

Ephesians 2:10

"We Are His Workmanship"

Theme Verse 2023-2024

Two-Pitch Tournament

Our two-pitch team represented John Knox Christian School with flair and sportsmanship on their way to capturing championship honours by winning all six games. Congratulations to the team; all the players, boys and girls alike, showed effort, desire, and care. The dedication they demonstrated in practices carried over to the tournament games. Special thanks to our umpires: Darren DeGroot and Grace DeBoer (who umpired four games!), Many thanks and much appreciation to Ryan Nutma for coaching the team on tournament day and for modelling good sportsmanship, and to Ymko Boersma for preparing our students through numerous practices and taking on the role of tournament organizer. Miss Hiemstra had the challenging task of organizing the players for the fielding positions - kudos for a job well done! And a big thank you to our Helping Hands Committee, for running a concession stand. A reminder to our students to please be sure to return jerseys by Wednesday at the very latest.

Track and Field District Meet

Students participating in District Field Day have received a green letter with information about the day. Students will receive their jerseys this week, and name tags will be distributed in Windsor. Schedules will be emailed out today. We're looking forward to a wonderful day of competition!

Monday,

June 3, 2024



Monday, June 3

SK Field Trip to the Jagts

Tuesday, June 4

Singing Chapel 9am - Gr. 5 class JK - A Field Trip to the Jagts

Wednesday, June 5

Milk and Pizza Day Grade 3 Field Trip – Strathroy

Thursday, June 6

Grade 1 Field Trip Canatara Park Vouchers 1:30 – 2:30pm

Friday, June 7

District Track & Field - Windsor

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/Tecumseh Park

Thursday, June 13

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

Friday, June 14

PD Day - no school

Thank You!

A special thank you to Makayla Wilpstra who is finishing up her co-op here this week. We have appreciated her gifts and talents as she worked throughout the school in various classrooms. All the best with your future endeavours.



Chapel

Mrs. Raja and the grade 5 class will host chapel on Tuesday at 9:00.

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!

Milk and Pizza Day

We will have our final milk and pizza day of the school year this Wednesday, June 5.



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



Calling all Books to be Returned!

Please search high and low to find and return all JKCS Library books by this Wednesday, June 5. A prize will be awarded to the classes who have all of their books returned by library day.

Healthy Smiles Ontario

On Tuesday, June 11 and Wednesday, June 12, 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.

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.

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 10 - Lions Dinner

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

Kinderstart (A)

Mrs. Robinson

Memory Work: Romans 3:22-24

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

Bible: We will finish the school year with a look at the early church. The stories this week include:

The Holy Spirit Comes (Acts 2)
Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 6)

Shared Snacks: Wednesday - Rosie

Thursday - Silas Friday - Simon

Weekly Theme: Our visits to the Jagt's beautiful backyard provide the perfect opportunity to use all of our senses as we enjoy God's awesome creation. We are grateful to Mr and Mrs Jagt's for their kindness in sharing their space with us. Our study of plants will continue later in the week as we discuss the different parts of a plant. The SK class will have some fun with Janet Stevens' book, "Tops And Bottoms" as we take a closer look at root vegetables.

Math and Language Arts: We are focussed on review and assessments in these subject areas for the next few weeks.

Happy Birthday! Adie celebrates her 5th birthday next Sunday, June 9. Happy Birthday, Adie!

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.

Book Sheets: KinderStart certainly read a lot of books this year! Keep it up this summer, KinderStart! Students are encouraged to return completed "Snuggle Up and Read" forms to school in exchange for a prize. As it is now June, there will be no new sheets sent home.

Plant Hunts and Library Visits!









Kinderstart (B)

Ms. VanOorspronk



Star Student: Tuesday will be Evelyn, and Thursday will be Evangeline.

Show and Tell: Tuesday will be Rory, and Thursday will be Andi.

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

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

Bible: Students will hear about Paul in prison and learn about John and his vision.

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

Math: We will be reviewing the math concepts we have learned through different games and activities.

