



**JOHN KNOX**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL • WYOMING

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TALKS**



John 14:6

**“Solus Christus - Christ Alone”**

Theme Verse 2017-2018

**School Skating**

This Tuesday, March 6th students will once again have opportunity to enjoy an hour of skating at the Watford Arena, courtesy of Helping Hands. Students in grades 5 - 8 will go at 11:30 while students in grades 1 - 4 will leave at 1:00. SK students may attend but must be accompanied by an adult. All student skaters must wear a helmet as per arena requirements. If your child is not going or they are being picked up, please let the office know.

**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 then 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!

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**MONDAY  
MARCH 5, 2018**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday, March 6**

Schoolwide Skate - Watford Arena  
11:30 - 12:30 (Gr: 5-8)  
1:30 - 2:30 (Gr: 1-4)

**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

**Thursday, March 22**

Spring Membership Meeting 7:30pm

**Wednesday, March 28**

Easter Chapel

**Friday, March 30**

Good Friday

**Monday, April 2**

Easter Monday

## Hockey

Our exhibition game versus Strathroy was a fun time of friendly competition. Despite the loss, our Warriors had a great time and represented our school well. Thanks again drivers and coaches.

## Hockey Tournament

The tournament will take place this Wednesday, March 7th, at Gemini (twin pad) Arena. We hope to leave from the school at 6:35am. Food is available for purchase at our venue. Further details have been sent to the players already. As always, drivers wanted. Thanks to our coaches Matt Robinson, Craig Callister, Greg Wierenga, Doug and Shane Boelens.

## Principal's Note

Mr. Boersma is away from the school for the next few weeks as he underwent knee replacement surgery last Friday. Mrs. Karly Schenk will take over the grade six class on Tuesdays and Thursdays in his absence. Mr. Eisen, as vice-principal, will cover some essential administration aspects with the assistance of Mrs. Jackson and all of the staff.

## Sweet Potatoes

Sweet potatoes have arrived. Orders are ready to be picked up in the office. If you missed out on ordering, we do have extras available.

## Honey/Cheese Fundraiser

The pick up for honey and cheese is Tuesday, March 6th from 1:30 - 3:30 pm at the school.

## Advance Notice

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

## John Knox Christian School Dinner / Auction 2018:

You should have received the two page flyer with a donation form. Please consider how you can help in this exciting event. Have you booked your table yet? Table sales are in full swing and moving quickly. Book your table for the dinner in the next few weeks before it's too late. You can return your form to one of the following committee members with your intentions for the auction - Doug or Tara Boelens - 845-0260, Gerald Deelstra - 845-3660, or you can email: [auction@wyomingjkcs.com](mailto:auction@wyomingjkcs.com). Please continue to keep this great fundraiser in your daily prayers.

## Play

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

## 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.

## Babysitting Course

There is a Babysitting Course being held on Saturday, March 17 at the Wyoming Library. Please contact the library at 519-845-0181 to register.

# Classroom News

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### Mrs. Robinson

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**Memory Work:** Psalm 23

**Bible:** Solomon  
Elijah

**Wednesday Snack:** Arie

**Thursday Snack:** Chelsea

**Cookies!** We are in the middle of a very yummy “Cookie” unit. Author Laura Numeroff will be highlighted this week with particular focus on her book, *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie*. Both classes will be baking cookies. The SK class will be baking on Wednesday (a change on the calendar in order to accommodate Book Character Day on Friday) and the JK class will be on Thursday.



**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 this Friday, March 9. Pizza will be provided. Thank you, Helping Hands!

**Happy Birthday!** We want to wish Levi a very Happy 6th Birthday on March 8!

# Classroom News

## GRADE 1

### Miss VanderSpek

**Spelling:** This week’s words are:  
why, long, tree, night, friend

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:** This week we will begin to learn about unique letters and pairs of unique letters such as: “gh”, “ph”, and “k”. We will also be working towards Fine Arts in penmanship and couplets.

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

**Math:** Last week we began our new mini unit on telling time. This week will continue this unit. Please practice telling time at home using analog and digital clocks. Focus on the hour such as six o’clock and the half hour such as six-thirty.

