



# St. James Catholic School

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## October 2016

### Thank You to:

- Mrs. Corey Schiemann for donating snacks for our snack program
- Mr. O'Connor for purchasing and attaching string for our tether balls
- Mrs. Levesque for providing a delicious healthy snack for our school
- Mr. Lehto and Mrs. Yakabuskie for keeping our school so clean (It is well worth a visit!)
- Mr. and Mrs. Lehto for the beautiful fall mum for our front entrance
- Ms. Perry and Mrs. Zomers for coaching our Partridge Runners
- The entire staff of St. James Catholic School for such an amazing start to the year
- All of the families who attended our Open House - it was great to see you!
- Mrs. Hermans for providing coffee for guests and supply staff
- Mrs. Sandra Boudens for decorating our front hallway for fall

### School Mass

Our school Thanksgiving mass will be held at St. James the Less Parish on Thursday, October 6th at 10:00 am. Please join us if your schedule allows!

### Virtues Awards

Each month, our school community focuses on a different virtue. During the month of September, our prayer services focused on Hospitality. We saw many students and staff members demonstrate this virtue throughout the month. Each teacher chose two students who personified hospitality in the classroom and on the playground. The following students were recognized with a certificate and a ribbon during our prayer service on Monday, October 3rd. Congratulations and thank you to:

Payton Schweigert  
Chloe Schoenfeldt  
Landon Lapenski  
Brooke Kilby  
Kerissa Neuman  
Isabell MacDonald  
Wayne Breen  
Carlie Dumoulin  
Mackenzie Donohue  
Annabelle Dunn  
Taylor Brisebois-Green  
Emma Sack

Our focus for the month of October is Gratitude and we look forward to seeing this demonstrated in our school throughout the month.

### In Remembrance



The school community of St. James and the entire Renfrew County Catholic District School Board community has been saddened by the death of Mr.

Wayne Campbell of Hila Science. Mr. Campbell and his wife, Carol, have been an integral part of science learning for generations of students in our school board. We are keeping Mr. Campbell and his family in our prayers.

## Year of Mercy

St. Teresa of Calcutta was the face of mercy for many. As we continue through this year of mercy, we have chosen to encourage acts of mercy at St. James Catholic School by using a famous quotation from St. Teresa of Calcutta. She said, "Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love". We have posted this quotation on the wall near our office and staff members are recording and posting the good deeds that are being done by the students all around the quotation. Thank you to Jessica Levesque and Amy Regier for getting this started. There are already many hands and hearts on the wall and it makes for great reading! Please have a look the next time you stop in.

## School Council

During our first School Council meeting of the year, we held nominations for the elected positions on Council. As it turned out, we did not have to hold an election because only single nominations stood for each role.

Congratulations and thank you to:

Pam Smith – Chair and Secretary

Lori Bakke – Treasurer

Kimberly Lehman – OAPCE representative

Thank you as well to our parent members, Julie Dunn and Jeanette Ludgate, and our school representatives, Karen Tracey and Katie Milosek, who attended our first meeting of the year.

Our next School Council meeting will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. As always, new members are very welcome to join at any and/or every meeting.



## Smile!

Picture Day at St. James Catholic School will be on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Retake Day will be November 8<sup>th</sup>. Graduation photos will also be taken on November 8<sup>th</sup>

## Partridge Run

Our students were very well represented at the Annual Partridge Run that was held in the new location of Barry's Bay this year.

We had many great results including the following:

- Dylan Marleau 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1600m and the open 3000m
- Annabelle Dunn 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1600m and 4<sup>th</sup> in the open 3000m
- Mark Baillie 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1600m
- Julia Swant 2<sup>nd</sup> in the open 3000m

Congratulations to all of our students who participated and thank you to our coaches and supervisors, Ms. Perry, Mrs. Zomers and Mrs. Hart.

## Terry Fox Walk

Huge congratulations to our students on their extremely impressive fundraising for the Terry Fox foundation! Thanks to all of the generous donors, St. James raised an unprecedented \$2401.85! Thank you to Jessica Levesque for organizing the walk and motivating our students to raise the funds. Thanks also to our staff members who dressed up in student chosen costumes because the students exceeded the fundraising goal.

## Orange Shirt Day

Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> was Orange Shirt Day. This is a relatively new initiative that was started to show support for children who survived the Residential School system and to honour and remember those who did not. The movement was started by a woman named Phyllis Webstad. When Phyllis was 6 years old, her grandmother bought her a brand new, shiny orange shirt to wear to school. Upon arriving at the school, Phyllis' shirt was taken and she never saw it again. Orange Shirt Day is a way to support Phyllis and so many others. Thank you to everyone who wore orange on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Bring Your Own Device**

Our school policy is that devices from home are only allowed to be used under teacher direction (not during recess or lunch unless a teacher is in the classroom and has given permission). The devices can't be used in hallways, bathrooms, or outside (unless it is a teacher directed activity outside). If your child is bringing a device to school, please talk to them about when they can and can't use the device and please make sure that some restrictions have been set on them. The ipads and laptops that belong to the school have strong firewalls and restrictions set in order to prevent our students from opening inappropriate material, but this is not always the case with devices brought from home.

## **Flag Football**

The annual Flag Football tournament will be held at Mateway Park in Renfrew on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mr. O'Connor for coaching our students and for taking them to the tournament. The rain date is Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Community Dress Purple Day**

Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has once again, begun its preparations for October's Child Abuse Prevention campaign which is marked by the Purple Ribbon. This initiative serves to create awareness, increase public knowledge of child abuse/neglect and ultimately protect children and youth in our community. It takes a community to protect our children/youth – you are the community!

United Against Child Abuse, Eastern Ontario is dressing in purple on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to invite our students and staff to join the rest of the community to participate in our Community Dress Purple Day on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We realize this is picture day as well, so each student can decide if they want to wear purple for their photos or not.

## **The Week Without Violence**

The annual campaign "Week without Violence" will be held during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October. The Bernadette McCann House continues to provide numerous presentations for schools around this time of year. They will be making two presentations at St. James the week after WWV on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to welcoming Bernadette McCann House to St. James.

## **Free Public Skating at the Eganville Arena**

You are invited to Free Public Skating at the Eganville arena on the following dates. Many thanks to the generous sponsors listed on each date!

October 2nd – OUTDOOR BOUND

October 7th – PA DAY 2-3:15PM COTTAGE CUP

October 9th – BONNECHERE CAVES

October 16th – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT

October 23rd – JACKIE AGNEW

October 30th – S.S. AUTO

Skating is from 3 pm – 4:15 pm on these Sundays

Bring the whole Family!

## **A Thanksgiving Prayer**

God of all blessings, source of all life,  
giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life: for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank you for setting us in communities:

for families who nurture our becoming,

for friends who love us by choice,

for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks, for strangers

who welcome us into their midst, for people from other

lands who call us to grow in understanding,

for children who lighten our moments with delight.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 RCDHU here for immunizations	4	5 Parent Involvement Committee Mass 5:30 pm St. James	6 School Mass 10 am	7 PA Day	8
9	10 Happy Thanksgiving!	11	12 Flag Football (rain date 13 <sup>th</sup> )	13 Bus safety and evacuation practices	14	15
16	17 School Council 7 pm All welcome!	18	19 Picture Day Dress Purple Day	20	21	22
23	24	25 Week Without Violence presentations	26	27	28	29
30	31 Spirit Day! Wear Orange and Black for points.					