



Ephesians 2:10

“We Are His Workmanship”

Theme Verse 2023-2024

District Field Day

It was an amazing day of competition with our neighbouring Christian schools! We're proud of each team member for their sportsmanlike conduct and great effort today. John Knox won first place overall with the school size adjustment. Congratulations, athletes! Thank you to all the parents who drove, chaperoned, and volunteered. We appreciate you!

PD Day

On Friday, June 14, the school will be closed for PD Day. Teachers will reflect on each student's progress over the past term and work on report cards.

Graduation

The John Knox Christian School community is invited to attend the grade eight graduation on Wednesday, June 19. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm at Peoples Church at 3888 London Line. All students in grades JK through grade seven have been working on a song to present at the graduation. We encourage all families to come out to this community event. Students will sit with their parents and then be called up to the front when it is time to sing.

**Monday,
June 10, 2024**

Upcoming Events

June 10 - 12

Grade 8 Graduation Trip

Tuesday, June 11

JK B - Field Trip to Wyoming Park
Gr. 7 - Field Trip to Rock Glen
Dental Screening

Wednesday, June 12

Dental Screening
Volunteer Luncheon
Gr. 6 - Field Trip to Chris Hatfield
Airport/Wyoming Park

Thursday, June 13

Gr. 5 - Field Trip to Rock Glen
Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Friday, June 14

PD Day - no school

Monday, June 17

School-wide practice at Peoples
Church 9am
Gr 8s visit the Inn of the Good
Shepherd

Tuesday, June 18

Last Day for JK

Wednesday, June 19

Chapel 9am - Honouring the Grads
Last Day for SK

Thursday, June 20

Lakewood Trip Grades 1-7 (all day)

Friday, June 21

Last Day of School - Early
Dismissal 1pm

Monday, June 17

Buses will be taking students directly to Peoples Church in the morning to practice for graduation. If you drive your child(ren) to school please be sure to take them to Peoples Church. Buses will bring students back to the school.



John Knox Christian School is looking to hire additional School Bus Drivers for the coming 2024/2025 school year. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Ryan Sipkens by phone or email for more information. 519-331-6428 or ryansipkens@gmail.com

Healthy Smiles Ontario

Tomorrow and Wednesday, the Dental Screening Team from the Lambton Public Health Unit will be in the school providing free dental screening to our students. An information sheet went home last week explaining the details of the program. If you would prefer your child(ren) are not screened please follow the instructions on the sheet to decline this free service.

New Hire

We are pleased to announce that Larissa Zomer will join our staff in September as a full-time EA. Larissa is a graduate of Redeemer University's Psychology and Social Science program and has a passion for working with children. Part of Larissa's position will be covering Mrs. de Schiffert's maternity leave for the 24/25 school year. Welcome, Larissa!
More details about classroom staffing arrangements will be provided next week.

Summer Vouchers and Payouts

Vouchers will be available to purchase throughout the summer at the school. Voucher dates are: July 11 and July 25/August 8 and August 22
If you would like a payout in June, please send in a signed note letting us know how much you would like applied to your tuition.

Lost and Found

Lost and found items will be donated at the end of the school year. Please stop by the school to check for your child's belongings. Thanks!

Lakewood

Our annual trip to Lakewood Christian Campground is a wonderful way to wrap up the school year together! On Thursday, June 20, Grades 1-7 will be traveling to Lakewood shortly after our arrival at school. We will split into groups to enjoy swimming, games, and the playground. Helping Hands will be providing a pizza lunch for the students. Here are some other notes for the day:

- Please pack for swimming in the pool (towel, sunscreen, swimsuit) (girls must wear a one-piece or a t-shirt over top).
- You may send your children with a lifejacket or puddle jumper. Please do not send other pool toys.

- Students should have snacks and a water bottle for the day.

Volunteers are invited to join classes; please contact your child's teacher if you're available!

- Senior students will have a swim test in order to swim in the deep end of the pool. Younger children will be in the shallow end regardless of ability.

- Please get in touch with the school office if you are a qualified lifeguard and willing to volunteer.

Catering Help Needed

If you are able to help serve, prep or need more information for any of the following dates please contact Samantha Boer at boer.samantha@outlook.com or 226-402-3308.