**Creation Studies:** Last week we looked at the home-life of the Brazilians specifically within the Jivaro tribe. This week we will finish up and move onto the climate of Brazil. We are also pleased to have a guest speaker, Nicee come in on Wednesday to teach us about her time in Brazil and the Portuguese language.

**Bible:** We have concluded our unit on the division of Israel and Judah and their eventual exile. This week we will turn our focus to how the faith of God’s people is shown with Daniel and his friends.

**Memory Work:** “The Lord is My Salvation” by the Gettys.

School skating is tomorrow. If your child is not going or is being picked up, please let the office know.

This Friday is Book Character Day. Remember to dress up as your favourite character from your favourite book.

# Classroom News

## GRADES 2/3

### Mrs. Hoogland/Mrs. Bouma

**Spelling:** We are on Lesson 21 this week. Grade Three words focus on the similar sound of "er", "ir", and "ur". Grade Two is working on the "y" sound and the blend "dr". Tests on Friday.

**Memory Work:** For the next while our memory work will be memorizing songs for our musical in April. We have started learning some verses and the chorus already from *The Lord is My Salvation* by the Gettys. We have one more verse to learn. A marked song sheet will be coming home with all the verses we should know by Friday.

**Reading:** We are finishing up our *Communities* reading passages this week. We have read about communities similar to ours' and ones very different. It is wonderful to see how differently God created communities and how each one has special qualities.

**Grade Two Math:** We are working on a short introduction to multiplication and division this week. On Friday there will be a short assessment on addition and subtraction - without regrouping and with regrouping. It would be helpful to review these concepts at home.

**Grade Three Math:** We will be reviewing our Number Operations unit this week - addition and subtraction (without and with regrouping), basic multiplication, and problem solving. There will be an assessment on Friday covering these skills. It would be helpful to review these concepts at home.

**Bible:** We are finished our unit on *God's Law*. Review sheets went home last Wednesday already and our test is this Wednesday.

**Social Studies:** Students will have a chance to enjoy each other's projects in small groups.

**Grade Two French:** This week we begin a new unit about "The Body" - "Le Corps". We will also review numbers to 100.

**Writing:** This week we will look at poems that don't rhyme! Students will learn that poets look at ordinary things through a "poet's eyes".

# Classroom News

## GRADE 4

### Mrs. Noorloos / Miss Nienhuis

**Science:** This week we are beginning our Rocks and Minerals Unit! We will be learning about the uses of rocks and minerals, how types of rocks are formed, recycling minerals, and mining.

**Grammar:** This week we will be focussing on writing with dialogue. We will be writing using quotation marks.

**French:** French will be a large focus of our days for the next couple of weeks. We hope to finish up *Les Trois Petits Cochons* just after March break! Parts have been given out and the time for a lot of practice has come!

**Writing:** We will continue to spend time learning how to beef up our sentences this week as well as beginning to look at writing organized paragraphs.

**Reading:** *Owls in the Family* Unit Test- Thursday. Review sheets will be going home today.

**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." As part of musical practice we will be working to memorize "The Lord is My Salvation," "Living Waters," and "May the Peoples Praise You."

**Events:** Skating Tuesday, March 6.

**Memory Work:** Due Tuesday, March 20. Psalm 23:5-6 - *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

**Bible:** This week we are focusing on 1 Samuel 18-26.

**Math:** The students are doing great at measurement! We are working through various units of measurement. This week will be focusing on litres and grams.

**Phys. Ed.** This past month we played Badminton. The students really enjoyed it and had fun!

**Art:** Students have just completed their personality swirl art which is displayed in the hallway. This week we will be using our knowledge of area and perimeter to create art!

**Spelling:** Week 21 Spelling Test on Friday, March 9.

**Spelling Words:** enough, tougher, fifty, pharmacy, alphabet, nephew, trophy, paragraph, telephone, photograph, giraffe, forest, figure, refrigerator, draft, phrase, traffic, chief.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 5

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### Mr. deSchiffert

**Math:** Continuing in our Data Management unit, we'll be having a quiz on graphing on Thursday, March 8 and a test on Thursday, March 22.

