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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL • WYOMING

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**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 12,
2018**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 12

Hockey Tryouts Gr: 5-8 7am Watford
Promo Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 14

Chapel - 9am
Pizza Day
Board Committee 7:30pm

Monday, February 19

Family Day (no school)

Tuesday, February 20

Hockey Practice 7am Watford
Wednesday, February 21
MS Readathon Pledges Due

Thursday, February 22

Science Fair 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 27

Exhibition Hockey Game 3pm Watford

Wednesday, February 28

KinderStart Registration Due

Tuesday, March 6

Schoolwide Skate - Watford Arena
11:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 2:30

Wednesday, March 8

Hockey Tournament - Strathroy

John 14:6

“Solus Christus - Christ Alone”

Theme Verse 2017-2018

Registrations / Applications for 2018 -2019

Registrations and applications for the next school year should be turned in by the end of February. This helps planning for the next year. If you know families that may be considering John Knox, please let them know of the date. There is always room for late applications, but some of our class size numbers are close to the maximum. If there are any questions, please call the school.

MS Readathon

The MS Readathon runs until February 21. Please keep encouraging students to read and to ask for sponsors. Forms and funds should be turned in by next Wednesday.

School Musical / Play

This year's performance will need many hands; if there are parents who would like to help out with scene-painting, props, or costumes, please call the school.

Calling Carpenters and Handyfolk

Our school play, set for April, needs a few creative carpentry touches to make set pieces. The pieces are relatively simple and can be made in various ways. Call the school if you are interested in helping out.

Science Fair

After months of careful experimentation and meticulous documentation, students are making final preparations to present their science fair projects to the public. Our biennial Science Fair is set for next week Thursday, February 22. Students in grades 5-8 are asked to arrive by 6:30 to present to the judges, and the Science Fair will be open to family and friends from 7:30 - 9:00. We look forward to learning more about God's creation around us through the beautiful work of our students.

Meetings

Promotion Committee meets tonight at 7:00.
Board of Directors meets Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Bake Sale

Our bake sale for this month will take place on our Science Fair evening next Thursday, February 22nd.

Games Day for Gr 3-5

I am looking forward to another noon hour of games with students in Grade 3-5. Please remember to bring a game and sign up with your teacher. Mrs. Bouma

Junior Basketball Intramurals

Intramurals, led by Mrs. Margi Sipkens, will start tomorrow and Thursday for grades 5 & 6. More details to follow tomorrow.



Hockey

Thank you to everyone who tried out for the school hockey team. A list of those chosen to be part of the JKCS Hockey Team will be posted in the hall at the school. A reminder that next week's practice will be **Tuesday, February 20** at 7am in Watford.

Honey/ Cheese Fundraiser

We are doing another Honey-Do Fundraiser and a Great Lakes Goat Dairy Cheese Fundraiser. The order forms have to be in by Monday Feb 26 and pick up is at the school on Tuesday March 6 from 1:30-3:30 pm. Please contact Megan Bork if you have any questions 519-402-9063. Order forms are attached to Knox Talks.

Classroom News

KINDERSTART

Mrs. Robinson

Responsible readers research radiant Rr.

Memory Work: We are beginning to learn
Psalm 23.

Bible: Samuel
Saul

Thursday Snack: Abigail

Friday Snack: Asher

Pancake Day: The JK class will be making
pancakes for lunch this Tuesday, February 13.
Pancake ingredients will be provided.

Valentine Celebrations: The SK class will
celebrate Valentine's Day this Wednesday and the
JK students will distribute their Valentines one day
later, February 15. A class list was sent home with
the February calendar. Don't forget to bring a
Valentine for each member of the class!



Olympic Fun! Both classes will be following the
Winter Olympics and tracking Canada's results. We
will learn about some of the events and discuss
the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle.
Go, Canada!

Classroom News

GRADE 1

Miss VanderSpek

Spelling: This week's words are: who, saw, over,
want, school

Spelling test books are coming home today. Please
return the books on Thursday with a parent's
signature on the most recent test.

Language Arts: Last week we worked on contractions
and our printing. This week we will be continuing
these as well as learning about nouns, adjectives,
and verbs while learning about the Winter Olympics.

Reading: Please return the green Read Aloud Folders
tomorrow for this week's poem.

Math: Last week we began graphing different types
of graphs such as pictographs. This week we will
continue creating graphs and will begin chances/
probability.

Creation Studies: Last week we finished our unit on
"Mapping Our Home". This week we will be starting
our new unit "Homes Around the World". In this unit
we will be looking at how other people in the world
live, comparing our life in Canada to people in Brazil.
There will be a letter with more information and
some ideas of what to do at home coming home
today.

Bible: This week we will be finishing our unit on the
Psalms and Proverbs and what they can teach us.

Memory Work: Psalm 145: 13-14 ESV

***Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all
generations. The Lord is faithful in all his
words and kind in all his works.
The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.***

Note: 100th Day of School is this Friday and we will
be collecting 100 of something. There is a letter
coming home today with more information and some
ideas.

