



The Monthly

KNOX NEWS

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PSALM 23

By Principal Paul Marcus

This year, our staff has chosen Psalm 23 as our scripture verse for the year. You are likely well familiar with the passage, many of you would have memorized it in school or Sunday school when you were younger.

The Lord is my Shepherd. The words conjure mental images of cute, fluffy sheep, gentle shepherds, tranquil meadows, and serene bubbling brooks. It is a scripture passage that provides feelings of peace, calm, harmony, and security. They bring comfort when life seems uneasy. This is precisely why we chose this verse as our theme for the 2020-2021 school year.

As a staff, we've been reading some pieces of a book called "The Lord is my Shepherd" by Robert J. Morgan. In the

prologue he writes "In a hundred words (only fifty-five in the original Hebrew), Psalm 23 sums up all our needs in life and all the abundance of God's grace. It begins with "The Lord", and it ends with "forever." What could be better than that?"

the last, the beginning and the end." Or, Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." God is unchanging.

All of us have been impacted by the corona virus pandemic in one way or

"God is unchanging."

The beginning and end of Psalm 23 point to a fundamental truth about God that forms our comfort during these times: God is unchanging. Consider verses like Revelations 22:13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and

another. The uncertainty of the day-to-day causes many of us anxiety. Psalm 23 provides us with the reminder that we need. In God we find certainty. In God we find guidance. In God we find hope. In God we find rest.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



FIRST DAY BACK

We welcomed our students back to school on September 7th. Although the joy and celebration was tempered by some anxiety this year, we know that, as our school theme for the year says “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want”. May the comforting words from this Psalm written thousands of years ago continue to be our comfort today.

Our staff was hard at work and we were ready to go. School looked a little bit different this year than other years, but our mission remained the same: we are a community of learners who love God and serve others. We were so thankful to be back with our students with face-to-face learning. It’s going to be an awesome year Oh, and the driveway was paved this summer!

TREE TOP TREKKING

Unfortunately, our Grade 7 and 8 students weren’t able to go to Camp Mini-Yo-We this year. We still had a blast at Tree Top Trekking! It was so cool to watch as kids who were terrified at the beginning of the day challenged themselves and became experts by the end of the day. A great time of fun and community-building was had by all!



15TH TERRY FOX WALK

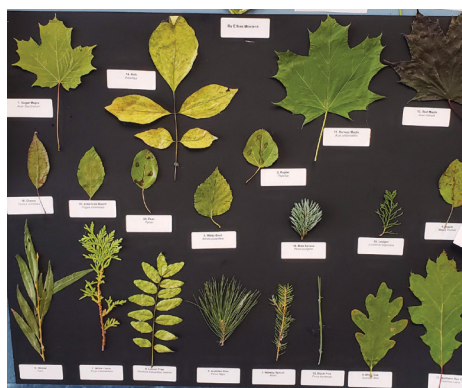
The 2020 version of the Terry Fox Walk. We’re grateful for the opportunity to continue with this incredible fundraising legacy again this year. Knox has participated for 15 consecutive years. Thank you to all who have generously donated to continue the fight against this disease which has personally impacted almost all of us.



FUN OUTSIDE

Getting a chance to play in the woods is always a highlight for the students. Some students have enjoyed the opportunity to do school outside!

KNOX'S AWESOME ARTISTS!



CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 29/30** Edvance Educators Convention
No School
- Nov. 2** KCSS Fall Membership Meeting
- Nov. 16** Report Card Writing Day
No School

PRAISE and PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise for the new families who have joined us this year.
- Prayers for teachers, students and families to stay healthy.
- Prayers for the ongoing decisions and planning needed for the school year.



SK LETTER OF THE WEEK

The letter of the week in Mrs. Bent's class was "S". The children enjoyed eating strawberries, spaghetti squash and sunflower seeds! They also tried lifting a mammoth sunflower!

BOARD UPDATE: September 2020

Greetings from the Knox Christian School Board of Directors. We are delighted to be writing this as we are one month into the 2020-2021 school year. We are grateful for God's provision and look forward to a year filled with God's blessings. Although this year began with many challenges and changes, we are thankful for our staff who worked tirelessly to reimagine how school would look amidst new health and safety measures. Thank you to the Knox family for their continued prayers throughout the planning process and into the new school year.

Although the school year started with a slight dip in student enrolment, we are more than excited to walk alongside all of our students in their Christian education journey. This year, we welcomed 39 new students from 27 new families. Over the next few weeks, we will be interviewing prospective Members for the Knox Christian School Society. If you are interested in becoming a Member but could not make our scheduled interview times, please email us and we will arrange a time that works.

The opening of the new school year also introduced us to a brand new parking lot. This project was one a long time in the making. Many volunteers worked myriad hours to make this dream a reality and we are indebted to them for their work. Our school's first impression as parents, students, and visitors arrive now matches the love and care we pour into our relationships inside our doors.

Our staff have chosen Psalm 23 as the theme verse for this school year. It is appropriate that in an age where worry seems to pervade society, these familiar words will be our guide. "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing." Let this be our assurance as we navigate new and unfamiliar terrain together.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or encouragements, please email us.

Sincerely,

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KNOX 19TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On September 15 we held our 19th annual Knox Christian School Golf Tournament. It was a beautiful day and we were blessed once again with a great turnout. Thanks to all of our sponsors who gave generously to support our mission as a "Community of Learners who Love God and Serve Others". Thank you also to our golf committee who went above and beyond to ensure this event was a success amidst many changes.