**Science/Social Studies:** We'll be working on our research and summarization skills in preparation for a research project after the break.

**Spelling Words:** shoes, sure, sugar, musician, patience, mission, occasion, physician, tension, conclusion, constitution, caution, constellation, addition, fiction, position, official, glacier, spatial, auction.

**Language:** We'll be starting our poetry unit, looking at different types of poetry and different poets, as well as writing our own poetry.

**Phys. Ed.:** We'll be playing variations of different sports this week. Remember your gym clothes!

**Memory Work:** "For the Cause" lyrics.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 6

### Mrs. Tetreault

**Book Character Day:** Remember to dress up as a character from a book on Friday! If you have the book, take it along to show the class!

**Math:** Our unit on multiplying decimals wraps up with today's pop quiz. Later this week we'll begin a short unit on dividing decimals.

**Social Studies:** We'll work our New France booklets and continue our study this week.

**Science Fair:** If your Christian Perspective piece was not on your project board, please hand in a paper copy or email it to me by Wednesday so I can complete the grading.

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### This Week

**Wednesday:** Christian Perspective piece

**Thursday:** Spelling Lesson due

**Friday:** Memory Work; Spelling test; Book Character Day

### Mr. Boersma

*Note to students and parents: As noted elsewhere, I will be away from school, 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: "The Lord is My Salvation".

### Mrs. VanDenAssem

**Spelling:** Lesson 22 is due on Thursday. Test is on Friday.

# Classroom News

## GRADE 7 & 8

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Mr. Eisen

Senior Basketball Intramurals have a come to a conclusion. Many thanks to Mr. Bill Hoogland for his time and expertise which are a great benefit to our basketball players.

**Memory Work:** There will be no more memory work until after the March break. After break our first memory work will come from our musical-song "For the Cause".

**Math:** Our Unit Test for integers is tentatively set for Friday, March 23rd.

**Science:** Switching back to science this week, we hope to begin our physics unit on Forces.

**Literature:** Our Vocab quiz for chapters one through five of the *Bronze Bow* is set for Thursday, March 22nd.

**Art:** Our perspectives are due Friday, March 23rd.



# Teaching and E/A Positions

## Teaching Position

John Knox Christian School is home to a passionate, enthusiastic staff committed to engaging hearts and minds of young students. A teacher is needed to join this team and continue stretching the gifts and developing the skills of the grade two or grade three students.

We are offering a part-time (approximately 50%), permanent position beginning in September of 2018. Bring your exciting ideas, your dedication, and your abilities to the task with a Christ-centred, Bible-based perspective in the Reformed tradition.

We value excellence all around, but particularly in language arts for this position. Strengths and gifts in music are definite assets.

To apply please include a cover letter, résumé, statement of faith, pastor's letter, and a philosophy of Christian education.

Information can be mailed, emailed, or brought in person to the school by Wednesday, March 28.

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## Educational Assistant Position

Our school is inviting applications for an Educational Assistant to work mainly in next year's grades four/five classroom. Applicants should have EA, TA, CYW, or OCT accreditation and relevant experience. This is a part-time 50% position. The start date is September 1.

Duties are co-ordinated with the classroom teacher and would include: reading with small groups; assisting with reading programs and assessments; providing math help; assisting individuals; monitoring completion of tasks; assisting with preparation of materials; working both in and out of the classroom.

Applicants need to understand and subscribe to the tenets of the Reformed faith and Christian education as practised at John Knox Christian School.

To apply, please include a covering letter, current résumé, pastor's letter, and statement of faith as it relates to Christian education. Information may be forwarded to the school, attention to the principal, Ymko Boersma, in person, by mail, or email.

Applications due April 4, 2018.

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## **JKCS Grocery Vouchers:**

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

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**NO FRILLS/SUPERSTORE/INDEPENDENT**    \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00    \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100.00    \_\_\_\_\_ x \$250.00

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