please help your child to do their homework as it is an important part of their grade.

Homework Folders: I will continue to encourage the students to bring their homework folders home each night, but I hope you will check to see that they have their homework complete and placed back in their folder before they come to school. We are still missing out on a lot of schoolwork because they are not handing in their homework.

Phys Ed: The junior basketball tournament was last week Thursday, and was a great success! The students won all of the games they played. This week we will be learning a new sport, Floorball. My older sister, Sonja, is on the Canadian Women’s Floorball team and is playing against the USA this weekend. Both countries are vying for a spot in the World Championships in Denmark.

Silent Reading: Students have been told they need to have a book in their desk for silent reading. These can be their own books from home or books they have borrowed from the library.

(Mrs. Noordam) Grade 5/6 Literature - In our novel, *Maniac Magee*, we are starting chapter 27 this week. These are very short chapters and we are almost finished part two of the book! A quiz will be coming up on chapters 27-31. This quiz will be on vocab words as well as comprehension of the chapters. Students are always encouraged to take their work home to study the vocab words.

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Classroom News

GRADE 7 & 8

Mr. Vanderwoerd

Curling: After a good introduction to curling last week, we are heading back to the Forest Curling Club this Thursday from 12:30-2:30!

Hockey: We have two practices left - February 22 and March 1. The tournament is in Strathroy on March 8 (the schedule was sent out last week). Players can now bring their \$15 to school or practice this week.

Memory Work: Due to the short week, there is no new memory work this week. If students have a zero on memory work from a previous week, they can choose to redo one this week.

Spelling: Due to the short week, there is no new spelling this week. Next week's spelling assignment will be due Thursday since there is no school next Friday.

Math: We continue through our unit on algebraic equations this week.

Bible: We are learning about the fact that salvation comes through genuine faith, and works are evidence of genuine faith.

Science: This week, we are learning about pH levels and how chemicals are used.

(Mrs. Noordam) Grade 7/8 Reading - Students have been busy working on a poetry writing assignment which is due on Wednesday. Students also have a poetry quiz on Thursday. It will be on the three types of Psalms we studied in class as well as a page of poetry terms (for example- imagery, simile, personification, repetition, etc.) Students have the terms in their duotangs; we have discussed this in class and they have been encouraged to review at home. This week we also plan to study poetry by Robert Frost.

(Mrs. Lisson) Grade 7 French: We are wrapping up the unit on Destination D'hiver. Students will demonstrate what they have learned about winter destinations, activities, and adjectives by creating a postcard. This will be the final assessment for the unit.

(Mrs. Lisson) Grade 8 French: Students will have a test on Bizarre et Fascinant on February 28. Students should be able to describe the animals from the unit. We are also learning how to write sentences using the superlative and comparative, and this will be on the test too.

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

CHEQUE TOTAL \$ _____ **or** **CASH TOTAL \$** _____

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

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Saturday April 22, 2023

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WHEN & WHERE

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Orders and payment are due back at school on **Wednesday, February 22**. All orders will be ready for pick up on **Friday, March 10 from 2:00-3:30**. Cheques can be made out to “JKCS Helping Hands”. For any questions, please contact Jen De Boer at 519-402-4493.