

## May 2010

1. "Learning to Serving". That is the part of our Mission statement that gets emphasized today for our John Knox community, as a number of our families participate in the Bike/Walk-a-thon for the Association for Community Living. It's a great cause, and our students and their families do a great job with it! Pray for safety and a sense of positive involvement in our community.
2. Today a number of John Knox students are participating in the worship service at Fruitland CRC. Pray that they will be able to add to that service which focuses on Christian education.
3. Next week Monday we will be holding our Spring Membership Meeting at John Knox. There are a number of key decisions to be made as we formalize our unification with Wellandport. While it is a busy time of year, we hope many people will be in attendance as we take these important steps together.
4. We have a NACE Health & Safety committee which meets today to consider if there are any actions we can take to make the workplace safer for our staff members. Pray for this group and its work.
5. It is time for another special 'hot lunch' day! Thank God for the volunteers who operate this program and so cheerfully give of their time and energy!
6. Next year John Knox celebrates 50 years of providing Christian education to our community. Pray for the volunteers as our plans start to form and encourage any alumni you know to go to [www.nace.ca](http://www.nace.ca) to give us their updated addresses.
7. Today, Brian Graham, our newest regular bus driver, celebrates his birthday. Congratulations, Mr. Graham! Let's pray for continued safe travels in the year ahead!
8. One of the goals we have at our schools is to see tangible evidence of a growing relationship with Jesus in our students. Pray that we can provide opportunities that encourage that growth.
9. Today is Mother's Day. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the wonderful blessing of a God-fearing mother!
10. Tonight our members gather for the NACE Spring Membership Meeting. Pray for clarity of speech and thought for all who will make presentations as part of our agenda.
11. Our students are busy practicing and preparing for Field Day. As they develop their abilities in this area of athletics, please pray that those who may feel less gifted in this area will nonetheless get a sense of accomplishment from the effort they put forward.
12. Increasingly our province seems to be increasing the role of schools and governments at the expense of parents and their faith communities. Pray that people will continue to recognize Christian schools as partners with parents and churches, rather than as competitors with them.
13. Today parents at John Knox have the chance to view student projects developed as part of a History Fair called Historica. Last month three Covenant students had their projects chosen among the top ten at a regional fair. Thank God for events like these that motivate and foster learning for our students.
14. With the budget now formally in place for next year, we are sending out our registration forms. Pray for the families as they make their commitments for next year, and pray that God will bless their commitment to these schools that honour His name.
15. Do you have a special connection with one or a few particular students in our schools? A family member, perhaps, or a child you know through your church? Please pray for that student individually today.
16. The John Knox band is participating in the worship service at Fruitland CRC this morning. Please pray for a blessing on this involvement as these students use their gifts to bring praise to God.
17. Both our schools have been divided into teams that span the grade levels in preparation for Field Day. Our older students do us proud as they lead and encourage the younger ones in a variety of activities. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for these student leaders.
18. Tonight our Education Committee meets. They continue to hear reports by the principals on their visits to the various classrooms and on the curriculum reviews we have undertaken throughout this year. Thank God for this group!
19. Today is Field Day! Pray for nice weather and for a day free from injury!
20. Our Finance Committee meets tonight, to review how things are developing through this year. Pray for this group and for the finances of our schools, that we will have all that we stand in need of.

21. Our bus drivers are Deb Moraal, Elaine Vanderlaan, Sophie Van Keulen, Brian Graham, Karen Bergman, Karen Fennema, Elaine Van Hoorn, Tom Hutchinson and Ingrid Schilstra. Would you choose one of these names and say a special prayer on their behalf?
22. This is the beginning of a long weekend, and that means that a number of our families will be traveling. Please pray for safety on the roads!
23. Today is Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. What a mighty God we serve!
24. Today we celebrate a holiday in memory of a long-dead monarch, Queen Victoria. Every day we celebrate the life and victory of our eternal King: Jesus!
25. We have volunteers who come out to mow the grass and trim the bushes at our schools. Thank God for the sense of ownership and the level of involvement our parents have!
26. We have Building and Grounds Committee members who have amazing gifts and the willingness to use them for our schools' benefit. Pray a prayer of thanks for these committed parents!

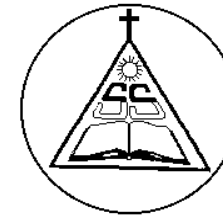
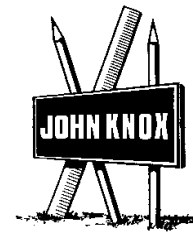
27. Raising children so that they develop empathy and an 'attitude of gratitude' can be a real challenge in an affluent society. Today we are hosting Dr. Karyn Gordon who will help us with this important task. Pray for this event to be held at 7:00pm in the John Knox gym.
28. Mrs. Bonnie Desjardins and Mr. Sid Bakker have roles of great responsibility and great value. Pray for these two principals and the important work they do!
30. We are nearing the end of the school year and I know there are some families who just don't know how they will meet their tuition commitments. Pray that their hearts and minds can be calmed and that God will provide what they stand in need of.
31. Is there a family you think would benefit from the education our schools provide? Pray for that family, and if you feel led to contact the school, we will seek them out to see if we can help them work through their decision.

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### Verse of the Month

*"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law."*

~ Romans 13:8

