



JOHN KNOX  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL • WYOMING

**KNOX  
TALKS**



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. Students received their tracking sheets and other information last Monday. They are encouraged to find sponsors to support their reading. Remember that sponsors are limited only to people they know well. We never permit random door-to-door canvassing by students. This programme has always been well-supported by our school. It endorses student reading and raises funds to help people with MS lead better lives.

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**MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 5,  
2018**

*UPCOMING EVENTS*

#### Monday, February 5

Hockey Tryouts Gr: 5-8 7am Watford  
Fine Arts Meeting 2:00pm  
Helping Hands 7:15pm

#### Wednesday, February 7

Ed. Committee Meeting 7:30pm

#### Monday, February 12

Hockey Tryouts Gr: 5-8 7am Watford

#### Wednesday, February 14

Chapel

Pizza Day

#### Monday, February 19

Family Day

#### Thursday, February 22

Science Fair

## Musical / Play

Practices for our spring play begin this week. The list of actors was posted last Friday. We're delighted with the number of students that came out; a role has been made for everyone. Initially, practices will be scheduled during the lunch hour but will still allow for students to have a partial recess. This 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.

## Science Fair

It's coming closer! JKCS's biennial science fair showcases student displays answering questions posed by our curious young scientists in grades five through eight. Save the date: Thursday, February 22 beginning at 7:30.

## Meetings

Helping Hands meets tonight (Monday, February 5).

Education Committee meets Wednesday evening at 7:30.

## Games Day for Grade Three - Five

On Tuesdays in February students in Grades three to five are invited to join other students and play board games or card games at noon recess. To join, students must bring a game to play and be ready to play all recess. Looking forward to meeting fellow gamers tomorrow.

- Mrs. Bouma



## Basketball

While the rest of the school stayed home on last Tuesday's snow day, the boys' and girls' basketball teams made the trek to LDCSS for the basketball tournament. Both teams showed tremendous improvement over the course of the season and tournament, with the girls claiming second place and the boys making it to the quarter finals. The day featured great displays of athleticism and sportsmanship by both teams. A big thanks to Mrs. Sipkens for coaching the girls' team and Mr. and Mrs. de Schiffert for coaching the boys!



## Hockey Tryouts

The final tryout is scheduled for next **Monday, February 12 at 7am** at the Watford Arena. Once the team is selected we will have two more practices. Dates to follow. Full equipment must be worn including a neck guard. All players trying out will be required to pay a small fee to cover costs. Any questions please feel free to contact any of this year's coaches; Doug Boelens, Greg Wierenga, Matt Robinson, Craig Callister and Shane Boelens.

# Classroom News

## KINDERSTART

### Mrs. Robinson

#### Quickly question quiet Qq

**Memory Work:** Joshua 1:8 & 9

**Bible:** Ruth

Hannah

**Thursday Snack:** Theo

**Friday Snack:** Addyson

**February Happenings:** There are many exciting things going on in KinderStart in the next few weeks. Each student should have received a class list for their Valentines. JK students, please take note that you will distribute your Valentines on February 15. Pancake Day will take place for the JK class on February 13. Pancakes will be provided. In addition to Valentine activities, both classes will enjoy some winter Olympic fun. So get ready to be "Faster, Higher, Stronger!"

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

**Lost Mittens!** It is often challenging to reunite mittens and their owners. Please put your child's initials on their mitten tags if you haven't already done so. The struggle is real. 😊

**"Snuggle Up and Read"** If you have lost your "Snuggle Up and Read" sheet, please make a note of it in your child's planner. Another copy can be sent home.

**Happy Birthday!** We want to wish Jaxen a very happy 6th birthday. Jaxen celebrated his special day on February 4.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 1

### Miss VanderSpek

**Spelling:** This week's words are: of, what, can't, made, people

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 began learning about words such as: "I", "and", "am", "to", "I'm". This week we will be continuing this as well as practicing and reviewing our letters.

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

**Math:** Last week we began graphing. This week we will be using our new skills and will be creating our own pictographs and symbol graphs. It would be good to review counting and adding/subtracting with numbers no bigger than 10 or 15.

