



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 27, 2010



"PRINCIPAL'S CORNER"

- ▶ Mr. B., Mr. K. and I recently returned from a three day conference in Edmonton where over 130 principals, vice-principals and other educational leaders withing the Christian Schools Canada organization were encouraged and challenged in our leadership roles. Our plenary speakers, Rev. Cecil Van Niejenhuis and Dr. Dan Reinhardt set the tone for the conference. Our personal stories, and the stories of our schools, are best understood in the context of God's big story; His faithfulness to his people is best understood when we consider how our schools fit "on the time line" between the book of Genesis and the book of Revelation. God, through Jesus Christ, is making all things new, and the Holy Spirit leads us as we faithfully follow God's leading. The workshops covered a range of topics, including learning to serve by serving, discovering one's strengths, curriculum leadership, professional boundaries, developing strategic plans, etc. It's great to be back at school today, and to have been reminded again of how Christian leaders around our country are influencing young people for service in God's Kingdom.
- ▶ Forgiveness continues to be our theme for the month of September as we strive to be part of the iCrew, God's Integrity Crew. For some children, the concept of forgiveness seems to be overwhelming. Why should I forgive so-and-so? S/he is so mean. May we all, old and young alike, be reminded of God's gift of forgiveness to each of us through his son Jesus Christ. May we truly strive to live as forgiven people who are eager to share God's forgiveness with our peers and family members. 
- ▶ This year's Student Council campaign is well underway. Posters are beginning to pop up in the hallways, and students are looking forward to hearing what the various candidates have to say. This year we will have an executive that is made up of president, vice-all and secretary. Speeches need to be submitted to Mrs. V. (staff representative) by Wednesday. We will gather in the gym first thing Friday morning to hear what our candidates have planned for the year. Class representatives will also be elected on Friday. In next week's Journey we will be able to publish the names of this year's Council members.
- ▶ Please join us on Friday, October 8 as we will gather in the gym for a time of praise and worship. Our Thanksgiving Assembly this year will be led by the teachers and students of our Senior Kindergarten and Grade 4/5 classes. We hope to start by 8:50. We'd love to have you celebrate with us!

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- ▶ Next week Tuesday is the day that our senior girls and boys will be having their soccer tournaments, and on Thursday our Grade 6 students will be heading to St. Catharines for the Beacon friendship tournament. We are thankful for opportunities such as these to glorify God through our athletic abilities.

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 this 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. R. 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 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**.
- **School Photos**
Photo proof packages were sent home last Friday, September 24th. Please return the proof packages with or without an order by Tuesday, October 5th. All late order forms must be mailed directly to Pegasus School Images with the \$10.00 late fee enclosed.

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FROM NACE COMMITTEES . . .

APPLE PEELERS & APPLE PIE MAKERS NEEDED

WE NEED YOU!!!! Apple Pie Day is very quickly approaching and we need you to come and join us for fellowship and great conversation as we peel apples and roll pie dough!! There are so many ways to volunteer so PLEASE call and let us know you can help!! Contact people are Irene H., 905-945-6788 or Diana K. at the John Knox office, 905-643-2460 ... LET'S MAKE SOME DELICIOUS PIES!!



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 (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 H. @ 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.

NORCARD FUNDRAISER

Watch for the NEW NorCard catalogue and order form coming home this week!! NACE will make 45% profit on all orders. Please make cheques payable to NACE. Order forms are due back in office by Tuesday, October 12, 2010. Any questions call Elaine V. @ (905) 945-4493.



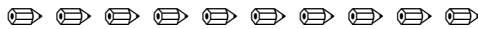
TPCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Golf Tournament was once again a great success! Though the Thursday event was somewhat soggy, golfers enjoyed a great day of fellowship. Saturday was a blessing! We could not have asked for better golfing weather! Thanks to all who came out to support our schools! Thanks to our many sponsors! And a special thanks to our tournament organizers: Dan Huinink (chair), Marco Z., Jim S., Caroline E., Bryan V., Brian B., and Brian v. S.! Thanks also to Mr. Ted H. and Mr. Tony K. for all the “behind the scenes” work! We couldn’t have done it without all of you!