- June 21 - food prep
- June 22 - prep, serving or dishwashing
- July 12 - food prep
- July 13 - prep, serving or dishwashing
- July 20 - food prep
- August 8 - food prep
- August 9 - prep, serving or dishwashing
- August 23 - food prep
- August 24 - prep, serving or dishwashing

Classroom News

Kinderstart (A)

Mrs. Robinson

Memory Work: Romans 3:22-24

We are also learning the song, "Trust In God" (Elevation Music - Radio Version).

Bible: Saul - A Changed Man (Acts 9:1-19)

Paul's Journeys (Acts 9:20-43))

Shared Snacks: Monday - Sophie

Wednesday - Wyatt

Thursday - Teddy

Weekly Theme: We will be wrapping up our short study of plants this week with a review of what we have learned and a flower-themed art project. Sprinkled into that will be some summer-themed books and activities.

Show and Tell: During these last few days of school, students are welcome to bring in an item of their choosing on their scheduled day.

Happy Birthday! There are two KinderStart birthdays to celebrate this week: Eleanor will turn 6 on June 12 and Silas will be 5 on June 15. Happy Birthday, friends!

Schedule Notes: The last day of JK is Tuesday, June 18 and the last day of SK is Wednesday, June 19. Both classes will receive their report cards on the their last day of school.

Ponds, Picnics and Trains

We had two wonderful picnics at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jagt! We are grateful to the Jagts for their hospitality and their willingness to share their beautiful backyard with us. Besides enjoying the pond and greenhouses, the students were also in awe of Mr. Jagt's amazing trains! Additional thanks goes to the parents who joined us. Thank you for helping serve food as well as playing with and supervising students. :)



Classroom News

Kinderstart (B)

Ms. VanOorspronk



Star Student: *Tuesday* will be Evelyn, and *Thursday* will be Declan.

Show and Tell: *Tuesday* will Riley, and *Thursday* will be Caleb.

Memory Work: To prepare for the graduation song students will learn this part of "Trust in God".

*I trust in God, my Saviour
The one who will never fail
He will never fail.*

*I sought the Lord and He heard, and He answered x3
That's why I trust him, that's why I trust Him
Repeat*

Bible: We will talk about the Fruits of the Spirit and what they mean to us.

Phonics: For the remaining 3 classes students will review and play games to practice what they have learned this year.

Math: We continue to review the math concepts we have learned through different games and activities.

Plant Unit: Our sunflower seeds have sprouted. We will be looking at the roots and describing what we see. Students will also be bringing them home on Thursday.

*It is hard to believe we have three days left together. On Tuesday the 18th we will have a fun day to celebrate our year in JK.

Exciting Year End Trip! Picnic in the Park in Wyoming on Tuesday, June 11 (Rain date Thursday, June 13). It looks like the weather will be fine as we will have an opportunity to enjoy our day at the park. We will first gather at the Lisson's house for lunch and then make our way to the park. We plan to leave at 12:30 and return around 2:15 or so. Just a reminder to bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, and a hat.

Classroom News

Grade 1 (A)

Mrs. Siertsema

This week our work habit to focus on is accepting responsibility. We will talk about what taking responsibility for our actions, owning our mistakes and apologizing looks like and sounds like as we go through our week!

Here are some of our other learning goals for this week!

Phonics: This week we are looking at words with the long u sound that are spelt with “u” “ue” and “ew”.

Spelling: The words for our spelling test are: menu, true, blue, due, glue, few, new, too, two, who. Our spelling test will be on Thursday this week.

Memory work: Proverbs 3:3-6 ESV Part 3 this week!

(part 1) *Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.*

(part 2) *So you will find favour and good success in the sight of God and man.*

(part 3) ***Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.***

(part 4) *In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

Bible: Our Divided Kingdom quiz will be Monday and then we will be moving onto a unit on Israelites in exile.

Creation Studies: We will have a plant quiz on Monday and will begin our last unit on building.

Writing: We will do some journal writing this week.

French: We will conclude our beach vocabulary unit this week.

Math: We finished our unit on Fair Shares and will be starting our last unit on adding and subtracting numbers up to 50.

Lakewood Year-End Trip: On Thursday, June 20th we are heading to Lakewood! We are looking for volunteers to join our class on this day. Please let me know if you would like to join our class for this fun day out!

The Great Grade One Escape: Thank you to our volunteers for coming on our field trip. We really appreciated all your help! We hope that everyone had a great day out!

We are looking forward to a great week!

