



Psalm 107:21,22

“Growing In Gratitude”

Theme Verse 2019-2020

Early Dismissal

This Friday students will be dismissed at 2:15. Students should arrive home 75 minutes earlier than usual. They will enjoy getting a head start on March Break.

Gratitude

This is Mrs. Lofgren’s final week with us as she goes on maternity leave after March Break. Staff and students wish Mrs. Lofgren all the best as she begins this exciting chapter in the life of her family. We thank you, Mrs. Lofgren for your cheerful dedication and steady work as part of the JKCS teaching team. Rich blessings to you and your family.

Welcome (and Welcome Back)

As Mrs. Lofgren winds up her last week, we are pleased to welcome two staff members who will share in teaching our grade four students.

First of all we are delighted to welcome back a familiar voice and face, Mrs. Louise Noorloos. A veteran of the grade four teaching challenges, Mrs. Noorloos will be in the classroom Monday, Friday, and half of Wednesday. Joining her, we are likewise pleased to welcome Mrs. Carley Zimmer. Mrs. Zimmer resides in Forest and has valuable experience teaching in Toronto schools in addition to leading adult education classes as well as tutoring young students. She will be in the classroom on the opposite days from Mrs. Noorloos. Please do make time to welcome both of them to the JKCS community when opportunity arises after March Break. We are thankful to God for providing caring and qualified teachers to guide our young students with his leading and in his ways.

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Monday,
March 9, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 9

Hockey Practice Watford (7 - 8am)

Wednesday, March 11

Christian Schools Hockey Tournament-
Strathroy

SK Report Cards

Board Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 12

Gr: 7/8 Science Fair - 7pm at JKCS

Bake Sale

JK Report Cards

Friday, March 13

Gr: 1-8 Report Cards

Early Dismissal 2:10pm

Monday, March 16 - 20

March Break

Wednesday, March 25

Pizza Day

Thursday, March 26

Gr: 5-8 Vision Nursing Home 10:00 am

Friday, March 27

Gr: 5-8 Choir at Covenant Christian
Church - 7:30 pm

Meetings

JKCS Board of Directors meets on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Please keep Board members in your prayers, especially this week, as they face difficult decisions and choices. Thank you.

Hockey Tournament

The JKCS Warriors Hockey team will participate in the annual Christian School Hockey Tournament in Strathroy this Wednesday, March 11. The team will be leaving from the school at 7:40. First game starts at 8:45. **We will need drivers for this day.** Please let Mrs. Ferguson know if you are able to drive. We are grateful for our coaches, Greg Wierenga, Rob Nutma, Jeff Hulshof, and Colby Ferguson. We appreciate that Mrs. Ferguson is serving as staff representative at the tournament.

Singing Auditions

Our upcoming musical, *Acorns to Oaks*, has a variety of exciting opportunities for our young vocalists! Students in grades JK-8 are welcome to audition on Wednesday at 12:15 in the grade 5/6 classroom (JKs may audition on Thursday). Please prepare a short piece to sing. If our numbers are high, we may have some auditions on Thursday with the JK students. We can't wait to hear your beautiful voices!

Grades Seven / Eight Science Fair

As an enrichment activity this year, students in grades seven and eight have been researching and preparing displays for a class science fair on Thursday, March 12. It is open to all families and students to view, ask questions of presenters, and learn about the wonders of science. Evening viewing will begin at 7 pm. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

Health Notice

There is much talk about the COVID-19 virus which is appearing on six continents now. We have maintained connection with our local health unit to give effective guidance, manage false information, and be aware of needed preparations. At this time, health officials are stressing the importance of three things:

1. Effective hand washing is and remains a primary strategy for preventing spread of this virus or of any other type of virus. Proper hand washing guidelines are posted in school washrooms. Please maintain that standard at home.
2. Avoid sharing food.
3. Manage coughing or sneezing appropriately; follow up with hand washing as needed.
4. Check updates at www.lambtonhealth.on.ca or Ontario Ministry of Health.