BAZAAR NEWS

See attached flyer.



UP & COMING EVENTS CALENDAR:

This week . . .

- Monday – Prayer Group meets at Covenant Christian School starting at 8:00 p.m.
- Monday – NACE Board meets at John Knox starting at 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday – TRIP Orders are due into the office by **9:00 a.m.** (for Thursday delivery)
- Tuesday (Sept. 28) – Education Committee meets at JKCS at 7:30 p.m.
- 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.

Advance calendar . . .

- Tuesday (Oct. 5)) – TRIP Orders are due into the office by 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday (Oct. 5) – Sr. Soccer Tournament
- Wednesday (Oct. 6) – Join us for our Thanksgiving Assembly at 8:50 a.m.
- Wednesday (Oct. 6) – Photo Retake Day
- Wednesday (Oct. 6) – Pizza Day
- Wednesday (Oct. 6) – Sr. Ktg. Information evening
- Thursday (Oct. 7) – Apple Pie Making
- Thursday (Oct. 7) – Grade 6 Soccer Tournament
- Friday (Oct. 8) – Thanksgiving Assembly at 8:50 a.m. in the gym.
- Monday (Oct. 11) – Thanksgiving Day (no school)

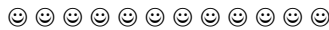
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FUNDRAISING NEWS . . .

- ✓ **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 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 V. R. anytime at 905-945-6789 or 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.



STUDENT NEWS

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

We are in the middle of student council elections this week. Posters and speeches are being prepared. Elections will be held soon. (Friday, October 1, AM.)



FOOD BANK DRIVE

We are having a Thanksgiving Assembly on Friday, October 8 at 8:50 a.m. The children are encouraged to bring items that can be donated to a local food bank to help those who are struggling to feed their families. Please give generously. "Serving for Life".



CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Jr. Kindergarten (Mrs. K.)

- Bible: Creation Story.
- Library Day: Thursday.
- Restorative Justice Info Night: Thursday, September 30, 2010 in the CCS library.

Sr. Kindergarten (Mrs. V. B.)

- Today we welcomed Mr. Bb to our classroom. He has lots of beautiful buttons. Please have your child bring a (b) object to school on Wednesday for the (b) bag.

- This Wednesday the children will bring a library book home from school. You may keep it until the next Wednesday. Library day is Wednesday.
- I look forward to meeting with you this Wednesday evening to share what we do in SK.
- SK is preparing to participate in the Thanksgiving Assembly with their Gr 4/5 reading buddies . You are invited to join us on Friday, October 8 at 8:50 a.m.

Grade One / Two (Miss G.)

- *Memory Work:* Genesis 12:1.

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you."

- *Grade 1 Spelling:* By Friday students should be able to read and spell: is, has, boy, girl, like.
- *Grade 2 Spelling:* Lesson 3 ~ get, jet, let, pet, bed, went, saw, red, book, good, next, penny, petal, cookie, bedroom. Grade 2 exercises are due Thursday morning.
- *Math:* There is a Unit 1 (Patterning & Sorting) quiz on Tuesday.
- *Math Flashcards:* Copies / sets of practice flashcards begin to be sent home today. Students can use these for their daily home study. The goal of all math facts is memorization and mastery. Using manipulatives may help (beads, marbles, noodles, etc.) There are many web sites also geared to helping students learn (ex: mathfactcafe.com) Each set has some blank ones to make more. Please start a ziploc bag to keep the flashcards in. From time to time the next levels will be sent home to add to the bag.
- *Grade 1 Reading:* it, that, take, your.
- *Grade 2 Reading:* leaves, surprise, must, own, tomorrow.
- *Grade 1 Phonics:* Gg, Ll, Dd, Nn.
- *Grade 2 Phonics:* short vowels a, i, u.
- *French:* greetings, yes and no.
- *Bible:* We are studying the Patriarchs, stories of Abram and Lot, Hagar & Ishmael.

