



# 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

September 20, 2010



## "PRINCIPAL'S CORNER"

- ▶ Many of you know that each year in August, the teachers select a theme for the upcoming school year. This year, Mr. Regts shared with us information about the theme that was used at our sister school in Smithville in 2009-2010. Our theme is "The iCrew". Hmm. The what? The iCrew? Students and community members were introduced to the theme at our opening assembly. The iCrew is made up of each and every student and staff member at JKCS, and stands for "The Integrity Crew". We hear so much nowadays about iphones, ipods, itunes, etc., so why not an iCrew? Integrity can be simply defined as "walking your talk"; sticking with your beliefs. Each month we will be discussing various traits that make up a student body that has integrity.
- ▶ For the month of September, we are reflecting upon iForgive. The definition of forgiveness that we are working with is this: **deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay**. At Monday's chapel, Mr. Regts explained that the burden of carrying around unforgiven sin can be debilitating, and can prevent us from doing God's work in the world. As Christians, we are able to celebrate Jesus' forgiveness of our sins through his death on the cross. The Bible verse that we are talking about his month comes from Colossians 3:13. In the NIV we read "...forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." In the NIV, the same verse reads like this: "Forgive the things you are holding against one another. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you." May we desire to live boldly as forgiven sons and daughters of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ▶ Later this week, Mr. Bakker, Mr. Kamphuis and I hope to travel to Edmonton for the Christian Schools Canada Conference. The theme of this, the 5<sup>th</sup> Leadership Conference to be sponsored by CSC, is "God Prints: Stories of Leadership". Together, we will discuss how our personal and communal Christian school stories are unfolding within God's grand story. As we are led by the Spirit, may we be found faithful to God's leading. We will also have an opportunity to discuss how to renew our hearts for the journeys to which we are being called. In addition, a variety of workshops are being offered on a number of topics. Please pray for safety as we travel, and for our schools as we leave them in the capable hands of our teachers and support staff for two days.
- ▶ The teacher representative on this year's Student Council is Mrs. Van Beveren, who brings with her lots of previous experience in this role. At chapel this morning we talked about student council, what role student council plays in the life of our student body, the tasks of the executive members and proper procedures for campaigning. By the end of September we hope to have the final results.

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- ▶ Our soccer teams have been practising at noon hours during the past week to prepare for upcoming tournaments. Information regarding the Grade 6 friendship tournament in St. Catharines will be sent home later this week or early next week.
- ▶ We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Len, Sarah, Nikole, Kelly and Judah Wassenaar with the birth of a new daughter and sister on September 14. Little Makiah Wilhelmina Faith is a healthy, beautiful blessing from God. We wish the Wassenaar family all the best as they raise this little one to serve her Creator.
- ▶ We also extend condolences to the Bosch family. Rob & Joanne and their boys Derek & Corey are dealing with the death of a father and grandfather. Mr. Derk Bosch died quite suddenly on Friday evening. Our prayers are with the Bosch family over the next few days in particular, as they mourn the loss of Mr. Bosch.
- ▶ **Restorative Justice**...is catching on as a progressive way for schools to address bullying, conflict and discipline issues. Through the past years the NACE staff has reviewed our anti-bullying policy and we have made some modifications to it based on restorative justice practises. RJ (restorative justice) is a Biblical way of restoring relationships and thereby nurturing a more harmonious learning environment. Rather than just punishing wrongdoers, now they have to face their victims, consider the impact of their actions and come up with ways to make amends. In August the NACE teachers met with a guest speaker as part of our professional development. We have booked the same individual, Mark VanderVennen of Shalem Christian Counselling Services, to speak to the NACE parent community on Thursday, September 30 in the Covenant library at 7:30 p.m. (6470 Reg. Rd. P.O. Box 924, Smithville, ON L0R 2A0) Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!



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### FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE . . .

- Mrs. Regnerus can be reached at her home office by phone 905-945-0568 or she can be emailed at [finances@nace.ca](mailto: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 are from **8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday** and **8:15 a.m. - 1:10 p.m. on Wednesdays**.
- Mrs. Buursma's **Tuesday Piano Students'** lessons have been cancelled for tomorrow (Tuesday), due to the passing of a close friend.

