



**JOHN KNOX**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL • WYOMING

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TALKS**



**What's Happening?**

A drilling crew was at the school on Friday taking soil samples. It's information required to complete the engineering work for the school building project. Small steps, but steps forward.

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**MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 26,  
2018**

*UPCOMING EVENTS*

**Monday, February 26**

Helping Hands 7:15pm

**Tuesday, February 27**

Exhibition Hockey Game 3pm Watford

**Wednesday, February 28**

KinderStart Registration Due

Chapel 9am

Ed. Committee 7:30 pm

**Friday March 2**

Early Dismissal 12:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 6**

Schoolwide Skate - Watford Arena

11:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 2:30

**Wednesday, March 7**

Hockey Tournament - Strathroy

**Friday, March 9**

Book Character Day

**Monday, March 12-Friday,**

**March 16**

March Break

**Wednesday, March 21**

Pizza Day

John 14:6

**“Solus Christus - Christ Alone”**

Theme Verse 2017-2018

**Science Fair**

Thanks to you for the great turnout in support of the students' work on the Science Fair. The large number of parents, grandparents, and friends helped make the evening an enriching one. The variety of displays and the challenging nature of the topics reflected the continued growth of interest in quality science studies. Overall, we appreciate the ongoing improvement of both our Science and History Fairs. The judges had a challenging time selecting individual projects for awards; a reminder that these are not granted to single out winners, but rather to encourage all students to excellence.

Best in grade five: Isaac Kelly

Best in grade six: Makayla Wilpstra

Best in grade seven: Kailey Sipkens

Best in grade eight: Eva Robinson

Most Visually Engaging: Rianna VanStempvoort

Most Thorough Experiment: Jack Robinson

Most Challenging Question: Kyle Callister

Best Presenter: John Wright; Haley Korvemaker

## Chapel

We have chapel this Wednesday at 9 am. Mrs. Hoogland will lead; Miss Nienhuis will be special guest and present on her experiences in East Africa last year.

## PD Day (Afternoon)

This Friday, March 2, students will be dismissed at 12 noon. Staff will use the afternoon to begin preparing term two report cards.

## 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.

## Help for the School Musical / Play

Our performance is scheduled for Thursday, April 26. This year's performance will need many hands. We need help with scene-painting, props, and costumes. We are also looking for people with basic carpentry skills to help make set pieces. Please call the school for more information and to offer your services.

## Play

Students with speaking parts in our Musical/Play are encouraged to start memorizing their lines. We can then add gestures and moments to each scene.

## Principal's Note

I will be away from the school for the next few weeks as I am undergoing knee replacement surgery this Friday. Mrs. Karly Schenk will take over the grade six class on Tuesdays and Thursdays in my absence. Mr. Eisen, as vice-principal, will cover some essential administration aspects with the assistance of Mrs. Jackson and all of the staff.

## Meetings

Helping Hands meets Monday evening at 7:30.  
Education Committee meets Wednesday evening at 7:30.

## Student Behaviour

We know that teasing, bothering, and bullying goes on in schools, clubs, teams, and workplaces. Our school is not an exception. However, as a Christian school with stated objectives of respect for God and for others, we have an obligation and a right to set and expect high standards. We take all incidences of such behaviour very seriously. Last week we had a brief assembly addressing the nature of bullying. An ongoing issue is bus behaviour. Buses offer few options in dealing with such issues and our bus rides can be long. Nonetheless, students are well aware of what is expected of them when riding the bus. Basic respect for the bus driver and the requirements are paramount: indoor voices; sitting properly in the seat. Turning around in the seats, putting feet in the aisles, standing up are all examples of creating potentially distracting and unsafe situations. Poking other students, passing notes, gossipy whispers all tend toward disrespecting someone. Bus drivers are focused on the road and on making safe stops; distractions are dangerous. As a school student body, we need to do better and we can do better. Older students have been encouraged to lead by example. It is always a positive when parents remind their students about respectful behaviour towards others be it on the bus or anywhere they go.

