



St. James Catholic School

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December 2016

Advent

During this time of Advent, as we prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may we be messengers to others about our faith through the actions we take. May we all have some time to experience the true joy of the season and to remember the meaning of this event. Our Spirit Committee has been busily planning events for our students for the next few weeks and I know they will help us to ring in the Christmas season. I wish each of you a blessed Advent and a very Merry Christmas!

School Mass

Our school mass will be held on Friday, December 9th at 1:30 pm. Please join us for this Eucharistic celebration if your schedule allows.

Virtues Awards

Each month, our school community focuses on a different virtue. During the month of November, we focused on Peace. We saw many students and staff members demonstrate this virtue throughout the month. Each teacher will choose 2 students to accept the virtue award at our prayer service that will be held on Monday, December 5th. The student names will be sent home after the awards have been presented.

Our focus for the month of December is Charity and we look forward to seeing this demonstrated in our school throughout the month. This also ties in nicely with our collection of donations for the foodbank at our Christmas Concert.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 pm in the school staff room. As always, new members are very welcome to join at any and/or every meeting.

Movie Night

Mr. O'Connor and his grade 8 class are hosting a movie night on Friday, December 9th at 6:30 pm. The featured movies are "Finding Dory" and "The Secret Life of Pets". One will be shown in the gym and one will be shown in the library. Viewers are welcome to bring blankets to watch the movies in comfort. Refreshments and snacks will be sold and there will be tickets available for purchase on some great raffle prizes (shown below)! Admission is by donation and all funds raised from the evening will go towards the grade 8 class trip. We hope to see you there!



NET Retreat

Our grade 6,7, and 8 students will be participating in a NET retreat on Thursday, December 15th. The grade 7 and 8 students from St. Michael's will join our students for the day. We are hoping to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our students on this date as well.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday, December 20th, at 7:00 pm. Donations of food items will be collected for the foodbank that evening. A concert is always a sure way to ignite the Christmas spirit! We hope to see you there to enjoy an evening of entertainment and joy! Our Dress Rehearsal will be held at 1:30 pm for anyone who would prefer to attend in the afternoon.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Masses will be held at the following times:

Christmas Eve

5:30 pm at St. James the Less

7:30 pm at St. Ann's

Christmas Day

9:00 am Nativity of Our Lady

11:00 am St. James the Less

Volleyball Tournaments

On Friday, November 25th, the Grade 8 Girls volleyball team competed in a tournament in Renfrew. The girls had a successful day, making it to the quarter finals. Thank you to Mrs. Dick for coaching and to the parents who drove that day. On Wednesday, November 30th, our Co-ed volleyball team travelled to Renfrew to participate in the Small Schools Volleyball tournament. The team had a very successful day and came out tournament Champions after some excellent playing! Thank you to Mr. O'Connor for coaching and to all parents who came to cheer our team on!

Remembrance Day

Thank you to Mme. Shoemaker for organizing our Legion poster, essay and poster entries. Congratulations to Annabelle Dunn who placed 2nd in the poster contest and to Zoe Pezoulas who placed 3rd in the poster contest. Well done!

Hot Lunch Days

We are pleased to offer a Subway lunch day on December 21st. School Council may also host a lunch this month, so please watch for your order form.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all who took the time to come to meet with your child's teacher. If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, assignments or well-being in class or at the school in general, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Enright and/or your child's teacher.

Strategic Planning for RCCDSB

The Renfrew County Catholic District School Board has begun the development of a new strategic plan to carry us through the next 3-5 years. We are still looking for input. Please 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 and will be on the website until December 16th. We thank you in advance for any input you provide.

Operation Snowsuit

If you have any snowsuits to donate, please bring them in to the school for pick up.

*May the blessings of the season be
with you all!*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 School Council 7 pm All welcome!	6	7	8 Science Workshops for classes	9 School Mass 1:30 pm Movie Night 6:30 pm	10
11	12	13	14	15 NET retreat at St. James Parish	16	17
18	19	20 Christmas Concert 7:00 pm	21 Subway lunch	22 Fr. Ken to visit classes (Concert backup weather date 7:00 pm)	23 Dress in Red and Green Spirit Assembly pm	24
25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31