



The Monthly

KNOX NEWS

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CLOTHED WITH CHRIST

By Principal Paul Marcus

This year we've taken our school theme from Colossians 3: Clothed with Christ. It's a theme that is rich with imagery. Walk around the school and you'll see that classes have posted this message in a variety of creative ways, such as clotheslines with each of the characteristics written on a different piece of clothing.

Last week, at our first school devotions together, we talked about what it means to wear a uniform. I prompted the children to understand that uniforms do two things. First, they protect us

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from harm, as in steel toe boots and hard hats. Second, they help us to represent our employer or our organization well. The way we represent ourselves visually can have an impact on how people perceive the companies that we work for.

I believe these are both good analogies for what it means to be 'Clothed with Christ'. First, practicing disciplines like compassion, thankfulness, peacefulness, etc., can protect us from falling into unholy characteristics, such as begrudging, revenge, stinginess, etc. Further, as image bearers of Christ, the characteristics that we put on display ought to represent our Maker well. If we live into the characteristics of Colossians 3, others will know who God is in their lives and in the world more fully through our word and actions.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

While the kids have been away on summer holidays, there has been a lot of work done here at the school to get ready for another year, and on Tuesday, September 3rd we began the journey of the 2019-2020 school year. We are excited to welcome 225 students, 5 new staff and 1 Para Educator to the Knox community. God is good! We're so excited to work with each one of them and to see what God has in store here. See the pictures which show some of the additions and renovations that took place this summer.



CAMP MINI-YO-WE 2019

This year the Grade 7-8 students reflected on identity with Camp Leader Rhys. Rhys is a North Irish, talented, athletic, communicator and performer. He kept the kids riveted with his juggling and cycling acts and with his demonstration on what we tend to build our identity on and on Who we should really be building our identity.

He spoke to the kids about his life experiences with his love for juggling, speaking, and athletics, to his struggles in school, and eventually becoming a youth pastor, to the death of his beloved father whom he had built his identity around, and then to the realization that his identity should be built on Christ.

As he spoke he demonstrated with building block towers that crashed under the imagery of disappointment, injury, and death. As he spoke, he showed how he realized that when he builds his identity on Christ he will never be alone, and no matter what hardships come his way he can get through them with Jesus. Thank you to the staff and leadership at Mini-Yo-We who have had a profound impact on the students.



KNOX ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

A wonderful time was had by all at our annual Knox Christian School Golf Tournament on Wednesday, September 11th. The weather was great, but the fellowship was greater. A big thank you to all of the sponsors, supporters and 140 participants for helping us raise \$36,000!



CHEESE FUNDRAISER FOR 2019-2010

This year, we will **NOT** be putting white notices for the Cheese Orders in the monthly Knox Newsletter. You can either e-mail Marie Broersma at mariebroersma64@gmail.com, or you can stop by the Knox school office and fill in an order form on/ or before the first Friday of each month, with pick up being the third Monday of the month. Orders can be paid at pick up. Thanks for helping and supporting this Knox Fundraiser.

GO OUTSIDE AND LEARN

The great thing about Fall and having a school that is so close to creeks and forests is that it gives lots of opportunity for adventures and learning outside of the classroom too! Thank you to all the volunteers for helping so the kids could G.O.A.L. (go outside and learn).



SALMON WALK

One of the blessings of having school so close to a creek - getting to go see the salmon run! Thank you to Mr. Brinkman and our volunteers for taking our senior kindergarten class to learn about this beautiful part of God's creation.



CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 8** Membership Application Evening
- October 9** Thanksgiving Chapel 11:15 a.m.
- October 14** Thanksgiving Monday No School
- October 15** Christian School Cross Country Meet
- October 19** Applefest
- October 21** KCSS Board Meeting
- October 29** Christian Schools Cross Country Meet

PRAISE and PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise and prayer for the many preschool and elementary school families that joined Knox this year. Please pray that they would feel welcomed and loved and that their children would feel at home quickly.
- Prayer for the health of staff and students as we begin this new school year.
- Prayer for the Board and leadership as they continue to make decisions for this school year.
- Praise and prayer for the continued support and love shown for our school.

KNOX SPIRIT WEAR

Knox Spirit wear is a great way to promote our school while you are out in the community or while the students are on field trips. You can purchase these items by visiting the following website: knoxgear.itemorder.com/sale

BOARD UPDATE: September 2019

On behalf of the Knox Christian School Society Board of Directors, welcome to 2019-2020. The first few weeks are behind us and we're already seeing evidence that God is at work at Knox. Summer may seem like a distant memory, but we know that it gave our staff and community rest and rejuvenation.

A special welcome to our new families. This year, we welcomed 24 fresh new faces with their 57 new-to-Knox children. It's exciting for the cause of Christian education that God has once again blessed us with growth. We pray God's blessing on each family, rookie and veteran, for the educational journey ahead.

This summer saw some much-needed projects completed at the school. The original wing of our school got a facelift with new floors both in the hallways and in the classrooms. This, along with new lights and paint, have reinvigorated these spaces. Because of student growth we also had to prepare a new classroom. If you are ever at the school, come and see our new Grade 8 room at the bottom of the stairs by the front entrance. The facilities are in fine shape and we have our staff to thank as well as our generous supporting community.

This year, we also welcomed a number of new staff. Mrs. Judy van't Slot, Mrs. Sheila May, Ms. Rachel deBolster, Mrs. Kasia Boekee, and Mrs. Amy Zwier all joined

our group of amazing Christian educators. We look forward to the God-given gifts and talents that they will share with our students each day.

Our first fundraiser is behind us and we're indebted to the Golf Tournament Committee for organizing an event that raised \$36,000 for Knox Christian School. Thank you. Our next fundraising event is our annual apple fritter stand at Bowmanville's Applefest. Consider coming out on October 19th to show your support. We've also begun planning for our annual Bazaar which is set to take place on Saturday, December 7th. Thank you to all of our volunteers for continuing to help us raise funds which help keep tuition fees affordable for our current and future families.

Please watch your mailboxes for your annual Membership Renewal forms. We value our Membership and the leadership and input they provide. Please join us for another year. Membership Renewal Forms are due back in the office by October 31st with your Membership dues.

As usual, if you have any encouragements, questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

On behalf of the KCSS Board of Directors, Lisa Myers, Board Chairperson
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BABY CHICKS IN JK

Our JK students are studying the life cycle of chickens and are excitedly watching and waiting for their baby chicks to arrive. We will keep you posted on the outcome.



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