**French:** We are continuing in our new unit of the days of the week and parts of a home (such as garage, bedroom, etc.). We will also be doing some review of our numbers.

**Creation Studies:** This week we will finish our unit on Mapping Our Home. We are reviewing everything we have learned such as side view vs. top view, what is a symbol, and what is a neighbour. Students will bring their notes home Wednesday, with a test on Thursday, February 8th.

**Bible:** This week we will be finishing our unit on Israel's third king, Solomon. From there we will be examining the different types of Psalms and Proverbs.

**Memory Work:** Proverbs 3:4 (ESV)

*So you will find favour and good success in the sight of God and man.*

# Classroom News

## GRADES 2/3

Mrs. Hoogland/Mrs. Bouma

The Olympics starts this Friday! For the next several weeks during our Guided Reading time, we will be reading about the Olympics. We read today about the Ancient Olympics. We will move on to the Modern Day Olympics and talk about the Olympic Games in South Korea this year. Ask your child what they learned about the Olympics each day. **Let's wear Red and White this Friday to join in the fun of cheering on Canada!**

**Spelling:** We are on Lesson 17 this week. Both grades are working on "ou" and "ow" words this week. Please remember to practice for the test on Friday.

**Memory Work:** For Friday, February 9 our Memory Work is Exodus 15:1b-2:

*I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.*

**Math:** Grade 2 will continue to practice their double digit addition with regrouping - many have caught on quite quickly. Grade 2 is also starting to work through the subtraction for facts up to 20. Grade 3 continues on with their multiplication. Learning to skip count by 3s and 4s is an important skill to learning these times tables--please practice them at home. We will also be reviewing our Basic Facts to 20 this week.

**Bible:** Review sheets went home last week. Please study for our Moses Bible test on Wednesday.

**Grade 3 Social Studies:** Students have been learning about life in Kenya, especially about the Maasai people. We will be reading lots of picture books this week with a Kenyan setting. NOTE: Please collect small objects of "junk" that might otherwise be recycled or thrown away (bottle caps, straws, rubber bands, small containers, broken toy pieces for example.) Next week we will use these objects for a special project.

Thank you for the yarn donations. We had fun weaving last week.



# Classroom News

## GRADE 4

### Mrs. Noorloos / Miss Nienhuis

**Memory Work:** 1 Samuel 2:2 -

*There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.*

**Bible:** Bible Test on Tuesday, February 5 on 1 Samuel 1-8.

**Math:** We have wrapped up our multiplication and long division unit. Although, we will continue to work on these skills throughout the year, we are beginning our new unit on measurement.

**Social Studies:** This week we will be learning more about residential schools and reserves. Our Explorers and First Nations unit test will be on Friday, February 9.

**Spelling: Week 17 Words:** also, bought, cough, almost, false, officer, soft, stalk, halt, faucet, saucer, caution, lawyer, awesome, stall, crawl, awful, because

**Art:** We are working on an interesting word art. Students are able to be very free and creative in their choices and designs. It will be exciting to see the unique final products!

**Note:** Our “Scavenger Hunt Scrapbook” will be due February 15.

We will be wrapping up our Pulleys and Gears unit during the next two weeks. For our final project, we will be designing and building a device using pulleys and gears. Students will be applying what they have learned during this unit to building a device that includes both pulleys and gears and does some particular job. Some materials will be supplied at school (as most of the work will be completed here) but students may ask to borrow certain items from around the house to contribute to their projects.

**Writing:** Our editing skills are slowly improving. This week we will be focusing on writing sentences that are longer and more in depth. This will improve our writing in the long run.

**Grammar:** This week we will be learning about sentences- specifically about subjects and predicates. Knowing what subjects and predicates are helps us to form complete sentences

**Reading:** We continue with chapter 5 in *Owls in the Family*. There will be no quizzes this week but please keep in mind that, in grade four, we work to teach our students growing responsibility. Please encourage your child to be responsible and study for quizzes and complete homework on time. This is an essential skill for everyone to learn!

