



John Knox Christian School

Living for Jesus, Learning for Life, Serving with Gladness



"I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity."

1 Chronicles 29:17a

JKCS JOURNEY

February 07, 2011



"PRINCIPAL'S CORNER"

"OPEN DOORS" INFORMATION EVENING:

Please be reminded that we will be having our annual JKCS information evening on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. It will be held in the school library beginning at 7:00, and will end by 8:30 at the latest. We encourage you to join us, especially if you have a child entering JK or SK in the fall. Please invite a friend or neighbour along, as well.

An interesting quotation that is taken from a booklet titled "For the Love of your Child" says this:

*There is no neutral ground in educating children.
All schools are based on a philosophy of life that promotes particular values.
Whose values do you want your children to learn?
Six hours a day, for at least twelve years of life, your child is guided and nurtured in school.
For the love of your child, consider that these hours would best be spent in a Christian school!
For the love of the Lord!*

Babysitting will be available for those families who require child care.

- ★ LOVE is the natural trait that has been chosen for the month of February to be investigated by the iCrew. In chapel this morning, we learned that one definition for LOVE is "choosing to give someone your time and friendship no matter what". We listened to the story from the Bible about Mary and Martha. We talked about how Mary showed Jesus that He was important to her, and asked ourselves how we can show Jesus that we love Him. Our verse for this month comes from Matthew 22:37-39: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and will all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'".



- ★ During the past two weeks, we have run into a couple of situations where students did not bring notes to school indicating that they were going to birthday parties, or that they were to go on a different bus at the end of the day to go to someone else's home. As teachers, we will only send children home with someone else, or put them on a different bus, if we have that request either by written note, by e-mail or by a phone call with a message passed on from the office. Our desire for your children is that they go to the right place after school, and ask for your cooperation, as well. Thank you.



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★ Our art exhibit will be displayed in the front foyer until Wednesday. Stop by and have a look! We have some talented artists at JKCS!

★ The **skating rink** just keeps getting better and better! Thanks so much to those of you who are involved in its' upkeep ☺, especially ridding it of all that snow last week! We are planning a family skate night for Thursday, February 17 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The next day is a PD Day for our students, as our teachers will be attending a conference in Hamilton, along with several Niagara and Guelph district Christian school teachers.



★ **Custodian needed:** After ten years of faithful custodial work, Mr. Bert Kingma has decided to retire. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the fine work that he has done as the custodian of JKCS. Mr. Kingma would like to retire effective April 30, 2011; we will be requiring a custodian beginning on May 1, 2011. This is a part time position that involves approximately 5 hours of work per day (sometimes an hour or so before school, but most of it after 3:00 p.m.), with additional duties on Fridays and Saturdays. In addition, there are specific duties to be performed during the school breaks (Christmas, Spring, and summer). If you are interested in this position, or know someone who would be, please contact Bonnie Desjardins (bdesjardins@nace.ca) or Tony Kamphuis (tkamphuis@nace.ca) for a more specific job description.



★ **Head Lice:** From time to time one or more students at school are identified as having head lice. We do take head lice seriously, and make recommendations to you regarding what to do if your child has head lice. The following facts are taken from a number of resources from various public health boards across Canada:

1. Lice may be present on the scalp for weeks before they are discovered. Only thirty percent of individuals scratch their scalp when they have head lice. As children are often in the classroom for days or weeks before head lice are detected, there is no benefit in school exclusion.
2. Head lice infestations are often misdiagnosed. The presence of fluff or dandruff in the hair are often mistaken for nits. Also, the presence of nits does not mean a child has an active infestation. It is difficult to differentiate between nits and empty egg casings.
3. Head lice can affect anyone. They are annoying, but they do not transmit or cause disease. Current research shows that school exclusion, early dismissal and no-nit policies do not prevent or control lice infestations. Children with colds or flu viruses have a greater potential for spreading illness.

What can parents do?