Advance Notice

Staff and students at John Knox have begun practices and planning for this year's musical, *Acorns to Oaks*. Yes, it's a reprise - it was well-received some dozen years, and it provides catchy, singable tunes for young singers plus a simple, but valid story line. We will be offering two presentations: one on Thursday evening, April 16 at 7 pm; one on Friday morning, April 17 at 10 am for our grandfriends (and any friends of JKCS). We are excited to present this musical in our new auditorium right here at John Knox.

Choir! Choir!

There is room for more students in grades five through eight to take part in the choir concert at Covenant Christian Church on March 27. It's one of the great opportunities we offer to stretch student gifts, represent the school with confidence and enthusiasm, and serve our Lord through music to the benefit of the community

Position at Wyoming John Knox Christian School

As Mrs. de Schiffert is heading for maternity leave in early May, we will need a dedicated and hard-working person to fill her role for the final seven weeks of this school year. We are looking for an Educational Assistant who has experience working with young children in an academic setting. Good teaching support skills and a high level of patience are fundamental requirements particularly as needed in our KinderStart classes. Candidates should have ability to manage various tasks in different grades be they working one-on-one, small groups, or whole class support. Ideally, applicants should have EA, TA, CYW, or OCT accreditation and/or relevant experience.

Applicants need to understand 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 3, 2020.

Dinner Auction for JKCS

The Dinner Auction for will be held on Saturday, April 25. Over three quarters of the tables are sold already! Tables of 8 people are available for \$320. Please book your spot before it's too late. You can call or text one of the following committee members with your reservation for the auction - Phil and Laura Wilpstra: 519-330-6899 or Greg Wierenga: 519-381-5093 or you can email Auction@WyomingJKCS.com. Look for a flyer coming home soon and please consider how you can help out with a donation towards the auction. Please continue to keep this fundraiser in your daily prayers.



Sipkens Hanging Baskets

Once again Helping Hands, along with Sipkens Nurseries, is selling hanging baskets as a fundraiser. Order sheets are attached to the back of the Knox Talks. Please fill them out and have them back to school by April 3. You will receive your vouchers soon after and can use them in store in the month of May. If you want to upgrade to a larger pot just pay the difference at the store. Thank you!

Classroom News

KINDERSTART

Mrs. Robinson

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Memory Work: Psalm 1

Bible: Daniel in the Lion's Den
The Fiery Furnace

Wednesday Snack: Eloise

Thursday Snack: Connor

KinderStart Report Cards: SK report cards will be sent home Wednesday, March 11 and the JK report cards will go home the following day, Thursday, March 12.

Cookie, Cookie! We have had a "sweet" start to our mini unit on cookies. This week, Pat Hutchin's book, *The Doorbell Rang* will provide an early introduction to division. Then on Wednesday and Thursday we will put our baking skills to work as we make our own cookies to eat. We want to thank Mrs. Schenk for the use of her kitchen to bake in as we await the completion of the John Knox kitchen.

Brown Day! Brown Days will occur the week after March Break. Brown Day will take place on Tuesday, March 24 in the JK classroom. The SK students will be wearing brown on Wednesday, March 25.

Happy Birthday! We want to wish a few of our JK students very happy 5th birthdays this week. Sam celebrates on March 10 and Myla on March 11. Happy Birthday, friends!

Classroom News

GRADE 1

Mrs. Hoogland (am)

Spelling words: home, note, going, rode, globe
Challenge word: when

Be sure to return your home reading bag this week Wednesday so your child has some good books to read over March break! We appreciate Mrs. Boelens who has returned to our class to volunteer reading with us each Wednesday.

Students who choose to are bringing little "Journals" home to record some of their favourite activities over the break. We will share these after they return.

In Math we are working on using addition and subtraction to figure out word problems using numbers, pictures, and words.

Mrs. VanDenAssem (pm)

Bible: We are learning about King Solomon this week.

Memory Work: We are memorizing some of Solomon's wisdom. We will use the following wording as it matches a worksheet the students have been reading from. Proverbs 3:3,4: *Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man.*

Creation Studies: Some students have not yet handed in their bedroom map. Please make sure it comes in this week. We will finish our unit on mapping before March Break. This week the students will get an idea of where they are in the world.