**Music:** This week we will be focusing 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. Fingering, breathing, tonguing and all things musical need practice and reinforcement at home as well as at school.

With our musical underway we will also be spending time learning our beautiful songs!

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

# Classroom News

## GRADE 5

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### Mr. deSchiffert

**Math:** Geometry House Building Projects are due on Tuesday, February 6. We'll be begin our unit on probability this week.

**Language:** We're continuing to work on the parts of speech.

**Spelling Words:** tried, weigh, piece, receive, their, fierce, neither, field, receiving, trying, hurried, siege, weighs, writing, tired, having, planned, worries, freight, pliers

**Memory work:** There will be no memory work this week because students need to have their "Un Jour Bizarre" part memorized for next week Wednesday.

**French:** Students will be tested on the memorization of their lines for "Un Jour Bizarre" on Wednesday, February 14.

**Bible:** Esther test pushed back to Tuesday, February 6 due to snow day last week.

**Science:** Continuing our unit on Conserving God's Gifts, students are asked to bring in any spring, battery-operated, or wind-up toys so we can analyze the types of energy and transferred in them. Energy transfer quiz on Friday, February 9.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 6

### Mrs. Tetreault

**Math:** We continue our area exploration this week. There are parallelograms and triangles all around our room just waiting to be measured. Ask your son/daughter about the formula for finding the area of these polygons!

**Science:** Our unit test is set for this week Wednesday. Students received a study guide last week and will be working on a review activity in class today. Please remember to study at home.

**Robotics:** A huge thank you to Ezra Bouma for helping us with our robots on Friday! Our programmers are able to code the rovers to sing, move, and shoot balls around the room!

**Science Fair:** This is the final leg of our science fair journey! I encourage you to keep up the hard work right to the end- to make those final writing edits and to create a beautiful display. Display boards are due on February 14. The school has lots of supplies available for the displays, like coloured paper, printing services, bulletin board letters, and so much more. If students would like their writing checked before the final print, I can review those as long as they're in by this Wednesday.

**Monday Afternoon:** I will be at a Fine Arts meeting today. A special thanks to Mrs. Noordam who will fill in for the afternoon.

### Mr. Boersma

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

**Bible:** We review the three items we learned about prayer before moving on to "discipleship". A writing piece related to this topic is due on Friday.

**Writing:** Snow days keep cutting into our writing schedule. Students continue with their short story this week. In addition, we'll combine grammar with another writing piece to be done in class.

**Current Events:** We conclude the two readings from last week and add a new TTK.

**Literature:** This week we begin a new novel, *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli. This joyful and thoughtful novel focuses on how appearances are not a worthy measure of value. It's important that students keep up with the readings, questions, and writing. There will be a fact quiz next week Thursday.

### Mrs. VanDenAssem

**Spelling:** Lesson 18 is due on Wednesday and the test is on Friday.

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### This Week

**Wednesday:** Spelling lesson due; Science unit test

**Friday:** Memory Work; Spelling test; Bible writing assignment due.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 7 & 8

### Mr. Eisen

**Basketball Intramurals:** Intramurals, led by Mr. Bill Hoogland, will start tomorrow for grades 7 & 8. Teams and a schedule will be posted in the hallway.

**Health & Nutrition:** Last Thursday's Grades 7 & 8 lunch was inspiring. Many thanks to Mrs. Robinson for volunteering her time and efforts .

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

**Memory Work:** Tuesday's memory work comes from John 1:12-14. Next week's memory work has yet to be determined.

**Bible:** Our parable skits will take place this week.

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

**History:** Our board games are due this Friday, February 9th.

**Poetry:** Poetry Projects are due this Wednesday, February 7th.

**Art:** For those not finished, our origami shading is due this Friday, February 9th.

**Science Fair:** Students, please bring your second drafts no later than this Friday, February 9th.

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

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

**Thursday, February 22nd:** Science Fair evening.

**Grade 8 French:** Our test is set for this week Wednesday. Please remember to bring in your review booklets!



# **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\*\***

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

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