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### FROM NACE COMMITTEES . . .

#### APPLE PIES in time for THANKSGIVING DAY!

The annual NACE Apple Pie Fundraiser will take place **Thursday, October 7, 2010**. We are looking forward to a great day of community building activity and need all kinds of help, both to \*get\* orders, and to \*fill\* the orders. This event is becoming a major fundraiser for our schools, but we can only make it happen if we have a **lot** of committed volunteers who are willing to put a **little** time in. Order forms are available on the website [www.nace.ca](http://www.nace.ca) (Fundraising, Forms) or by calling the school. If you are available to come and help by making pie crust (Wednesday 6:30 pm, October 6), or peeling apples and/or assembling pies, or cleaning up (on



Thursday, October 7), please call Irene Huinink @ 905-945-6788 or the John Knox school office @ 905-643-2460 or return the form that was sent home last Tuesday. We would appreciate receiving donated baked goods and/or soup and funds for buns & cold cuts for "pie day" volunteers! The apple pie coordinators need \*your\* help. Last year we raised over \$5000 for our schools – in **ONE** day! We have a lot of fun fellowship as we work together – let's do it again.

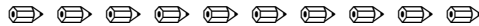
**NACE NOTES**

NACE Notes is quarterly newsletter that is sent to all the NACE supporting churches, as well as grandparents of JKCS & CCS families, supporting businesses and inquiring friends from both JKCS & CCS. If you would like to support us by advertising your business card in the NACE Notes, please give Mrs. Diana Kingma a call, 905-643-2460 and she'll tell you how that can be done. To view the advertising pages on the NACE Notes check the NACE website, under publications, NACE Notes. Your support will be appreciated.



**BAZAAR COMMITTEE**

The NACE Bazaar Committee will meet at Covenant Christian School on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining this committee, please join us and you will feel very welcomed.



**UP & COMING EVENTS CALENDAR:**

*This week . . .*

- Tuesday – TRIP Orders are due into the office by **9:00 a.m.** (for Thursday delivery)
- Tuesday – Bazaar Committee meets at Covenant Christian School starting at 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday & Friday (Sept. 23 & 24) – CSC Conference in Edmonton (for the principals and Executive Director).

*Advance calendar . . .*

- Monday (Sept. 27) – Prayer Group meets at Covenant Christian School starting at 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday (Sept. 28 ) – TRIP Orders are due into the office by 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday (Sept. 28) – Education Committee meets
- Wednesday (Sept. 29) – Sr. Kindergarten Evening from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday (Sept. 30) – Restorative Justice Info Night in the Covenant library at 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday (Sept. 30) – Finance Committee meets at John Knox Christian School starting at 8:00 p.m.



**FUNDRAISING NEWS . . .**

- ✓ **Campbell Soup Labels and Canadian Tire Money, Empty Printer Cartridges and clean outer Milk Bags** may all be dropped off at the office.
- ✓ **Abitibi:** Continue to drop off your paper (newspaper, mail, regular paper, catalogues, etc.) in the recycling bin at the front of the school. Please take your boxes, plastic bags and containers back with you. Do not leave them beside the recycling bin.

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

- ✓ Welcome back to another school year and the continuation of weekly gift card ordering! If you have been taking a break for the summer, now is the perfect time to get back into the weekly ordering routine! This is an awesome program designed to give you a way to earn tuition credits with minimal effort and no cost! You purchase the gift cards at face value, and earn credits depending on the amount you purchase. Simply fill out the form with your cheque attached and indicate your preferred method of delivery.
- ✓ Finding it hard to remember at the start of each week? You may send in a month's (or more) worth of orders at a time, and they will be processed each week and sent home. For example, if you would



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like \$150 of Food Basics each week, fill in an order form with 4 cheques dated each Tuesday in the month. Your Food Basics cards will arrive home on Thursdays, and you only need to remember once a month! If you need more, you can still order extra any given week.