Classroom News

GRADE 2

Mrs. Ferguson/Mrs. Noordam/ Mrs. VanDenAssem

I will be away for the hockey tournament this Wednesday. We welcome Carley Zimmer to our class for this day.

Memory Work: This week our memory work will be John 1:5, "*That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.*" Memory work will be tested on Friday, March 13. After the break we will put all five verses together.

Spelling: Our spelling words for this week are: **this, then, thing, thank, bank, with, wish, think, sing** and **these**. Spelling test will be on Friday, March 13.

Music: Last month we learned the notes on the treble and bass clef. This month we will look at the different types of notes as well as learning our songs for the upcoming Musical.

Reading: A reminder to keep reading each night for at least ten minutes. Please fill in the reading log each night and send it back to school the next day. This week is the last week in term two. Those that read for 12 out of the 15 weeks this term will receive a special surprise this Friday.

Writing: This week we will continue to work on our animal reports, finishing up our rough drafts and beginning the editing process. Look for these reports to come home at the end of this month.

Science: We will have a Science Quiz on our Animals Groups this Thursday. We will review for the test on Tuesday. Ask your child what the animal groups are and have them give you examples.

Classroom News

GRADE 3

Mrs. Bouma

March is here and signs of spring are everywhere! It would be a good idea for students to have an extra pair or two of dry socks in their backpacks for those wet days coming up. Many students also need a few more pencils for the last term of school. Having them labeled with their initials is helpful.

Spelling: We will work on Lesson 21 this week. Our words focus on vowel and "r" combinations (ex. work, nurse, girl). Test will be on Friday.

Math: Our unit on sorting and patterns will wrap up this week. Students need to be reminded to look at the patterns closely so they can figure out what number/letter comes next.

Reading: We will be reading about structures found in nature this week. God has given animals the ability to build homes for their families. How does a bird make a nest strong and stable?

French: Review sheet went home last week. We have a French quiz (one page) on Wednesday.

Mrs. Hoogland

Bible Memory: Students should continue to memorize the Ten Commandments (listed last week and on the study sheet). Bible quiz is tomorrow.

We will begin writing quatrain poetry this week to get ready for the Fine Arts Writing competition.

Classroom News

GRADE 4

Mrs. Lofgren

Memory Work: This week the memory work will be focused on our *Acorns to Oaks* songs.

French: Students will be put into their performing groups this week and they will be given class time to memorize their parts as well as the actions that go along with those parts. Also, we will be creating our props for the productions during our Art classes.

Language: This week we will be writing descriptive and narrative pieces in preparation for the Fine Arts Festival in April.

Math: Our focus this week is on grids and how to read them. A Math quiz is set for this Thursday on any material covered in the unit so far. The last of our geometry unit will be completed after March Break.

Music: We have been listening to the music for our upcoming musical *Acorns to Oaks* during lunch times in order to become familiar with them. Some of the class has already begun to sing or hum along. This week we will continue to learn the choral pieces in preparation for the play.

Science: Rocks and Minerals have grabbed the attention of our class as they have eagerly asked when our next Science lesson is. We have performed various tests on rocks and minerals to determine attributes such as lustre, hardness, transparency, and magnetism. This week we will be looking at igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks.

Spelling: We are going to take another week's break from Spelling to focus our time on our writing. New words will be given after March Break.

On a personal note, most of you know that I am pregnant and expecting my baby in April. This will be my last week with our class. This is such a special class that has been so welcoming, understanding, patient, and a true joy to teach. Leaving part way through the year was never in my plan, but I'm so thankful for all the memories and the amazing families I had a chance this year to work alongside. I will come back to visit with baby Lofgren before the end of the year. I know you will all help your new teachers feel as welcomed and loved like you have made me feel.

- Love, Mrs. Lofgren

Classroom News

GRADE 5/6

Mrs. Tetreault

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful March Break! Our final term will provide lots of new opportunities for learning and growth. Let's set high goals for learning and finish strong!

Science: This week we'll spend lots of time working on our electricity labs in class. Student groups are busy creating various circuits and working their way through challenging labs! We have had some amazing and very literal 'lightbulb moments' here in class. It's been a delight to see!

Math: We will wrap up our study of multiplying and dividing decimals this week and have a test on Friday .