Plant Unit: Students will learn the different ways we use plants. We anticipate the growth of our sunflower seeds we planted on Thursday.

Thank you to **Wyoming Library** for providing each of us with a potted zucchini seed. Students enjoyed decorating their pots and then planting a seed.

<u>This Thursday</u> is, bring your stuffed animal or "stuffie" to school day. They will keep us company during school day.

Exciting Year End Trip! We are planning a picnic in the Park in Wyoming on Tuesday, June 11 (Rain date Tuesday, June 13). We pray that the weather will be fine as we will have an opportunity to enjoy our lunches at the park, take advantage of cooling off in the splash pad as well as a few different activities.

If you would like to join us on this day, please reach out. We plan to leave at 12:30 and return around 2:15 or so. As we were finalizing details these past few days a note will be sent home with the details on Tuesday.

*Correction; last week said "...Sarnia, which was incorrect as well as the day. My apologies.

Grade 1 (A)

Mrs. Siertsema

This week our work habit to focus on is attentive listening. We will talk about what attentive listening looks like and sounds like as well as taking some time to practise attentive listening in class.

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

Phonics: This week we are looking at words with the long o sound that are spelled with "oa" and "oe".

Spelling: The words for our spelling test are: boat, coat, float, road, goal, soap, toe, doe, been, than

Memory work: Proverbs 3:3-6 ESV Part 2 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: As we continue our unit on the Divided Kingdom we will learn how the prophets foretold the coming of a Saviour and about the Exile of Israel and Judah. That will end our unit and we will likely have a quiz on Friday.

Creation Studies: We will continue our unit on plants. This week we will learn about the life cycle of plants and different kinds of plants. We will wrap up this unit this week and hopefully have a quiz next week.

Writing: We will continue our poetry unit.

French: We will continue our unit on beach vocabulary. Students are doing a great job of learning the vocabulary!

Math: We will continue our unit on Fair Shares.

The Great Grade One Escape: On Thursday, June 6 the grade one students will be escaping the John Knox School building for an adventure! Thank you to those who have indicated that they are willing to join us on our adventure! Most of the day will be spent outside enjoying God's creation and connecting it to our science, math, physical education and art curriculums. Please make sure that your student is prepared for a whole day outside with proper footwear, sunscreen, hat, water bottle, snacks and a lunch.

We are looking forward to a great week!

Grade 1 (B)

Miss Konzelmann

Memory work: Provers 3:4

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

Phonics: This week we will be focusing on words with 'oe' and 'oa"

Spelling words: boat, coat, float, road, goal, soap, toe, doe, been*, than*

Math: We will be wrapping up our unit of equal sharing this week. We will then learn to expand our adding and subtracting skills with numbers up to 50.

Bible: Our next unit is called "The Divided Kingdom". We will be exploring the Kings of Judah and Israel after Solomon's reign. Our first few lessons will be following the events of Jeroboam.

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Show and Tell: Students have been requesting another show and tell day. Please have your child bring one thing they would like to share with this class for Friday!

Science: Last week, we took a closer look at the stages of a bean's life cycle and learned about "wacky" plants in God's garden. This week, we will wrap things up on this unit by solidifying students understanding each part and the needs of plants. Students will have a chance to create their own models of a plant, making sure to include each part that we have learned as a way to assess their learning.

Auction: The students have been spending the last couple of months earning coins (pennies, nickels, quarters, loonies) in order to be able to purchase something at our upcoming auction. We will spend Wednesday afternoon participating in purchasing an experience at the auction. These experiences could include being able to have lunch in the staffroom, miss an extra assignment, purchase extra playtime, and a chance to sit at Miss. K's desk for the day!

Grade 2

Mrs. Ferguson

Memory Work: Our last memory work for this year comes from our school theme. Psalm 8: 3-5, "When I observe your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you set in place, what is a human being that you remember him, a son of man that you look after him? You made him little less than God, and crowned him with glory and honour." I will listen to these verses on Thursday, June 6.