- ✓ We currently have available: Food Basics/A&P/Metro/Zehrs/Loblaws/Fortinos/Sobeys \$50/\$100/\$250 denominations; Tim Hortons \$10/\$25/\$50; M & M Meat Shops \$25; Dutch Shop \$10/\$25; Giant Tiger \$50.
- ✓ Order forms are available on the NACE website, or by contacting the school. (*One has been enclosed in today's package.*)
- ✓ If you are new to the program and would like more information, call/email Sherri Van Ryn anytime at 905-945-6789 or [vanryn@sympatico.ca](mailto:vanryn@sympatico.ca).
- ✓ \*A quick note: Sobeys has changed their policies in some stores in regards to using Sobeys cards to purchase other stores' gift cards ie. iTunes, Gap, Swiss Chalet. Please check with your local store if that is your intention.



## CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

### Jr. Kindergarten (Mrs. Koornneef)

- Bring an extra set of *clothing* and 'inside' shoes with non marking soft soles.
- *Return book orders* (if ordering) by Thursday, Sept. 23.
- Thursday is *library day*.
- Mark Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, on your calendar re a presentation in the CCS library on *Restorative Justice*.

### Sr. Kindergarten (Mrs. Van Beveren)

- Today we welcomed *Miss Aa* to our classroom. She has a cold so she 'a-a-a-choos' a lot. Please help your child remember to bring an (a) object to school on Wednesday for the letter people bag.
- *Book orders* are coming home today. Please return by Friday, September 24. And make your payment with a cheque to Scholastic Books. Thanks.

### Grade One / Two (Miss Geerts)

- *Memory Work*: Matthew 6:12.  

*Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*
- *Grade 1 Spelling*: Review popcorn words: a, an, at, in, the, I, day, he, she, we.
- *Grade 2 Spelling*: Lesson 2 - is, in, it, if, him, hit, big, and, sad, had, sand, mitten, wings, insect, litter. Grade 2 exercises are due Thursday morning.
- *Grade 1 Math*: Practice facts of +0, -0, +1, -1.
- *Grade 2 Math*: Review addition/subtraction facts to 12. Have students look for patterns around the house.
- *Grade 1 Reading*: apples, ones, juicy, sweet, treat.
- *Grade 2 Reading*: any, place, maybe, new, special.

- *Grade 1 Phonics*: J, F, G, L, D, N.
- *Grade 2 Phonics*: short a, short i.
- *French*: Bonjour, Au revoir, Oui, Non, C'est.
- *Bible*: We are concluding unit 1 with the story of Noah.

### Grade Three (Mrs. Wiersma/Mrs. Meijer)

- *Memory Work*: Genesis 8:22. \*Please note that students will receive a new Memory Work passage in their homework book each Friday. This passage will be due the following Friday.

*"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."*

- *Spelling*: could, until, want, people, very, should, price, zipper, window, page.
- Please remember to send your child's homework book to school *EVERYDAY*. Even if we don't write in it, it is helpful for reviewing Memory Work etc. Thank you.

### Grade Four / Five (Miss Verbruggen)

- *Math*: Test Thursday on Number Patterns for both Grades 4 and 5. Students should review Unit 1 in their math textbook.
- *Spelling*: Unit 2 assignment due Thursday, test Friday.
- *Memory Work*: Memorize the names of the Old Testament books from Isaiah to Malachi, by Friday.

*Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.*

- *Gym*: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Gym clothes required.
- *Library*: Friday.

### Grade Six (Miss Scholman)

- Our *Math* Test on Unit One "Number Patterns" will be on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Math notebooks will also be collected.
- *Spelling* Lesson Two Test and Assignment are for Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- *Memory Work* for Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> is 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- On Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, our class will be participating in the annual "Mike's Miracles" soccer tournament in St. Catharines. Look for a letter coming home soon with more information.



### Grade Seven & Eight (Mr. Regts)

*Greetings from 7/8*

- This week we're memorizing *Luke 1:72-75*.

*... to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.*

- *Memory* and *spelling* dictations occur each Friday.
- We're beginning to get into the swing of school – it's starting to feel more natural and more like work. That's OK.
- Let me know if you've not been able to log in and access marks on the *class web page*. Take these grades with a grain of salt. We are dealing with a very small sample size at this time.