Also, this Wednesday is Valentine's Day. Last week I
sent home list of the class. If you need a copy of the
list, please email me.

Classroom News

GRADES 2/3

Mrs. Hoogland/Mrs. Bouma

I am sure the students enjoyed the unexpected long weekend! I hope they found time to enjoy the winter wonderland, snuggle up with a good book, and maybe watch some Olympics this weekend. We look forward to a great week with Valentines Day, pizza day, chapel, and more Olympics to read about and follow. I had plans to send home class lists on Friday . . . **Grade Two:** Colten, Henry, Darika, Derek, Zachary, Travis, Lucy, Elly, Cacey, Andy, Ben, Ryland, and Avan. **Grade Three:** Mckayla, Lily, Layla, Lilah, Sophia, Amberly, Sabine, Peyton, John, Riley, Carson, Caleb, and Austin.

Spelling: We caught up on our missed Spelling Test today as well as completing our Pretest for this week. Grade three's words focus on long vowel sounds that don't follow the rules- like the word tiny and hello. Grade two's words contain the tricky spellings of "ar", "ir", "er", and "ur".

Reading: We will continue to read about the Winter Olympics and focus on Snowboarding later this week.

Math: We will be working on some graphing skills as we track various countries and their medal count, as well as breaking down Canada's gold, silver, and bronze medals. Along with subtractions for both grades and multiplication for grade three, both classes have been working on word problems. Some students struggle with knowing which math operation to use and how best to show their work. In many cases drawing pictures is the best way to show understanding in the primary grades. We will continue to solve problems together and then individually.

Bible: We are starting a new Bible unit on the second half of the book of Exodus called God's Law.

Grade Three Penmanship: Grade Three has been very excited to learn cursive writing. They have learned all the lower case letters and are now on capitals. Soon we will be working on our Fine Arts Penmanship assignment of copying out a poem in our neatest penmanship.

Grade Three French: We are wrapping up our Review unit this week. A study sheet will be going home today with our test on Wednesday. Most students have kept up with the vocabulary over the first half of the school year so the review should be familiar.

Grade Three Music: We continue on with our music theory and will be wrapping up our songs on the bells at the end of the month.

Grade Two/Three Social Studies: Later this week we will have a special guest speaker in our room, discussing her time in Kenya. Please continue to collect "stuff" to make a GALIMOTO. Your child can tell you what this means. Please bring in the recycled items by Thursday.

Grade Two French: This week we will enjoy some French picture books to develop our "Animeaux" theme.

Classroom News

GRADE 4

Mrs. Noorloos / Miss Nienhuis

Science: Reminder: Our “Scavenger Hunt Scrapbook” will be due this Thursday, February 15.

We will be wrapping up our Pulleys and Gears unit during the next two weeks. For our final project, students have been applying what they have learned during this unit to building a device that includes both pulleys and gears and does some particular job. These projects will be completed during school hours and we are thoroughly enjoying working on them! We aim to have them finished for February 22.

Writing and Grammar: This week we will continue to focus on sentences- specifically simple subjects and simple predicates.

Reading: We continue with chapter six and seven in *Owls in the Family*. There will be a vocabulary quiz on Thursday afternoon this week on chapters four to six. A review sheet will be coming home today. Please encourage your child to be responsible and study! This is an essential skill for everyone to learn!

Music: This week we will continue to focus on the song: “When the Saints Go Marching In.” On Thursday afternoon we will have a performance quiz to pass to the next level in Recorder Karate. A gentle reminder to both parents and students: We do have class time to practice recorder during the week, but many of us may need extra time at home to practice. We are also spending time learning songs for the school musical.

French: This week we will be focusing on our play, *Les Trois Petits Cochons*.

Bible: We are beginning our new unit on King Saul’s Reign. This week we will be focusing on 1 Samuel 9-12.

Memory Work: 1 Samuel 15:22 -

“ And Samuel said, “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,
as in obeying the voice of the Lord?
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
and to listen than the fat of rams.”

Math: This week we are focusing on perimeter and area.

Social Studies: We have wrapped up our Early Explorers and First Nations Unit and are beginning our new unit, First Nations of this Land.

Spelling: Week 18 Test on Friday, February 17.

Week 18 Words: cinder, circle, cardinal, cereal, cycle, concert, dancer, celebrate, twice, dangerous, strange, ledge, damage, geography, gentle, signal, regular, sugar.

Art: This week we will be doing a few fun valentines themed work as well as finishing our word art.

Classroom News

GRADE 5

Mr. deSchiffert

I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend!

Math: We'll be continuing our unit on probability, with a quiz on Tuesday, February 20.

Spelling Words: kindness, darkness, happiness, loneliness, sadness, weakness, exactly, honestly, speedily, angrily, happily, friendly, especially, teacher, actor, liar, biologist, assistant, nutritionist, poet.

Memory Work: Jeremiah 30:18 *“Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob and have compassion on his dwellings; the city shall be rebuilt on its mound, and the palace shall stand where it used to be.”*

Science: We're continuing to work on our Eco House constructions. Students have the option to draw out the plans or make them. Students are encouraged to bring any additional supplies they think would be suitable for their Eco House construction.