Bible: We continue to look at the Early Church this week as we see Jesus' disciples spreading the gospel to the Gentiles.

Phonics: This week we will be looking at the two sounds of double o (oo, as in "zoo" or "cook"). This is the final week of our phonics program. We will spend next week reviewing all our sounds.

Spelling: Our spelling words are zoo, food, tool, soon, room, smooth, school, book, cook, and good. Our spelling test will be on Friday, June 7. This will be our last spelling test of the year.

Writing: This week we will finish up our animal reports. In Art, we are creating a picture of our animals using the techniques that Barbara Reid uses in her books. We watched her video to see the tools that she uses to make her beautiful pictures.

Math: Last week we started our new Math unit by looking at how to collect data using a tally chart and then how to organize data in a Venn diagram. This week we will look at using this data to make pictographs, bar graphs, and then a line plot.

Science: There will be a Science test on Animals this Thursday. A review sheet will come home Monday if you want to go over the characteristics of each animal group with your child. This has been a fun unit looking at God's creation and the wonderful creativity of our Creator.

Social Studies: Science and social studies come together this week as we begin to look at all the unique animals that can be found in Australia. Kangaroos, Platypus, and Echidnas are just some of these animals unique to Australia.

District Track and Field: I will be away this Friday as I travel with our district track team to Windsor for a fun day of competition. Shirley Deelstra will be in our classroom for the day.

Grade 3

Mrs. Bouma

I can't believe there are only three weeks left in the school year! This week will be a different one with our penpal visit and District Track and Field Day. We have visited the school library for the last time and all **library books are due this week.**

Penpal Visit: On Wednesday, June 5, our class will be travelling to Strathroy Community Christian School so we can meet our penpals face-to-face! This is a much awaited visit after months of writing back and forth! We will leave the school at 9:15 am and be back at 12:45pm in time for pizza lunch.

Lakewood: Grades 1-7 hope to travel to Lakewood Christian Campgrounds on Thursday, June 20 for the day. It would be great to have four parent volunteers to help supervise our class for the day. We hope to do some hiking, swimming, and playing on the playgrounds! Let me or Allie know if you are interested in joining us for the day.

Spelling: We are on our last Spelling list with our last spelling test on Thursday (due to District)! List will be a bit shorter and due to the shorter time to practice them.

Reading: Students have enjoyed their Flat Stanley books adventures! We will get in a few more chapters this week as they fly around the world with Stanley.

Math: All things Graphing! We have moved on to our graphing unit. We will work on reading graphs, analyzing graphs (how many more comparisons for example), and creating graphs.

Music: We hope to wrap up our classical composer unit this week.

Mrs. Pries

Memory Work: "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go." Joshua 1:7 (NIV)

Writers Workshop: This week the students will be completing their good copies of their environmental narrative. Students will also work on writing out persuasive arguments for "The Council of All Beings."

Science: Our last activity will be "The Council of All Beings." A time where students will use their persuasive writing and oral skills to communicate a message of caution and hope for God's creation. This activity is a role-play activity and we will participate together in a final council later in the week or next depending on track and field.

Bible: We are on our final unit, and the Israelites are now being lead by Joshua and are about to enter the Promised Land.

Grade 4

Mrs. Noordam

Bible: We will focus on 1 Kings 20 where we will read about Ahab and Ben-Hadad.

Memory Work: Psalm 24: 1-9. We will have a fill-in-the-blank test on Friday on verses 7 and 8 this week.

Book Report: Due Friday (for those away at District this will be due on Thursday).

Math: Graphs and Statistics - As part of this math unit, students are collecting data from the class to create their own bar graph. I am encouraged by their enthusiasm about this assignment!

Music: This week it will be Sawyer's turn to introduce us to a new worship song!

Literature and Writing: Nelson Unit - *Healthy Living* - Students started to create a healthy menu and we will finish these up this week.