**Grade Three (Mrs. W.)**

- *Spelling:* favourite, have, off, country, want, bright, might, train, spoil, place.
- A wonderful website to practice Spelling words is <http://www.spellingcity.com>. You can enter the week's spelling list and begin practising the words through a variety of activities.
- *Memory Work:* 1 Chronicles 29:17a.

I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.

- *Bible:* We are finishing up our first unit. We will review the stories together and have a test this week.

Grade Three (Mrs. M.)

- *Magazine Forms:* Help us earn free gifts for the classroom. The students will soon be bringing home magazine forms. Please sign and return every form whether you have checked "yes" or "no".
- *Plastic Bags:* Our dispenser is empty. Please send your extra plastic bags our way. They are useful for sending home student work, wet shoes, etc. Thank you!

Grade Four / Five (Miss V.)

- *Bible:* Test Thursday on *Elijah*. Students will receive a review sheet today detailing what they need to know for this test.
- *Spelling:* Unit 3 assignment due Thursday, test Friday.
- *Memory Work:* Memorize the names of the New Testament books by Friday.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude, Revelation.

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

Grade Six (Miss S.)

- *Spelling* Lesson Three Test and Assignment are for Thursday, September 30th.
- *Memory Work* for Friday, October 1st is the names of the books of the New Testament.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude, Revelation.

- *Bible Test* on our first two units will be on Wednesday, October 6th. Notes will also be collected.
- *Book orders* are due back on Wednesday, October 6th.
- On Thursday, October 7th we will be going to St. Catharines for the annual "Mike's Miracles" soccer tournament. There will be a letter coming home this week with details regarding this day.



Grade Seven & Eight (Mr. R.)

Greetings from 7/8...

There are a couple of things on the go.

- We've got some history projects due next week. Students should be working at home on them.
- There will be a math test on Thursday. Students received a practice test today.
- Our memory work this week is Luke 1:76-79.

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

*****NACE BAZAAR NEWS!*****

NOVEMBER 13, 2010 @ Covenant Christian School
Mark this date on your calendar!

Get ready, get set, the time is very near, the NACE Bazaar will soon be here! Wow! Our committee consisting of people from CCS and JKCS all came together to start planning this year's grand event!



Lots of planning is going into making this a GREAT day! Come out and enjoy a great day of food, fellowship and fun! The day starts off with a Garage Sale and Breakfast at 8:00 am (pancakes, bacon and eggs etc.). Then the doors open at 9:00 am to the Bake/Dutch, Toy, Game, Book, Produce, Tea, and Plant Rooms. Lunch will be served from 11:30-1:30 (hamburgers, croquettes, kale, potatoes, sausage ... etc.). Supper is from 5:00 - 6:30. Come for a great home cooked meal! Then stay in your seats for a great Auction!

We are in need of donations to make this a successful bazaar ... so we need YOUR help! Please, if you have any auction items (feel free to ask friends, family, or people you don't know ☺. Silent Auction Items, bake goods ... etc., We'd love to hear from you!

We will be having a garage sale again this year ... as the saying goes "one person's trash is another person's treasure!" So please if you have things in your house that you just don't need or use anymore, and they are in decent condition, consider giving them to our garage sale. It's a perfect excuse to start your fall cleaning! (We can even arrange pickup of large items such as furniture).



If you have any questions, comments or donations feel free to email us at: NACEbazaar@gmail.com or call Bernice S. (CCS) 905-892-5229, Irene H. (JKCS) 905-945-6788.

JARS, JARS, JARS ...



"THE JAR GAME" is BACK!! So ... we are asking you to bring in as many jars as you can (plastic jars preferred ...) filled with candy or toys. The class that brings in the most jars (per child since classes are varied sizes) wins a special treat!

For those of you who don't know how the game is played ... all the jars the students bring in are set out on a table the morning of the bazaar and numbered. A person then comes to play the game, pays \$1 and picks a number out of a hat and the number he/she picks is the jar that person wins! Fun!

The deadline for the jars is October 27.

GO JARS GO!

Any questions contact Janis T. 905-892-9112

P.S.: ... no baby food jars ... and just candy and toys (please put in what you would like to get ☺).