

FEBRUARY

2025

School Newsletter

JOHN DAVIDSON



As I sit here typing out our next newsletter principal's message it is hard to believe this will be my final time doing so from the long serving John Davidson site. This building brings me so many wonderful memories.

Christmas and Easter programs are without a doubt at the top of the list. It's so many though of all the smaller memories and moments that remind me of how blessed

I am to be able to serve as Principal of this amazing school. I want to thank all of the parents, students, and staff through out my journey here.

The new campus will be different. Different I think will be good, but it comes with some nervous anticipation. That's normal and okay. Together we will navigate this and ultimately turn our home into an amazing school. How do I know for sure it will be amazing? Easy. Our people. Bring on new adventures. I am excited to share in this journey together.

As you are aware there is no school February 15-25. During this time, in part our teaching staff will be attending their annual teachers convention. this important time allows certificated staff to sharpen their skills and work with other professionals to discuss the best ways to support student learning. If you have any questions for me, about our school, or how your child is doing feel free to call, email, or stop by the school for a visit.

Fred Jack
Principal

February

Events

Feb. 3: Class Picture Retakes

Feb. 4: Library Book Return
Deadline

Feb. 7: FISH! Assembly

Feb. 7: Hot Lunch Forms Due

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Feb. 12: Hot Lunch

Feb. 14: Goodbye Assembly

Feb. 14: Last Day at JDS

Feb. 17-25: No School

Feb. 26: First Day @ New
Building

Feb. 28: Grad Photos



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Words of Wisdom

In Matthew 18:21, the Apostle Peter asks Jesus an important question - “Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times?” Maybe Peter thought that he had a good number there, but Jesus said “until seventy times seven.” That number adds up to 490, but was Jesus saying that Peter, and we, should keep track of the number of times we forgive someone for the wrong they have done to us? No, Jesus was teaching that we should always be ready to forgive others, and he went on to tell a parable, which is a story with a good and deeper meaning, about forgiveness. He told of a king who had a servant who owed him a lot of money, but the king forgave him his debt. Then that servant met another servant who only owed him a little bit of money, but the first servant didn’t forgive the servant who owed him. After the king found out what the first servant had done, he punished that servant. The first servant was forgiven a lot, but he didn’t forgive someone else even a little bit.

We as human beings have sinned against God, and when we ask God for forgiveness, He forgives us because Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sin. And so, just as God has forgiven us, we need to forgive others as well. Even in the Lord’s prayer we pray, “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” And then Jesus said in Matthew 6:15, “But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” So we see how important it is to forgive others when they sin against us.




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Words of Wisdom

Yes, sometimes it can be hard to forgive someone when they have done something really bad and wrong to us, and we need to ask God to help us forgive them because it can be hard to do that in our own strength. But if God can forgive us for our sin against Him, then He can also help us to forgive others. It costs us something when we forgive someone, but we need to remember that it cost God His only begotten Son to forgive us, but he freely forgives us when we are sorry for our sin and ask Him for forgiveness.

May God help us to live in an attitude of forgiveness.



Reminders

Class Picture

Retakes

Due to the low quality of the recent class pictures, we have scheduled retakes for February 3rd. Please note that these retakes will apply only to class photos and not individual photos.

Some students have not received a class photo due to the poor quality. They will receive a one soon after Monday.

School Start Times

As many of you are already aware, our school day will start earlier once we move to the KA building. This change is due to the buses dropping students off directly at school, eliminating the need for bus transfers, which previously gave us about 8 extra minutes.

Starting from our time at the KA building, the new school start time will be 8:08 AM. The doors will open at 8:16 AM, and school will end at 3:32 PM, instead of the previous dismissal time of 3:27 PM.

We appreciate your understanding as we make this transition!

2025

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Grad Meeting @ 12 pm Class Picture Retakes	4 Book return deadline (library)	5	6	7 FISH! assembly 8:30 am Hot Lunch forms due	8
9	10	11	12 Hot Lunch	13	14 Valentines Day Goodbye Assembly Last day @ JDS	15
16	17 Family Day No school	18 No school	19 No school	20 No school	21 No school	22
23	24 No school	25 No school JDS open house 4:30 - 6:30 pm (Students & Families)	26 First day of School @ new JDS Doors open @ 8:08 am	27	28 Grad Photos @ PWHS	

Notice to John Davidson Parents Regarding Appropriate Gym Shoes

As we excitedly prepare to move into our new school centre, the Physical Education team will be introducing rules and guidelines to protect the safety of students and the maintenance of our new gym.

As of **FEBRUARY 26th, 2025** students will be required to wear appropriate athletic gym shoes in order to participate in P.E. Students will **NOT be permitted to participate in these activities if they are wearing:**

1. Dress-style shoes/ boots with a hard bottom.



Will not be allowed

2. No shoes and/or socks at all.



Will not be allowed

3. Cowboy Boots Or Sandals



Will not be allowed

Students will have the **option** to change into athletic **clothing** before and after gym class if they wish, but **the choice to do so is up to the student and parents.**

Appropriate athletic **shoes** are a matter of safety and care, and are **not optional.** **These shoes should have a WHITE BOTTOM to avoid spending class time removing scuffs.** Examples include:

Running Shoes



“Skate-Style” shoes



Basketball Shoes

Colour : Black & White