French: We have our memorization testing on Wednesday for our parts in “Un Jour Bizarre”.

Science Fair: Projects are due this Wednesday, February 14.

Olympics: We'll be following the Winter Olympics over these next two weeks, making connections to various subjects throughout. Students are encouraged to stay up to date on results to discuss in class.

Classroom News

GRADE 6

Mrs. Tetreault

Valentine's Day: We'll celebrate on Wednesday with a focus on random acts of kindness. If you'd like to bring in cards or treats, remember to include the whole class. Class lists are available upon request.

Science Fair: Projects are due on Wednesday! Congratulations on your amazing efforts over the past few months! I can't wait to see your final displays! Remember to prepare a short presentation - take a look at the guidebook for more details. Most importantly, you should be able to give a clear and brief explanation of your project at the Science Fair next week Thursday evening. Students should plan to arrive by 6:30 that evening, and we will wrap up by 9 pm.

Math: Our short unit on Area wraps up this week with a quiz on Friday. Students should know the 3 area formulae we've studied: rectangles, parallelograms and triangles. A review of multiplying 2x2 digit numbers is recommended as well.

Our next unit is on multiplying and dividing numbers with decimals.

Science: Space research projects are nearing competition. The long-awaited art activity is on the schedule again for this week.

Social Studies: Tourtieres, filles des roi, and seigneuries...our mini-unit study on New France begins this week. We look forward to learning more about the history of our great nation!

Mr. Boersma

Memory Work: Luke 16: 10, 13. Please know for Thursday.

Bible: The passover week before Jesus' death contains a wealth of instruction and guidance for us. We've looked at setting time aside for Jesus, at prayer, and at discipleship. This week we review Mary and Martha, the healing of the ten lepers, and a few parables. A writing piece related to these topic is due on Friday.

Writing: We set time aside this week for three writing activities: Our ongoing short story; journal responses; and a grammar piece.

Literature: *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli is proving to both entertain and puzzle us as we read through the adventures. There will be a fact quiz on Thursday covering the first 16 chapters (they're short!).

Mrs. VanDenAssem

Spelling: Lesson 19 is due on Thursday and the test is on Friday.

This Week Wednesday:

Thursday: Spelling Lesson due; Memory work;
Maniac Magee fact quiz.

Friday: Memory Work; Spelling test; Bible

Classroom News

GRADE 7 & 8

Mr. Eisen

Happy Birthday: Congratulations to Cameron Sjaarda who celebrates a birthday this week. God bless you in the year ahead, Cam!

Senior Basketball Intramurals: Intramurals, led by Mr. Bill Hoogland, will continue this week. Seniors will be regular Wednesdays and Fridays.

Bake Sale: Our bake sale for this month will take place on our science fair evening next Thursday, February 22nd.

Memory Work: Tomorrow's memory work is a review of John 1:1-5. Next week's memory work will be a review of John 1:10-14.

Math: Our test for our unit on 2-D Measurement will take place this Friday, February 16th.

History: Our Tournament of Knights will take place next Friday, February 23rd. We will be making our armour in class during our art period. Our Middle Ages unit test is tentatively set for Wednesday, February 28th.

Grade 7 French: Our Cartes des Microbe will be introduced this week and are due next Friday, February 23rd.

Literature: Our second novel study of the year takes us through Elizabeth Speare's, *The Bronze Bow*. Students will be challenged to examine what freedom in Christ means to them.

Science Fair:

This Wednesday, February 14th: Bring completed projects to school.

Thursday, February 15th: In-class presentations begin.

Thursday, February 22nd: Science Fair evening.

JKCS Grocery Vouchers:

Voucher sales take place every **Thursday** from **1:30 –2:30 p.m.** in the **Front Entrance.**

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____ DATE: _____

NO FRILLS/SUPERSTORE/INDEPENDENT _____x \$50.00 _____X \$100.00 _____x \$250.00

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FOODLAND _____X \$50.00 _____X \$100.00 _____x \$250.00

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TIM HORTONS _____x \$10.00 _____X \$20.00 _____x \$50.00

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EUROPA'S _____x \$25.00 _____x \$50.00 _____X \$100.00

****All Vouchers Subject to Availability****

CHEQUE TOTAL \$ _____ **or** **CASH TOTAL \$** _____

Please make cheques payable to J.K.C.S. Vouchers



Great Lakes Goat Dairy *Wholesome & Natural Goat Cheese* Fundraiser for John Knox Christian School Helping Hands

Purchaser's Name	Monster Cheese 175g	Caramelized Onion 175g	Greek Goat 175g	Hot Chili Havarti 175g	Cranberry Havarti 158g	Marble Cheddar 175g	Aged Cheddar 175g	Herb & Garlic 175g	Smokin' Goat 175g	Total # X \$7.00
Example: Molly Prince	2	1			1		1		1	6 X \$7=\$42 total

Please have order forms in by Monday, Feb 26. Pick up at the school Tuesday, March 6, 1:30-3:30

Make Checks payable to JKCS Helping Hands

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