## EduDeo Fundraising

At the end of each month the Grade seven and eights collect the money from a special jar in each classroom. This money goes toward supporting schools in the Dominican Republic. It helps them provide school supplies for those in need as well as supporting teachers in their ability to teach with a Christian worldview. We are also raising money this year for students in Zambia by supporting them with solar power so they can learn more effectively with enough light and other electricity possibilities. We have raised \$821 so far this year. Keep our classroom EduDeo jars in mind as we consider our blessings in the JKCS community.

## Games Room for Grades 3-5

This Tuesday will be our last Games Room Day. Remember to bring a game and we will enjoy our lunch hour together.

## Advance Notice

The John Knox Christian School Spring Membership meeting is set for Thursday, March 22 at the school.

# Classroom News

## KINDERSTART

### Mrs. Robinson

It's time to tackle tricky Tt together!

**Memory Work:** Psalm 23

**Bible:** David and Jonathan  
David the Psalmist

**Wednesday Snack:** Alyson

**Thursday Snack:** Charlotte

**Purple Day:** Tuesday, February 27 is "Purple Day" in the JK classroom. The SK students will be wearing purple on Wednesday, February 28.

**Olympic Wrap Up!** Both classes have had a lot of fun following the recent Winter Olympics. The SK class will participate in some Olympic inspired events prior to March Break. We now turn our attention to a most delicious topic, "Cookies".

**Reading Partners:** This is the last week of Reading Partners. We have enjoyed reading with new friends! SK snack will switch back to 10:10 next Wednesday when Reading Partners is concluded.

**Looking Ahead:** The March Calendar will be coming home this week. We are looking forward to reading some "cookie" themed books and completing some cookie activities during the first half of the month. Pete the Cat will make an appearance after March Break.

**Pizza Party!** The SK class has earned a pizza party as a reward for their impressive sales efforts during the Helping Hands Little Caesar Fundraiser. The pizza party will take place Friday, March 9. Pizza will be provided. Thank you, Helping Hands!

# Classroom News

## GRADE 1

### Miss VanderSpek

**Spelling:** This week's words are:

our, were, pretty, store, children

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

**Language Arts:** Last week we learned about verbs and nouns with the Winter Olympics. This week we will be focusing on our penmanship and syllables.

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

**Math:** Last week we finished our unit on Graphs and Probability focusing on events or things that always happen versus things that never happen. Tomorrow is the test. Last Friday I sent home a packet of sheets to help review for the test. On Wednesday we will be starting our next unit on telling time.

**Creation Studies:** Last week we looked at what we will need to take our trip to Brazil and what it would be like once we got there. This week we are going to be learning about the homelife of Brazilians such as the types of homes and what is the role of everyone in the household.

**Bible:** This week we will be continuing the story of Israel and Judah and how it led to the exile of this nation. We will also be learning about Daniel and his friends and their continuing faith through these trying times.

Memory Work: Psalm 145:19-20 ESV

*He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;  
he also hears their cry and saves them.  
The Lord preserves all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.*

# Classroom News

## GRADES 2/3

### Mrs. Hoogland/Mrs. Bouma

**Spelling:** We are on Lesson 20 this week. Grade Two's have a mix of short vowel and long vowel words. Grade Threes are focusing on the two different sounds of the letter "g." Tests on Friday!

**Memory Work:** We are adding on the second verse to the Getty song The Lord is my Salvation.

*The grace of God has reached for me  
And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground  
The Lord is my salvation  
I will not fear when darkness falls  
His strength will help me scale  
these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun  
The Lord is my salvation*

**Chorus:** *Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the victory won  
The Lord is my Salvation*

**Reading:** We thoroughly enjoyed our Olympic booklets and keeping up with the Canadian athletes abroad! For the next two weeks our guided reading lessons will return to passages on Communities. We will be looking at descriptive words that make our reading and writing more interesting.

**Grade Two Math:** We will continue practicing our subtraction with borrowing. This is a hard skill for many students and practice at home would help reinforce the learning happening at school. We will also be looking at estimating when adding and subtraction to check our work.

