



Knox News

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From the Principal's Desk...

*His compassions never fail. They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.* Lamentations 3:22-23

Welcome to a new school year! For some of us, the first day back was something we have done many times. For others, it was a completely new experience, which included being a little nervous and anxious. For the Kindergarten class, their first day was Wednesday, marking one of the most important milestones for them. But, for all of us, we were able to experience God's faithfulness and compassion. Our Opening Assembly was an opportunity to extend a warm welcome to new staff, students, and families and to gather in community to begin the year with a focus on God. After the assembly, students had a chance to get to know their classmates and teachers before beginning their classes. Recess was a great time to enjoy some physical activity, sunshine, and a nice cool breeze. It was a wonderful day and the entire staff was excited to welcome everyone back.

Our theme for the year is "Living for the Lord...Every Day!" As we all settle into the routines, it is important that we remember that life is lived moment by moment and day by day. It is the small choices we make that shape our heart, soul, and mind. What we think, say and do each moment shapes each day. How we live each day shapes who we become. Our theme will remind us of the importance of making every choice, whether small or big, a choice that reflects our faith.

Milk Bags

Milk bag collection will begin again. Please be diligent in handing in bags that are clean, dry and neatly folded twice. The people who will cut the bags and eventually knit them into mats sincerely appreciate your efforts.

It's Racquet Time...

Anyone from Grade 9 to adult, beginner to advanced is welcome to play this fun sport at Knox. The Badminton Club meets on Monday night (beginning Monday, September 27) from 7 to 9:30 in Knox's gym. To register or for more information, contact Dale Crandall (905.697.0964) or Gary Stoter (905.623.2091). Proceeds will be donated to Knox Christian School and Durham Christian High School.

Bus Routes

We appreciate your patience as we make some adjustments to the bus routes. The adjusted routes will be sent home with your child next week.

Special Friends Reading Club

We will be starting our reading program with the primary classes on Thursday, September 30. The JK/SK class will start in October and will be on Wednesdays. Thanks to Anne Marie Klompaker and Diane Findlay (librarian) who will continue to help with organizing our volunteers. Thanks also to all you volunteers. We hope you can come back. Our students love to see you. We know of a few that won't be returning, so if you are at all interested in listening to our youngsters read, and are free on Thursday mornings from 8:50-10:15 am, we'd love to have you join! Call the school office (905.623.5871) and leave a message for Mrs. Hoogendam or contact Mrs. Klompaker (905.623.6628).

Back-to-School Night

Back to School Night is on Thursday, September 9. Families are invited to come to the school with their lawn chairs to enjoy one another's company, meet new families, and hear stories about the summer. From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., hot dogs will be served and the suggested family donation is \$10 to help cover costs. At 6:30, there will be a short devotional, a couple of introductions, and a presentation from Canadian Hallmarks Institute celebrating our Accreditation. We are excited to be the first school in the Durham region to receive this honour! From about 6:45-7:30 p.m. the school and classrooms will be open and students will have an opportunity to show off their classrooms and teachers!

School Pictures

School pictures will be taken on Monday, September 13. Please see the attached information.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, September 9 Back-to-school Night 5:30 pm
Monday, September 13 School Pictures
Wednesday, September 15 Grade 7+8 to Mini-Yo-We
Friday, September 17 Grade 7+8 returns
Tuesday, September 21 Knox Golf Tournament

JK/SK - Mrs. DeJong

School's begun; we're having fun!

Grade 1 - Miss Kippax

Wow! What a terrific first week! Our students are getting settled quickly and are very excited to learn.

Grade 2 - Mr. Kaldeway

We have enjoyed our time together and these days have been a whirlwind of celebrating a new school year, one birthday, and meeting new classmates. We welcome Jeff, Samuel H., Rob, Bella, and Noah to grade 2! I am looking forward to meeting all families at the Back-to-School Night. In the afternoons, we are hosting the grade 1 class. I encourage all students to have a small flip-top water bottle to have on their desk!!

Grade 3 - Mrs. McDowell

Welcome back to school! We're excited to be back and have had a great start to the year. We look forward to Back-to-School Night tonight. Hope to see you there! Please note that our library day has changed to Thursday.

Grade 4 - Ms. Ullman

Welcome back! We are working on a math unit entitled "Patterns in Math." In reading, we have begun a set of stories based on "together is better." Spelling lists will come home on Monday.

Grade 5 - Miss Geleynse

Welcome back! It's exciting to see everyone back again. I hope to be able to connect with you at the Back-to-School Night tonight. Please read through the parent letter sent home earlier this week. Please note one change: library will be on Tuesday afternoon, not Thursday. Feel free to contact me at school if you have any questions.

Grade 6 - Mrs. Fayer-Murphy

It's great to be back at school; we will learn a lot in grade 6 this year. We welcome Laura and Rebecca to our class. Now we have 12 girls and 12 boys – wonderful! There is memory work due for Wednesday, September 15. It is our theme verse – Ephesians 5:1-2. Also, a novel of the student's choice must be chosen and at school by Monday, September 13 in preparation for a book report. We

had a great time pretending to be archeologists in Social Studies class. Everyone is excited about Band classes.

Grade 7 - Mrs. Feddema

Welcome to Grade 7! Lockers and rotation are exciting changes, but they bring a whole new set of challenges. Please pray for us as we adjust. We are very excited about our trip to Camp Mini-Yo-We. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to me at the Back-to-School Night. I look forward to seeing you then! A very special welcome to Fernanda who comes to us from Mexico. We pray she will feel at home soon.

Grade 8A - Mr. Janssen

A new school year has begun! Students are learning the routines and expectations of grade 8. We've started to study the exile of Judah in Bible and considered the state of Canada in 1837. How will Lord Durham solve the three conflicts? Please ensure Camp Mini-Yo-We money and forms have been turned in so you can come and enjoy the trip with us next week. May God bless you as we live and learn together in community this year!

Grade 8A - Mrs. Rozema

What a great start! This year is going to be fun! Money and forms for Min-Yo-We are due today. Are you eating or selling chocolate? Memory work for September is Isaiah 55:1-7. We need more Kleenex in our room.

Resource - Mrs. VandeMeent and Mrs. Hoogendam

We are excited about starting the new year and are busy working out schedules and connecting with our students who have all grown so much this summer and look so tanned. What a great summer we had! Now it's time to get back into routines. We are also thankful that our gifted educational assistants: Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Small are part of our team. They will be working in the split grades (1/2, 3/4, and 4/5) in the afternoons and in various classes and the resource rooms in the mornings. We're looking forward to a great year!