1. Be aware of the treatment procedures. Call the school for further information.
2. Check the heads of all family members on a weekly basis.
3. Treat the infested heads.
4. Teach your children not to share hair accessories, hats, coats, combs, brushes, etc., with others.
5. Encourage your child to keep his/her hat in his/her backpack during the day during class times.
6. Treat all family members with head lice at the same time.
7. Tell all close contacts of the person with head lice to check their heads.
8. If your child has head lice, wash hats, scarves, hairbrushes, combs or any other item that is worn or used on the head, *as well as* pillowcases, towels and bed linens in very hot soapy water. Items that cannot be washed should be dry cleaned or placed in a airtight bag for 10 days. Storing items in the freezer for 48 hours also works. A child's car seat should also be vacuumed as a precaution.
9. Clean your house well by vacuuming surfaces where heads have rested (e.g. couches, seats of cars, helmets).

In working together as a school community who support one another, we will be able to deal with any head lice concerns that parents may have.

Feel free to contact the school office for further information.

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FROM THE EX. DIRECTOR . . .

We have officially launched the public phase of the 'Writing the Next Chapter' Campaign. To date we have gifts and pledges totalling \$728,860. That is exciting and gives us good hope that with a little extra push we can achieve our campaign goal of \$1.5 M! Thanks be to God, and to those who have given or pledged so far!

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FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE . . .

Office Hours

Mrs. Regnerus can be reached at her home office by phone 905-945-0568 or she can be emailed at finances@nace.ca. Tuesdays and Thursdays she can be found in the office at John Knox.

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FROM THE OFFICE . . .

OFFICE HOURS

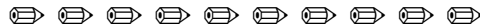
8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 8:15 a.m. - 1:10 p.m. on Wednesdays.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

The teBrake's (CCS) have not moved, but their house number has changed. Please make this change in your school directory. It is now 32420 Bell Rd. Thanks.

WIN A DIGITAL PIANO FOR JKCS (*Did you vote in the month of February?*)

Check out the following website and vote for John Knox Christian School, 795 Hwy 8. www.pianos.ca. From the Piano House. See flyer that was sent home last week. A piano a month will be given away. We may vote every month this year unless we win a digital piano before the year ends. ☺



UP & COMING EVENTS CALENDAR:

This week . . .

- Tuesday (Feb. 8) - Voucher orders due in the office by 9:00 am.
- Tuesday (Feb. 8) - Open Doors at JKCS starting at 7:00 pm.
- Thursday (Feb. 10) - Open Doors at CCS starting at 7:30 pm.



Advance calendar . . .

- Tuesday (Feb. 15) - Voucher orders due in the office by 9:00 am.
- Tuesday (Feb. 15) - Inner Peace Grant Applications are being accepted (deadline is April 1st)
- Tuesday (Feb. 15) - Ed Committee meets at CCS @ 7:30 p.m.
- Friday (Feb. 18) - Guelph / Niagara PD Day - No School.

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FROM NACE COMMITTEES . . .

TUITION REDUCTION INCENTIVE PLAN (T.R.I.P.) - Voucher/Gift Certificate Program



- Considering some spring renovations/painting? We have a limited number of Home Hardware gift cards available for purchase. They are available in \$25/50/100 denominations; just add them to the bottom of your order form. We have \$600 in inventory to sell, and they are available on a first come, first served basis.
- Your TRIP order routine has not changed, but continues to be: Orders due Tuesday by 9 am, and available for delivery/pickup on Thursdays. The John Knox coordinator is Sherri Van Ryn, and can she be reached at 905-945-6789 or vanryn@sympatico.ca if you have any concerns or questions about your order.

FROM THE WILLING WORKERS

We have some events coming up that we will need your help with once again (book your spot early for these).