**Grade Three Math:** We continue with multiplication and word problems. We start our multiplication Mad Minutes on Wednesdays with the zero times tables and one times tables. They will have one minute to complete at least 15 equations. If they finish 15 in that amount of time, they will move on to the two times tables next week. It would be helpful to review that when multiplying by zero the answer is always zero and that when multiplying by one the answer is always the same number.

**Grade Three French:** We will have a short quiz on our new vocabulary on Monday, March 5. Review sheet will go home on Wednesday. New vocabulary: triste (sad), drole (funny), malade (sick), formidable (terrific), and sympa (likeable).

**Grade Two French:** Quiz on Wednesday. Study sheets went home last week.

**Social Studies:** The class is doing a great job putting their information into their project booklets. We hope to finish them this week and make class presentations next week.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 4

### Mrs. Noorloos / Miss Nienhuis

**Bible:** This past week we learned about Saul's foolish oaths and this week we will be learning about David and his anointing.

**Memory Work:** Psalm 23:1-4 - *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

**Math:** We are finishing with area and perimeter of square and rectangular 2D shapes.

**Social Studies:** We had an opportunity to learn how First Nations shared and remembered stories. Each student was asked to bring in a oral story, pictograph, artifact or diary entry.

**Art:** We are continuing to work on our word art. It will be interesting to see each student's creativity!

**Spelling:** Week 20 Spelling Test on Friday, March 2.

**Spelling Words:** voice, oyster, voyage, annoy, choice, avoid, appoint, enjoy, moisture, noise, drown, amount, fountain, crowded, southwest, thousand, flour, pronounce. Bonus words: Superior and Erie

**Phys. Ed:** We have been playing badminton the past few days! The kids have been showing a lot of skills in their badminton game!

**Science:** Our Pulleys and Gears unit is finished. Great work grade four! We will begin our next unit- Rocks and Minerals- next week.

**Grammar:** This week we will be reviewing nouns and diving into writing with dialogue.

**French:** French will be a large focus of our days for the next few weeks. We hope to finish up "Les Trois Petits Cochons" just after March break!

**Writing:** We continue with our pet stories this week. We will also be spending time learning how to beef up our sentences!

**Reading:** We continue with *Owls in the Family* and hopefully finish up this awesome book this week!

**Music:** Recorder skills are coming along nicely! Along with learning songs for our musical, we will be wrapping up the song "When the Saints Go Marching In."

# Classroom News

## GRADE 5

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### Mr. deSchiffert

**Math:** We're starting a new unit on Data Management. This will include interpreting different types of graphs and creating their own graphs. If students don't finish their work in class it will be homework.

**Spelling Words:** thoughtful, successful, wasteful, wonderful, skilful, plentiful, government, amusement, predicament, excitement, punishment, arrangement, fearless, careless, worthless, thoughtless, useless, reckless, engagement, joyful.

**Memory Work:** Jeremiah 30:20 - *"Their children shall be as they were of old, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all who oppress them."*

**Bible:** Bible test on "Judah's Return" will be pushed back to Friday, March 2. There will be a review going out mid-week and we'll also review in class.

**French:** Students should have their French lines memorized by this point and we will begin practicing in our groups off-book.

**Music:** Students are encouraged to learn their packet of songs as we'll be practicing them with the rest of the school.

**Phys. Ed.:** We're continuing our badminton unit. This week we'll focus on footwork and proper striking techniques.

**Science Fair:** Congrats to everyone for finishing your projects!

**Science:** We'll be finishing up our Energy unit this week. Eco Houses are due on Friday, March 2.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 6

### Mrs. Tetreault

**Science Fair:** I am so proud of each grade 6 student and their Science Fair projects. Students showed perseverance and grit as they worked through many revisions, and displayed confidence and courage while presenting in class and at the event. Congratulations on a job well done!

**Math:** Multiplying decimal numbers is our focus for the week. I encourage students to try out some extra IXL problems at home.