Social Studies: Ancient Farming Communities - We will dive deeper into Ancient China and Ancient Egypt's farming techniques. We will also study their farmland, specifically the potential and obstacles of each area.

Summer Birthdays: Throughout June we will celebrate our summer birthdays! Treats are optional (they are not required). Here is the schedule:

Mon. June 10 - Mary

Wed. June 12- Abby

Mon. June 17- Daniel

Tues. June 18 - Adam

Wed. June 19 - Sawyer and Weston

French (Madame DeBoer): Our school year is quickly coming to a close! We continue to work on answering questions about our play in class.

Grade 5

Mrs. Raja

"I trust in God, my saviour, the one who will never fail. Perfect submission; all is at rest. I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps." These lyrics, from our school-wide graduation song, are a declaration of faith in a loving God who has proven faithful time after time, a God we can trust with our future and with our hearts. What a beautiful sentiment to end the school year remembering.

Tuesday is a singing chapel led in part by Grade 5. We have three songs and prayer, followed by a school-wide choir practice.

Wednesday is Pizza Day and our last day of library! Please scour your house, check under the sofas, and be sure to get those novels and picture books into backpacks. No books will be taken out this week.

The class will attend a Virtual Food and Farm Field Trip on Thursday. We will "head to" a Feed Mill and learn more about farming through our partnership with Agscape.

Friday is District Track & Field Day. Mrs. Kamel will lead the remaining grade 5 students, who will be combined with grade 6. The day will consist of grade-specific work and fun activities.

In language arts, we are more than halfway through our novel, *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, and we love it! We play this fun game called "I have? Who Has?" to recall basic facts and events. We are writing a five-paragraph essay about surviving in the wilderness alone. In science, we are wrapping up the conservation of energy while looking at renewable and non-renewable resources. For literacy, we are doing some pre-reading on the subject matter.

French (Madame DeBoer): This week we continue to learn the names for our body parts!

Mrs. Tetreault

Memory Work: We delayed our memory work quiz to this week Wednesday: Daniel 4:2-3. We are also memorizing the lyrics to the grad song, *I Trust in God*.

Math: This week, we will create and interpret graphs and find the mean, median, mode, and range of data.

Music: Students will review note and rest values, and learn basic music theory.

Grade 6

Mrs. Kamel

Field Trip! We have a field trip booked for Wednesday, June 12th to Huron Flight Services located at the Chris Hadfield Airport in Sarnia. We will leave the school between 10:30am to be at the airport at 11am. Our tour should conclude around 1pm at the airport and then we make our way over to Tecumseh Park for some class bonding and fun. I have two volunteers (Thank you!) but if you had your heart set on coming along for this trip, we can arrange to make it happen.

Science: This week we will take a closer look at the history of flight and the mechanics of flying devices.

Social Studies: Last week we had a powerful realization about how we live in Canada compared to the rest of our global village. This week we will learn about importing and exporting and contemplate what sort of nations our country trades with.

Math: Test on algebraic relationships this Tuesday, June 4th.

Book Report: Book reports are due today, **June 3**rd.

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 10**th.

Spelling: We will have spelling this week. Our quiz will be on **Thursday, June 6**th. This will be our last spelling quiz for the year.

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

District Field Day: District Track and Field will take place this Friday. For the grade six students that will be at school with me for the day, we will have the privilege of having students from grade 5 join us for a day of learning and fun.

French (Madame DeBoer): We are continuing our unit on La Pizza; we will enjoy a class pizza party next Thursday!

Grade 7

Mr. Boersma

Literature: Questions on "The Black Stallion and the Red Mare" as well as the assigned writing assignment on the story are due on Tuesday, June 4. Assigned last Wednesday; there has been ample time to complete this thoroughly. It's too late in the year to accept past due work. This week also allows us to don our poetry hats and see how good poetry can improve our oral and written use of language.