Classroom News

Grade 1 (B)

Miss Konzelmann

Thank you to all the parent helpers who took the time to come along with the Grade 1s on their escape away from JKCS. We had a full day of fun and learning at Sipken's Nursery and Canatara. We ended the day with well earned ice-cream sundaes! It was a joy to be in God's creation with one another to celebrate their learning.

Memory Work: Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the Lord with all you heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*

Phonics: We will be focusing on words that follow the rules of 'ue', 'ew' and 'u'.

Spelling Test: This will be our last spelling test of Grade 1! Thank you for your dedication through this year with taking time to practice these words with your child. The words are: menu, true, blue, due, glue, few, new, too*, two*, who*

Bible: We will be learning more about the prophet Elijah this week.

Science: We wrapped up our unit on plants and living things today with an assessment of their learning. We will finish off the year learning about structures and the way that God designed creation using these different structures. During this time of learning, students will participate in many team building activities as well.

Math: We will begin to practice learning addition and subtraction within numbers to 50.

Library: We have had our final library visit and a few students still need to return their books. Please take some time to make sure these books are found and returned before the year!

Lakewood: Next week Thursday, we will be taking a school-wide trip to Lakewood for the day. We will be able to use the swimming pool at certain times with our class, however please pack your child with a lifejacket (they will be able to take a swim test to see if they do not need one but it would be good to bring one in case or puddle jumpers!). Because this is a day long event, it would be lovely if our class was able to have some parent helpers who are willing to come spend the day with use to also have an extra pair of eyes to watch out for our class. Email me if you would like more information! Please pack your student with a lunch, towel, bathing suit, sunscreen, water, and extra underclothes!



Grade 1 A & B students enjoying their time at Canatara Park

Classroom News

Grade 2

Mrs. Ferguson

Year end Field Trip: Our year end field trip to Lakewood Campground is next Thursday. I need 3-4 volunteers to come along with our class for the day. Our day will include swimming and outdoor activities. Pizza lunch will be provided by our Helping Hands Committee.

Bible: We will finish up our last unit in Bible this week looking at Paul as he travels around spreading the good news to many nations.

Phonics: This week we will look at antonyms, synonyms and homonyms. We will also review all the sounds that we learned this year. There will not be a spelling test this week.

Math: We will finish up our unit on graphing this week and move onto our last unit, Probability. Probability is the measure of the likelihood that an event will happen. We will see that some things are certain and some are impossible; some are likely and others unlikely.

Writing: Our final writing for this year is a Fractured Fairy Tale. These stories take a traditional fairy tale and change it by using new characters, setting, problem, solution or ending.

Art: We will complete our Barbara Reid pictures this week. These will come home with our Animal Reports.

Social Studies: This week we will focus on the unique animals of Australia. We will discover interesting facts about two monotremes (egg laying mammals).

Summer Birthdays: We will celebrate our summer birthdays next Wednesday. If your child has a summer birthday feel free to send in a treat.

Classroom News

Grade 3

Mrs. Bouma

Summer Birthdays: If your child has an end of June, July, or August birthday and would like to celebrate an early birthday at school - we can make that happen! Let me know!

Library Books: We did it! Our class has returned all our library books for the year!

Lakewood: Thank you to the two volunteers who have already said they can join us next week. It would be great to have one or two more as we enjoy a day at Lakewood Christian Campground on June 20.

Penpal Visit: We had a wonderful visit in Strathroy last week meeting our penpals! A long-awaited visit after months of writing back and forth! We enjoyed getting to know each other, playing on their playground, working on a craft for them, playing some games, and enjoying a yummy treat.

Reading: We hope to finish our *Flat Stanley* books this week! Groups will share what they learned about different countries as he visits China, Japan, Mexico, Australia, Africa, France, and all across Canada. What special foods and events does each country have?

Math: Students are enjoying using their math skills as they read and understand graphs. Students will work in groups to come up with a question, survey the class, and use their information to create their own graph.

Music: We will close our composer unit this week by learning about Mozart and listening to some of his compositions.

French: Our last French unit is a review unit! We will practice reading, translating, and speaking as we review all the vocabulary of the year.



Mrs. Pries



Memory Work: No memory work.

Science: This Tuesday we will have our final unit test on soil. A review sheet went home last week. We have also spent quite a bit of time reviewing for this test in class.

