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John Knox Christian School



"Building With Care"

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1 Corinthians 3:10-11

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Principal's Message

Protecting the Why

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Our theme verse this year directs our focus to building. Of course, it's a fine fit with the building project happening at the school. Watching the foundation being designed and made, seeing the concrete poured, and watching as the blocks form walls all make for an exciting spectacle and endless interest for students.

Taking the verse and creating an analogy for learning and teaching leads us to stress the importance of building character. That's our focus inside the building.

It pushes us to dig deeper and find a question: Why? Why a Christian school with all the immense time, energy, commitment, and sacrifice it requires? That's an important question to keep in front of us. Dealing with the particulars of building projects, curriculum development,

professional growth, busing issues, and student support begs attention and is important. But the why is what makes the particulars important.

We deal with all the "small things" because it is the 1000s of small actions and decisions we make that give life to the why. To use a tired comparison: Rome wasn't built in a day, but everyday someone was carrying bricks.

So why? Our Christian school exists to honour God and serve our students. We honour God by following his principles as set out in his Word and manifested in the living presence of Jesus Christ. We serve our students by integrating the eternal value of those precepts into daily teaching and daily relationship building.

That Christian perspective is the treasure; it's worth protecting. More than protecting, it's worth sharing. In a world driven by materialism and material concerns, by power and wealth, it offers a service, a value that does not wither and fade.



Ymko Boersma, Principal

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 15	Information Night
Wednesday, November 21	Report Cards
Thursday, November 22	Time for Talents
Friday, November 23	Volleyball Tournament
Wednesday, November 28	Parent/Teacher Meetings
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Wednesday, December 19	School Skating
Thursday, December 20	Christmas Assembly

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JKCS Golf Tournament

The 12th annual John Knox Golf tournament took place on a cool but beautiful Saturday morning at Sand Hills Golf resort. God's blessings were evident. We had 12 teams and 47 golfers take part. Our gratitude is greater because God has blessed our community with a Christian School for over 60 years.

There are many thanks to go around: Helping Hands for organizing new sponsors and prizes; Liz Sipkens for making sponsor signs and contacting original sponsors; Megan Bork for taking photos and doing a number of behind the scenes tasks; Cindy Boelens for getting the teams and volunteers.

Special thanks go to over 50 businesses and individuals that served as sponsors. This year we added a *Platinum level* and we thank *Beth Hackett Insurance, Plympton Plumbing, Sipkens Nurseries, and Sarnia Cabinets* for sponsoring this category.

Wyoming Foodland sponsored our "Hole in One" with \$10,000 worth of groceries. *Southwest Concrete* sponsored our \$5000 cash awards.

GOLD SPONSORS:

VanKlaveren Auctions, VanRooyen Dairy, Ah! Some Art, Konzelmann Farms Inc., Southwest Concrete Innovations, Robinson Veterinary Services, H Moore & Son Windows & Doors, Broadway Service, Cornerstone Pressure Washing, Grogan Ford, Chad Dreise State Farm Agency.

SILVER SPONSORS:

Parkland Farms, Heidi's Independent Petrolia, The Co-operators-MacDermid & Associates, Southwest Regional Credit Union, Dudman Fuels, Zantingh Construction, John Groendyk Construction, Roelands, Waddick Fuels.

BRONZE SPONSORS:

BDO Canada LLP, Cornerstone Trim, Studio 651, Patene Building Supplies, Arkona Appliances, Field Farms Marketing, Quality Woodworking, Ann DeBoer, Mark and Cathy Smith, Wes and Grace Boelens, Advantage Farm Equipment Ltd., JKCS Supporter, Bebingh Insurance Ltd., JKCS Staff, Sarnia Lambton Internet & Computer Centre, Village Masonry, Aquashine Car Wash, Sewlutions, Dortman Bros. Barn Equipment Inc., JKCS Supporter, Silver Dove Estates, JKCS Supporter, Weilands, Zekveld's Garden Market, Kwik Kopy, Southpoint Equipment, Benjamins Agronomy Services, Boelens Construction, Chagger Dental.

Contest Results:

Chris Wierenga -	putting contest - two holes in one	Jordan DeBoer -	longest drive
Grace DeBoer -	chipping contest	Corey Moesker -	closest to the pin
Annette Nieuwold -	longest drive - women	Jesse Wierenga -	closest to the line

Winning team: Deb DeBoer, Steve DeBoer, John DeBoer, Jack Feddema.

The Golf Tournament raised over \$11,800! Again this is an increase over the previous year. Take time to thank those involved for their willingness to serve in support Christian education. - [The Golf Committee & Helping Hands](#)

EduDeo Luncheon

As part of our Theme Week focus, all students gathered in the gym for lunch. Some brought their own food, and the grade eight class expertly distributed sloppy joe lunches to those who had ordered them. Mrs. Angela Moesker prepared the food while Zekveld's donated the apples. A good community effort created a good community spirit at the lunch. The funds, we raised \$437, go to EduDeo. This organization supports Christian schools in developing countries. Last year, for example, they sponsored a solar energy project to bring electricity to three schools in Zambia. We also link with EduDeo in support of schools in Central America. Teaching and learning in Christ's name has a wider reach thanks to their work.



New Families



Jacob and Naomi Prins - Gr. 2/SK

Welcome



Emma Friesen - SK



Sophia Zantingh - JK

Sports

Cross Country



As the weather begins to turn bitterly cold, it's hard to imagine that not even a month ago our John Knox runners were braving the elements at Canatara Park for the annual Christian schools' cross country run. Although the morning was cold and wet, that didn't dampen the spirits of our runners! The John Knox cross country team left it all out on the course, finishing as a team in first place (for the second straight year!), to go along with numerous individual top-ten finishes! What was even more notable than the team victory was the character that the John Knox Warriors displayed both on and off the course. A big thanks to our coaches Mrs. Hoogland, Mr. de Schifert, and especially Mrs. Boelens, who came in every day during lunch hour to help condition our runners and prepare them for the race! Looking forward to next season!

On Wednesday, October 3rd our Wyoming Warriors traveled to the Warwick Soccer Complex near Arkona for the annual BDCS Soccer Tournament.

Players and coaches were grateful for mostly agreeable weather in what was a soggy week. The Warriors kicked off the tournament with a win over Sarnia, followed by a loss to St. Thomas. After lunch, Wyoming held on for close victories over Stratford and Wallaceburg. After finishing second in the round-robin, a rematch with Sarnia in the semifinals was the first knockout game. A penalty scored by Jack Robinson midway through the match was enough to propel the Warriors to the finals. In the finals, St. Thomas proved too much and Wyoming finished runners-up. Mrs. Korvemaker and Mr. Eisen were very pleased with effort of the players and their conduct during the event. Way to go, Warriors!

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