Math: I encourage students to review the various fraction problems. Some are still struggling with basic addition and subtraction work. Mastering the fundamentals is key to understanding decimals, percents, and order of operations with fractions. The goal is to complete this unit thoroughly and to lay a solid basis for grade eight math. Students can expect homework and daily review quizzes.

History: Well into the Seven Years' War, students will collect the relevant facts and prepare for the aftermath. British policies such as the Quebec Act set the stage for confrontation with the prospering 13 Colonies, soon to be the United States of America. The final phase of our history study will focus on the factors leading to the War of 1812.

Fact quiz on the Seven Years' War will be given on Thursday. Students will also be challenged with an assignment due next Thursday.

French (Madame DeBoer): We continue with our unit "Un Monde Pour Tout le Monde" this week.

Mrs. Deelstra

Memory Work - For Thursday, June 6th: the next 20 countries and capitals. Those students absent on Friday, May 31st will be responsible for all the capitals of the 20 countries on this date.

Students will also be required to know the Graduation Choir song for the same date. We are listening and singing along to this beautiful piece *Trust in God* by Elevation Music, daily. Grade 7 was given copies of the lyrics in class.

Bible - We are finishing up our final lessons with a chart comparison of Job and Ecclesiastes. This work will be done in a class setting.

Music - We have been introduced to some classics: '5th Symphony' by Beethoven and 'Eine Kleine Nacht Musik' by Mozart. This week we will hear 'The Rite of Spring' by Igor Stravinsky. We also are studying basic music notation.

Geography - Six biomes found around the world were introduced to the students. They are: tundra; coniferous forest or taiga; deciduous forest; grasslands; tropical rainforest; desert. There will be a quiz on Tuesday, June 4th to name all 6 and two characteristics of each.

In addition, students will be discussing population and labeling countries on world maps based on continents with the use of atlases. Pencil crayons and pencils are necessary for this part of Geography.

Grammar - We will be doing a review of grammar lessons this week.

Art - Students completed some wonderful graffiti art of their names which are currently displayed in the library! They are currently completing vortex drawings.

Grade 8

Miss Hiemstra

Note: Please remember to return signed permission forms for the Grade 8 grad trip as soon as possible! Another permission form will be coming home today from Fair Havens - please sign and return this by Wednesday, June 5.

Church History - This week, we'll be finishing up our church reports, which are due **Thursday**, **June 6**. Remember that a completed report is 2 pages of written information about your church, as well as the three drawings listed on the assignment.

Math - Last week, we learned how to calculate the surface area of cylinders. This week, we will be looking at the formula for calculating their volume.

Science - This past week, we learned about humidity and air pressure. We also made our own barometers, which we'll be checking throughout the next week to see how air pressure goes up and down over time. We'll be looking at temperature this week, and there will be a short quiz on **Thursday**, **June 6** on what we've learned so far about the atmosphere.

History - The past week was full of interesting information and creative presentations about the battle tactics, day-to-day life, and innovations of the Roman Empire! Remember to send your finished projects/speaking notes/ class activities to Miss Hiemstra as soon as possible so that we are ready to go when it is your turn to present. For anyone who has not presented yet, be ready to go on Tuesday!



Mrs. Koetsier

Lots of wrap-up, quizzing and testing are the order of the week for the students! Parents, you can expect an email outlining some graduation details to come your way this evening!

Writing - Students are finishing up a reflection writing assignment, as well as a persuasive/opinion essay.

Grammar - We'll finish up a review of parts of speech, and will write a review "test" Wednesday

Literature - We'll continue with *The Bronze Bow.* A test on the first part of the novel will be given Wednesday. Students will have received a study guide today.

Geography - In wrapping up our chapter on quality of life and the economy, we'll talk about globalization, environmentalism and how this "ism" is in direct contradiction with our Christian faith. Students will receive a study guide for and write a final test Wednesday!

Art - Students should finish up their yearbook page and share it with me for editing today. Today we'll also begin our final art project - a self portrait in street/pop art style.

French (Madame DeBoer): We continue our unit about legends this week.

IKCS Grocery Vouchers:

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

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