Our final activity will be partaking in a council of all beings. We did not get this activity last week. It is a role play activity where the students will advocate for the environment.

Grammar: on Tuesday we will have our final grammar test. There will be two or three questions on each term or topic. Some of the topics will be: adverbs, conjunctions, pronouns, possessive nouns, as well as proper and common nouns. We have covered these terms thoroughly this year and will review in class on Monday.

Writing: As we finish up the year, we will be doing several shorter writing activities. We are aiming to finish strong and apply all that we have learned this year.

Classroom News

Grade 4

Mrs. Noordam

Year End Trip: On Thursday June 20 our class will be joining the school at Lakewood Christian Campground for a fun filled day! I would love volunteers to help watch the class for this full day event. Please email me if you are willing to help out. We plan to swim, hike, and play on the playground.

Bible: This week we will read in 2 Kings 2 about Elijah .

Literacy: Students will be put in groups to read a number of articles about staying active from our *Healthy Living* Nelson unit.

Music: Daniel will have his turn this week to share a song with us. This completes our music program!

Math: Double bar graphs is our focus this week.

Social Studies: We will learn about the tools and farming methods of ancient Egyptian and Chinese farmers. This will be a hands-on group activity.

Grammar and Writing: We will finish up our grammar unit on punctuation, specifically working on contractions and the use of commas and colons in writing a friendly and business letter. In writing, students will have an opportunity to write a friendly or a business letter applying these concepts.

Classroom News

Grade 5

Mrs. Raja

"Therefore, as you received the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6-7. This hope for our students rings true at this time of year. We prepare to send them on to a new grade full of challenges and new opportunities. But, our hope is that they grow deep roots that strengthen and establish them in this life so that they can stand up for their faith. Psalm 1:3 sums this up, **"He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."**

Thursday is our field trip to Rock Glen. Please dress for the weather; proper footwear is a must, as we will be near water and muck. Lunch will be provided (two hot dogs, chips, a juice box, and a granola bar for each student). Please send an extra snack and a water bottle. Fishing poles can come on the bus. Please secure them using the pool noodles provided last week or a traditional zippered sleeve. Bus drivers will direct you where to keep them on their bus for the ride to school.

Grade 5 used the various hands-on science materials last week. We took what we learned last year about electricity and built upon it by substituting batteries for solar panels. Since that went so well, we will add water reserves and mills to our creations to see if we can create and store energy using renewable sources of light and water.

Report card writing day is this Friday. That means we will be busy wrapping up units and collecting the final data necessary for a well-rounded view of your child's learning. Please prioritize any homework that comes home this week.

Assessments include our 5-paragraph essay on surviving alone in the wild for our novel study, Google forms regarding the conservation of energy, sorting activities with renewable and non-renewable resources, a literature check-in on the states of matter, and a grammar review that shows what we have learned.

Please bring your ball gloves on Tuesday. We will play baseball for gym!

Mrs. Tetreault

Math: We are wrapping up an amazing year of math with final check-ins on data management and probability. Students are encouraged to continue memorizing their 0-12 times tables facts as a foundation for other math skills.

Memory Work: We are memorizing the lyrics to the grad song, *I Trust in God*.

Classroom News

Grade 6

Mrs. Kamel

Field Trip! On Wednesday, June 12th we will head out to Huron Flight Services located at the Chris Hadfield Airport in Sarnia. We will be leaving the school at 10:35am. Our tour should conclude around 1pm at the airport. **We will no longer be going to Tecumseh park. We will now be heading over to McKay park in Wyoming after our time at the airport.** This park has a splash pad, playground, skate park, tennis courts and basketball courts located on site. Regarding swimsuits: because this is a public place, I am going to ask that all students wear shorts over top of their swimsuits (unless their swimsuits have short bottoms) and females have appropriate bathing suit tops. Please bring a towel. If you (parent of a grade 6 student) had your heart set on coming along for this trip, we can arrange to make it happen, just let me know. 😊

Lakewood: Our school wide fun day at Lakewood is fast approaching on June 20. I am looking for a few parent volunteers to help out for the day. If you can come along for the fun, please let me know.

Science: This week students will finish up on their slideshow presentations about different aircrafts. Once this is completed we will explore the impact of flight and its developments on the world.

Social Studies: This week we will study the top ten nations that Canada trades with.

