

September 2010

1. It's September! Parents, students and teachers have the beginning of a new school year on their minds! Pray that this year may be blessed as we teach the next generation "the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power and the wonders He has done"!
 2. Tonight parents and students of Covenant are invited to a special Open House - Desert Social to kick off the new year. Praise God for events such as this! They reflect the importance of parents partnering with teachers in seeing students develop their skills and talents.
 3. Teachers are in school preparing their classrooms for a new group of students. May they be blessed as they craft for their students lessons that reflect the love and Lordship of Jesus!
 4. Jacqueline Scholman has been serving the John Knox community for many years. This year she will be guiding the Grade 6 class. Today is her birthday and we pray that God grant her continued health and contentment in the coming year.
 5. Karen Fennema, one of Covenant's faithful bus drivers, celebrates her birthday today.
- Blessings to you on your special day, Karen!
6. Labour Day is the last chance for a short get away before the school year begins. Thank God for vacation days and for the opportunity for families to share relaxing times together!
 7. The First Day of School is always a hi-light for parents, teachers, and especially students! Typically, we begin the year with a chapel and we ask God to bless our school year. Pray that our schools may have an excellent year and that students may grow in knowledge and understanding of God's world and God's people. Pray especially for new students that they may soon feel at home in their new surroundings!
 8. Transporting our students to and from school every day is a key part of our school. Thank God for great drivers; pray that God grants them safety on the roads!
 9. While halls are still gleaming and our classrooms are still spanking clean, we thank God for the great work our custodians have done through the summer to prepare for another school year!
 10. Tonight the JKCS community gathers for their annual Corn Roast. This is a great time for community building and fellowship. Pray that the strong community spirit may carry on throughout the year!
11. After the first week of school teachers will tell you that it feels like they've never been gone! Thank God for purposeful routines and schedules!
 12. On this day of rest, pray that our families may be refreshed for a new week through praise, worship, and meditation.
 13. Debbie Moraal, one of John Knox's faithful bus drivers, celebrates her birthday today! May God bless you, Deb, on this day and in the year to come!
 14. Students learn best by doing! Today Mr. Abbas will accompany the grade 4/5 class to Balls Falls for their Water Festival! Students will learn about the importance of water and its conservation. Pray that students may see God on their journey!
 15. Today is Picture Day for grades SK-8 at JKCS. (JK will be tomorrow.) Thank God for memories that are captured through pictures!
 16. It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. Parents involved in Christian Schools know that it takes a community of support to run a school. Today and Saturday are the dates for our annual "Niagara Total Proceeds for Christian Education" Golf Tournament. Pray that these may be excellent days for fellowship and fundraising!
17. Today our Resource Teachers will be attending a special conference hosted by the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools. Mrs. Monster and Miss Kort will gather with other Christian school Resource teachers to discuss best practices and testing. Thank God for learning opportunities such as these!
 18. Karen Bylsma teaches Grade 2 at Covenant and today is her birthday. With her we praise God for the gift of life!
 19. "How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty." . . . "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere". May you be blessed by these words from Psalm 84 on this *Lord's Day*!
 20. Are you ready for a new work week? May you and your children find joy in your labours and your learning this week!
 21. Today is Picture day at Covenant (SK will be tomorrow!). Thank God for fresh smiles and classroom communities!

22. Today students in Grade 7 at Covenant will receive their "Hepatitis B" immunization. This single event is a reminder that we are blessed with a fine health care system – a reason for thanksgiving!
23. Today our administrators, Mr. Kamphuis, Mrs. Desjardins, and Mr. Bakker, will be traveling to Edmonton for a three-day conference hosted by Christian Schools Canada. Thank God for opportunities for our leaders to meet with their counterparts from across the country to share ideas and promote networking.
24. Today we remember those within our school communities who struggle with health concerns, the uncertainty of employment, or other concerns. Pray that our God may grant peace and hope through days of difficulty.
25. "Christ is Lord over all creation!" Pray that this truth may be clearly explained to our students so that they may be equipped to be ambassadors and Kingdom workers.
26. We are resurrection people and that is why we set aside the first day of every week for worship and reflection. Thank God for Sundays!

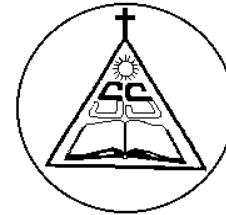
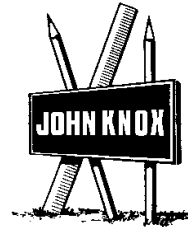
27. Mondays are busy days in the offices of our schools. On this day our administrative assistants focus on publishing our weekly news bulletins for parents. We pray that Mrs. Kingma at JKCS and Mrs. Colyn at CCS may find much joy and satisfaction in their work each day, but especially on Mondays!
28. Last July 14th, Kayne Michael Hummel, was born to our Educational Assistant Mary Ann and her husband Mike. Together with them, we praise God for the gift of new life!
29. Today we celebrate new families who have joined our schools for the first time this year. We pray that they already feel welcomed and enfolded into the school community.
30. It's hard to believe, but we've come to the end of the first month of school! We pray that students and teachers have had a great beginning and that God's name may continue to be honoured in the weeks that lie ahead.

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Verse of the Month

*"Great peace have they who love your
law, and nothing can make them stumble."
~ Psalm 119:165*