**French:** Our test will be delayed to this week Friday. Students should review their duotang work, including "Questions Partielle" and "Totale", as well as verb conjugations for regular and irregular verbs (avoir, etre, faire).

**Social Studies:** Students are working on another mini-research project for our New France unit. This provides another opportunity to hone research and writing skills while digging into an area of history that interests the student. The foldable books will be due next week Friday. I encourage students to use class time wisely and catch up at home if needed.

**Music:** This week we'll continue learning songs for the musical.

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### This Week

**Wednesday:** Spelling Lesson due

**Thursday:** Bible writing assignment;

**Friday:** Memory Work; Spelling test; French test

### Mr. Boersma

*Note to students and parents: As noted elsewhere, I will be away from school, beginning this Friday, for four to six weeks as a result of knee replacement surgery. The actual length of time is hard to determine as recovery time varies for each person. Mrs. Karly Schenk will be teaching the class during this time. Mrs. Schenk was the grade seven / eight teacher prior to Mr. Eisen. She is a caring, well-organized teacher with solid standards. Your trust in her abilities and respect for her teaching would be well-placed. Thank you.*

**Memory Work:** Song for the musical: "Living Waters". Please know for Friday.

**Bible:** We'll review a number of key Bible stories this week before beginning our next unit. A writing assignment will be given for completion by Thursday.

**Writing:** It's time to wrap up some of the ongoing writing projects. The key one is the short story begun six weeks ago. There are also some incomplete pieces from previous assignments.

**Literature:** This week we aim to complete *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli. There will be a writing assignment given as part of the wrap-up. Next week we have a test on the novel on Tuesday. A comprehensive wrap-up assignment will be completed in class next Thursday.

### Mrs. VanDenAssem

**Spelling:** Lesson 21 is due on Wednesday. Test is on Friday.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 7 & 8

### Mr. Eisen

**Senior Basketball Intramurals:** Intramurals, led by Mr. Bill Hoogland, will continue this Wednesday only.

**Bake Sale:** Thank you to all those who contributed to bake sale at last Friday's Science Fair evening.

**Memory Work:** There will be no more memory work until after the March break.

**Math:** Our Group Story Problems are due this Friday morning, March 2nd.

**History:** Our Tournament of Knights was a SMASHING success, quite literally. Our Middle Ages unit test is tentatively set for this Wednesday, February 28th.



**Grade 7 French:** Our Unité Three test is set for this Friday, March 2nd.

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

**Grade 8 Music:** We will have time to present our songs (either for the class or just the teacher) on Wednesday. You may ask to use a ukulele during recess on Monday or Tuesday to practice.

**Grade 8 French:** Please review for a midterm review test on Friday. You will receive a handout today outlining the expectations.

## School Skating

Students will once again have opportunity to enjoy an hour of skating, courtesy of Helping Hands. The day is next Tuesday when we'll be skating at the Watford Arena. Students in grades 5 - 8 will go at 11:30 while students in grades 1- 4 will leave at 1:30. SK students may attend but must be accompanied by an adult. All student skaters must wear a helmet as per arena requirements.

## Book Character Day

We'd like to end term two on a somewhat festive note. It's been some time since we've celebrated reading with a book character day. What better time than the last day before March Break - Friday, March 9! Think of a favourite book character: How would they dress? What might they look like? Think of a creative way to show your character. Teachers will share ideas in class as well. Enjoy

## Sports - Hockey

Our exhibition game versus Strathroy will take place at 3:00pm tomorrow at the Watford arena. Players will leave the school at 2:00pm and will be returned to school for pick-up around 5pm unless other arrangements have been made. Players, please bring your try-out fee to Mrs. Jackson in the office if you have not already done so.

## Hockey Tournament

Our tournament schedule has been revised numerous times and details will be made available tomorrow. The tournament will take place next Wednesday, March 7th, at Gemini (twin pad) Arena in Strathroy. As always, drivers wanted.

# **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

**FOODLAND**    \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00    \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100.00    \_\_\_\_\_ x \$250.00

**TIM HORTONS**    \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00    \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00    \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00    \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100.00

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