Memory Work: Students should work on memorizing the lyrics to 'Beware' and 'A Song for Sowin' Seeds' for Friday's quiz.

Hockey: We wish our hockey team members all the best as they compete in the tournament on Wednesday!

Math Packets: Our math packets were due for homework today due to the short week last week. This week we'll work on one together in class instead of having it for homework.

Classroom News

GRADE 5/6

Mrs. Noordam

Ancient Greece: We want to thank Josie's grandmother for coming in this week to talk about her trip to Greece!

Grammar: We plan to finish up our sentence unit and have a test on Thursday.

Number the Stars: We will be reading chapters 11 and 12 this week.

Spelling Lesson 22 words for this Thursday:

Grade 5: thoughtful, successful, wasteful, wonderful skillful, plentiful, government, amusement, predicament, excitement, punishment, arrangement, fearless, careless, worthless, thoughtless, useless, reckless

Grade 6: immature, immobile, imperfect, immortal, immediate, unsure, unlikely, unreliable, uncertain, inability, inanimate, incautious, independent, inconvenient, underneath, undercover, underage, underestimate

Spelling words for Thursday after March Break:

Grade 5 - Lesson 23: shoes, sure, sugar, musician, patience, mission, occasion, physician, tension, conclusion, constitution, caution, constellation, addition, fiction, position, official, glacier.

Grade 6 - Lesson 23: geology, geography, geologist, graphite, autograph, photograph, biopsy, biology, biography, biosphere, transact, enact, actor, react, import, transport, portable, export

Classroom News

GRADE 7 & 8

Mr. Eisen/Mrs. Ferguson

Happy March Break, Everyone!

Bake Sale: Our next bake sale will take place this Thursday, March 12. Proceeds will go to the grad fund and associated grad costs.

Grad Committee: Graduation from elementary school is an important milestone that we are blessed to celebrate. If you have a student in grade eight, please consider volunteering for our Graduation Committee. Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 1st (no joke). Please contact Mr. Eisen if you are interested or have any questions.

Memory Work: Tomorrow's memory work will be "A Song for Sowin' Seeds" from our upcoming musical. Next Tuesday's memory work will be "The Rumour Weed".

Math: We hope to wrap up our integers unit with a test this Friday, March 13th.

History: We've reached that point in the year where we transition from European history to history on our continent. Our first Canadian history unit tracks the arrival of the Europeans and their struggle for dominance of foreign soil inhabited by the First Nations.

JKCS Hanging Basket Fundraiser

Helping Hands is selling hanging baskets from Sipkens Nurseries. Vouchers will be delivered to you and you can pick up your basket any time in the month of May at Sipkens Nurseries.

Orders are due April 3

Name _____

Phone _____

10" Hanging Basket

Cost: \$16.95 + tax = \$19.15 (same as retail)

Quantity: _____

Total: _____

*If you would prefer a bigger hanging basket or an annual patio pot, just take your voucher in and pay the difference at the store.

*For each basket sold the school makes \$8.46

_____ Cheque *Please makes cheques payable to JKCS Helping Hands

_____ Cash

When is my child too sick for school?



Send me to school if...

- I have a runny nose or a mild cough, but no other symptoms and can participate in school activities.
- No fever is present for 24 hours and no medication taken to reduce symptoms during those 24 hours.
- No throwing up or diarrhea for 24 hours and no medication taken to reduce symptoms during those 24 hours.



Keep me at home if I have...

- A temperature higher than 37.7° C (99.9. ° F)
- Been throwing up or had diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- Painful red eyes with discharge that keeps coming back during the day.
- Body aches, headaches and feel fatigued.
- A sore throat with a fever.
- A harsh cough and don't feel able to participate in school activities.
- An undiagnosed rash.



Follow up with my Health-Care Provider if I have...

- A fever for more than 2 days.
- A sore throat and fever for several days.
- Been throwing up or had diarrhea for more than two days.
- A cough for more than a week and it isn't getting better.
- A fever and now have a rash.
- Any urgent medical concerns.

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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 _____ x \$100.00

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

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

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: J.K.C.S. VOUCHERS
