



St. James Catholic School

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The month of October absolutely flew by! It has been great to see and talk to so many parents over the last 2 months. I look forward to seeing more of you during the month of November. Thank you for all that you do for your children and please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

School Mass

Our school Mass had originally been planned for Friday November 4th, but instead, we celebrated on Tuesday, November 1st to mark All Saints Day. I apologize for this change and that there was no notice about the change.

Virtues Awards

Each month, our school community focuses on a different virtue. During the month of October, our prayer services focused on Gratitude. We saw many students and staff members demonstrate this virtue throughout the month. Each teacher chose two students who personified gratitude 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 31st. Congratulations and thank you to:

Sandi McGuire, Lauren Hermans, Skyla Eccles, Domanic Smith, AvaSoleil O'Brien, Zoe Skinner, Jacob Ranger, Ayden Flegal, Helen Baillie, Katelyn Bakke, Zoe Pezoulas and Savannah Fraser.

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

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on November 21st at 7:00 pm in the school staff room. As always, new members are very welcome to join at any and/or every meeting.

Graduation Photos and Picture Retakes

Graduation Photos and Retake Day at St. James Catholic School will be November 8th.

Remembrance Day

We have poppies for sale at the school for any students who are interested. All of our grade 1 – 8 students will be walking to the Legion for the Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11th and 11:00 am.

Hot Lunch Days

We are pleased to offer a hot dog day on Friday, November 11th and another Subway day on November 29th. Please watch for your order form.

Learning Skills

The majority of our staff met together on the October 7th PA day to focus on our School Improvement Plan. After rich discussion, we have decided to focus on basic math skills, problem solving and the Learning Skills. The Learning Skills are assessed on Grade 1-8 Progress Reports and each Report card. We have decided to explicitly teach the meaning of each of the following Learning Skills: Responsibility, Self-Regulation, Collaboration, Organization, Independent Work and Initiative. If our students develop a deeper

understanding of these learning skills, we are hoping that we will see improvements in many areas. In order to build consistency, our teachers are going to implement a time for students to share their “Best Learning of the Day”. This could be academic, social or other learning that the students feel has been important for them. Asking your child what their best learning of the day was will be a great way to make connections between home and school as well and hopefully it will lead to good discussions at home.

Progress Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

Progress Reports will be sent home mid-month. You will know that Progress Reports do not show marks in subjects, instead they provide an indicator of how your child is progressing. In addition to commenting on the Learning Skills, classroom teachers will comment on Math, Language and Religion.

Our Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, November 17th from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm. We will follow the same format as in recent years where the teachers are all in the gym for you to meet with. We look forward to seeing you on the 17th!

RCCDSB’s PINK Week

Our Annual PINK (Peaceful, Inclusive, Noble and Kind) Week will be held from November 13th – 18th. Our prayer service and our announcements for that week will focus on the theme for each day. Staff and students are invited to dress in pink on November 17th.

Strategic Planning for RCCDSB

The Renfrew County Catholic District School Board needs to develop a new strategic plan to carry us through the next 3-5 years and they are looking for your input. Parents are valuable stakeholders and

you are asked to complete the Strategic Planning survey that can be found on the School Board’s main page of the website. It is on the right hand side of the page and is called the RCCDSB Multi Year Strategic Planning Survey. We thank you in advance for any input you provide.

Lock Down Drill

As part of our School Board policy, each school is to hold at least two lock down drills per year. We do this to ensure that our students and staff know the best safety procedures to follow in case it is ever necessary. We will be holding a lock down drill on Thursday, November 3, 2016.

Flag Football

The annual Flag Football tournament was held at Mateway Park in Renfrew on Wednesday, October 12th. Our team had a very successful day, winning their division! Congratulations to team members Cole Dumoulin, Julia Swant, Josie Barr, Savannah Fraser, Hayley Kilby, Emma Sack, Taylor Brisbois Green, Justin Smith, Carson Agnew, Katie Kelly, Liam McCann, Zoe Pezoulas, Krystal Ludgate and Cole Gordon. You have made us so proud! Thank you to Mr. O’Connor for coaching our students and for taking them to the tournament. The rain date is Thursday, October 13th.

Volleyball Tournaments

Our older students will have the opportunity to compete in Volleyball tournaments during the month of November. Thank you to Mrs. Dick for coaching our Grade 8 girls’ team and to Mr. O’Connor for coaching our Co-ed team.

Christmas Concert

We plan to hold our Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 20th (with a snow date of December 22nd). If this changes, we’ll let you know ASAP.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 School Mass 10 am All Saints' Day	2 All Souls' Day	3	4	5
6 Start of Treaties Recognition Week	7	8	9 Grade 6,7,8 students to St. Joseph's High School Coffee House	10 Camouflage Day	11 Remembrance Day Hot Dog lunch	12
13 RCCDSB PINK Week (Peaceful, Inclusive, Noble and Kind)	14	15	16	17 Dress in Pink! Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm	18 PA Day!	19
20	21 School Council 7 pm All welcome!	22	23	24	25 PM - Spirit Horse Presentation for grades 4-8 in the gym Grade 8 Girls Volleyball tournament	26
27	28 RCDHU here for grade 7 immunizations	29 Subway lunch Spirit Assembly pm	30 Co-ed Small Schools Volleyball tournament			