- Wednesday, Feb. 16th at Mountainview CRC in Grimsby: 2:00 - 6:00 pm kitchen help (2 people needed); 3:30 pm tables need to be set (2 or 3 people working together makes short work of this); 4:00 - 7:00 pm we need another person or two in the kitchen. Who loves to cook and scoop? 5:30 - 7:30 - Servers; call early, only a few are needed. Finally, about 3 volunteers are needed to ensure the dishes are clean and put away.
- Saturday, Feb. 26th - keep this date in mind if the 16th doesn't work for you. Details will follow in the near future.
- To ensure your name is on the list for Feb. 16th please contact Christine VanderWier by email : c_vanderwier@hotmail.com or by phone: 289-331-9778. Thanks in advance and see you all there!

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Jr. Kindergarten (Mrs. Koornneef)

- See you tomorrow.

Sr. Kindergarten (Mrs. Van Beveren)

- Today we welcomed Mr. Pp.
- A note is coming home with your child about our next unit. If you can help supply some of the toys that would be great!

Grade One/Two (Miss Geerts)

- *Memory Work* - Psalm 24:1-2.

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

- *Spelling* (Gr. 1) - I, all, get, old, because.
- *Spelling* (Gr. 2) - Lesson 18: review: away, they, red, to, girls, the, back, too, like, two, home, brother. Grade 2 exercises are due Thursday morning.
- *Math* - sorting of 3-D shapes based on attributes.
- *Reading* (Gr. 1) - other, there, see, with, turn, knew.
- *Phonics* (Gr. 1) - long I (i_e, ie)
- *Phonics* (Gr. 2) - suffixes (ly, less, ness, ful).
- *French* - merci, s'il vous plaît, de rien.
- *Bible* - We begin a new unit this week: Moses and Israel.
- *Creation Studies* - Australia is part of the Common wealth, it has 7 states, the flag includes the Union Jack, and they speak English.
- *Book Order forms* went home last week. Any orders should be in by Friday. Cheques only, please.
- *100 - Day projects* due by February 15.

Grade Three (Mrs. Wiersma)

- *Memory Work*: Verse of the Month - Matthew 22:37-39.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and will all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself"

- *Spelling*: it's, were, wear, we're, afraid, asked, message, throat, piano, listened .
- *Book Orders*: February's Book Order went home last week. Please send all orders in by Wednesday. Thank you!

Grade Three (Mrs. Meijer)

- *Math*: In our new unit, *Exploring Fractions*, we will find fractions of a whole, of a length and of a set, solve fraction problems, and explore mixed numbers. Fractions have many practical applications in daily life. Have you noticed how often we refer to fractions in a day?

Grade Four/Five (Miss Verbruggen)

- *Spelling* - Unit 18 assignment due Thursday, test Friday.
- *Math* - test Friday on *Measurement* for grades 4 and 5. Students should study Unit 6 in their math textbooks.

- *Gym* - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Gym clothes required.
- *Memory Work* - Psalm 103:8-11.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

Grade Six (Miss Scholman)

- *Math* Test on Measurement has been changed to Wednesday, February 9th. Notebooks will also be collected.
- *Spelling* Lesson 17 Test and Assignment are for Thursday, February 10th.
- *Speeches* will be presented to the class starting this Thursday, February 10th and will be completed by Tuesday, February 15th. Please allow your son/daughter to practise his/her speech on you. Each student has been given the date for his/her speech.
- *Book orders* are due Tuesday, February 8th.
- *Bible* Test on Friday, February 11th. Notes will be collected.

Grade Seven & Eight (Mr. Regts)

Greetings again from grades 7 and 8. Here are a few notes on the week to come.

- *Memory Work* this week: Matthew 22:37-39.

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.

- *Science Fair Journals* are to be handed in this Friday. This means that the projects should be moving in the right direction.
- We've been talking about the *immune system*, how it works and diseases that can attack it. In particular, we've discussed HIV/AIDS. Please have followup talks with your students.
- *Girls Basketball*: Practice this Thursday (Feb 10) and next Tuesday (Feb 15) after school from 3:30 - 4:45.