Math: We are well into our unit on Patterns and will have a test on Tuesday. Once this is complete we will dive into a new unit on Probability!

Memory work: The song that we will be learning for grad will be our memory for this week. It is called "Trust in God" by Elevation Worship. Students will sing their memory work on **Monday, June 10th**.

Grammar: We will have a grammar test on **Monday, June 10**.

Bible: We have just completed our unit on Paul's third missionary journey. Students are to illustrate a highlight from Paul's life and state how God used the instance they chose to advance His kingdom. This will be due on **Tuesday**. Once this is complete, we will do a study on the book of Revelation.

Literature Circles: We are completing our literature circles reading this week! Once completed, students will choose from a variety of activities to show what they learned. It will be a great way to end off their work and their year.

Grade Six French (Madame DeBoer): Thursday is our pizza party! We will celebrate a great year together and the close off our final little unit with some yummy homemade pizzas.

Classroom News

Grade 7

Mr. Boersma

History: On Wednesday, there will be a review of key events related to the Seven years' War. Students should be prepared for a quiz and a writing assignment. Our final lessons in history this year focus on the growing conflict between the Thirteen Colonies and the British/First Nations territories. These events resulted in the War of 1812 which in turn has had a lasting affect on Canada's development.

Math: The fractions unit will be completed this week. Students should be prepared for review quizzes on Wednesday and Thursday. In class work will allow enough time to finish the lessons on decimals and order of operations.

Literature: We'll spend a few sessions on poetry with a focus on how our use of language can be enriched and strengthened through an appreciation of good poetry. Reading poems by Robert Frost (and others) provides opportunity to recognize these benefits.

Writing: We'll reserve some time on Wednesday and Thursday to review the elements of good paragraph writing. Students will have time in class to work on crafting a good paragraph.

This Week:

Wednesday: History Quiz

Fractions Review Quiz

Thursday: History Writing assignment

Math review quiz

Paragraph writing (in class)

Tomorrow is the big day for grade seven to head to Rock Glen Conservation Area for their year-end trip. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Proper footwear is a must, as water, rocks, and some muck are around. Lunch will be provided (2 hot dogs, juice boxes, chips and granola bars). Consider sending an extra snack and a full water bottle along.

For interest-based groups outside of fishing, there will be spike ball, soccer, the museum, or paracord bracelets and card games if the weather isn't cooperating.

Students are allowed to bring their fishing rods that will be properly secured using the pool noodles and foam that was sent home today. Traditional zippered sleeves for your fishing rods are acceptable as well. Your bus drivers will tell you where to secure them for the ride to and from school on Tuesday. Tackle boxes need to be small and fit in backpacks, if possible. Mrs. De Boer is our fearless leader. She will have a Tackle box, pliers, gloves, and all the necessary equipment, along with a first aid kit.

We will head out first thing in the morning and return in time for the bus ride home.

Graduation Help: Each year, we ask our Grade 7 parents to assist with the Grade 8 graduation dinner. Members of the Catering Committee will plan for the dinner and direct the kitchen operations, and Grade 7 parents are asked to pitch in with prep, serving, and clean up. Please use the link below to choose a place where you can be of service to the Catering team. Thanks for your support! Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/b4DD78wEUeHwWYi77>

Classroom News

Grade 8

Mrs. Koetsier

I'll be looking forward to hearing all the stories about the grad trip on Thursday, when everyone is back in class!

Just a few things to note this week:

Thursday will be a "regular" day, and we'll spend time wrapping up and finishing up a few things. Some editing and improving persuasive essays will happen, and students will have received some assignment and test results. *The Beacon* writing assignment will be finalized, and the yearbook pages will also get their last edit. We'll do some more work with *The Bronze Bow*, and talk in geography about homelessness and its causes as they relate to our studies in geography this year.

That leads nicely into my other note! We'll be going to the Inn of the Good Shepherd on Monday. One purpose of this trip is to get to know what is being done at the Inn to assist those who are food insecure, and who struggle to afford housing in the Sarnia area. The other purpose is that of service. As we've learned, out of love for a God who has blessed us with the gift of creation, and who has charged us to look after it as well as those who live in it, we must do our best to serve those who need help. To that end, we will help to serve the lunch meal, and do some other "odd jobs" as they are available.

JKCS Grocery Vouchers:

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

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 \$15.00 _____ x \$20.00 _____ x \$50.00

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