



St. James Catholic School

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Thank you to:

- Mrs. Wanda Tracey who answered our plea for Healthy snack volunteers. We all appreciate your help!
- Jess Levesque who has been coaching and finding broomball equipment for our students
- Jess' niece, Nina Commanda, for helping with our broomball program
- The Pikwakanagan Sports and Recreation Department for donating the money for a bus rental for our broomball players
- Mrs. Carolyn Zomers for giving us a reduced rate on a bus to the arena

Also, our apologies to **Noah Commanda** because his name wasn't printed with the December virtue of charity recipients.

School Council

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

We are excited to announce that we'll be running a fundraiser during the month of February. We are going to be selling **Carmichael's** meat products. From all accounts these are great quality products and we are looking forward to trying out this new fundraising idea. Order forms will be sent home next week and we will take orders until February 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Enright or any School Council member. Please feel free to have a look at their products at www.carmichaelmeats.ca



School Mass

Our school mass will be held on Tuesday, February 14th at 2:15 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 January, we focused on courage. We saw many students and staff members demonstrate this virtue throughout the month. Each teacher chose 2 students to accept the virtue award at our prayer service.

Congratulations and thank you to:

Elizabeth Lehman, Natreille Brosseau, Cruz Smith, Landon Lapenskie, Kerissa Neuman, Emily Swant, Colin McCann, Carlie Dumoulin, Julia Swant, Jakob Fraser, Cole Gordon-Eccles and Jace Dobrowolski.

During the month of February we are going to focus on the virtue of love.



Hot Lunch Days

We'll be offering three hot lunch days this month!

On Friday, February 10th, School Council will be preparing a spaghetti lunch. This lunch will be free for all students who wish to partake.

We are pleased to offer a Subway lunch day on Wednesday, February 22nd. Order forms will follow this week.

School Council will be hosting a pancake and sausage lunch on February 28th. Students will be able to order pancakes and a sausage for \$2.00.

Family Literacy Day

We celebrated Literacy Day on January 26th (instead of the 27th) so that all of our students would be here to participate. Students and staff enjoyed wearing their PJs to mark the day. Classes joined together for reading and hot chocolate.



Students, Jakob, Cohwen, Grace and Olivia enjoy Literacy Day.

Broomball Tournaments

Two of our teams travelled to St. Michael's in Douglas for tournaments on Friday, January 27th. Both teams had a very successful day. Congratulations to all players and thank you to Mrs. Hermans, Mrs. Hart and Ms. Levesque for coaching and supervising. It was also great to hear about how many parents were there to cheer our students on – your support for our students means so much!

Our older students are participating in the O.P.P. broomball tournament in Killaloe on Thursday, February 2nd and we wish them the best of luck. Thank you to Mr. O'Connor and Ms. Levesque for coaching and supervising.

St. Joseph's High School Orientation

Our grade 8 students have been invited to St. Joseph's High School on Friday February 10th. The bus will leave St. Michael's at 8:00 am and will pick up students from St. Michael's and then make their way to the high school. All grade 8 students are invited to attend.

St. Joseph's Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 pm. This will be the opportunity for all parents to see the school and ask any questions about the school. This night is open to parents of either Grade 7 or 8 students.

School Council Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, January 29, our School Council hosted a Pancake breakfast that was very well attended. We would like to thank everyone who supported our breakfast. Special thanks to students Annabelle Dunn, Helen Baillie, Katelyn Bakke, Mark Baillie and John Baillie for all of their hard work.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Knight of Columbus Free Throw Competition! Congratulations to Ayden Flegal, Logan Heideman, Grace Howard and Dylan Marleau who have all advanced to the next level. We wish them the best of luck!



Basketball

Our Intermediate students are preparing for basketball tournaments. The girls are being coached by Mrs. Dick and will play at St. Joseph's High School in Renfrew on February 24th. The boys will play on March 1st at RCI in Renfrew. Permission slips will be sent home closer to the tournaments. In order to keep transportation costs to a minimum, we are going to try to arrange rides with parents for the students for these two events.



School Choir

The Grade 4-8 choir is working hard on 2 songs for Kiwanis Music Festival: "Make a Song for My Heart to Sing" and "We are One". Mrs. Hermans will conduct and Mrs. Julie Baillie will accompany on piano. The students will be singing at the Kiwanis Festival in Pembroke at 11:30 am on March 7, 2017. We wish them the best of luck as they prepare.

Transportation

Please check the RCJTC website for any cancellations. If you are unsure of your child's bus number, please ask and we'll provide it for you. There was some confusion on January 24th when only two buses to St. James were canceled and all others ran. Please verify information that you see or post on social media by checking bus numbers carefully.

On days that there are bus cancellations, the schools remain open to all students.

Canada 150 Art Tree Project

St. James Catholic School will be participating in the Canada 150 Art Tree Project. This project is about getting together with members of your community or group and sharing your unique story. For more information about the Art Tree Project, please look them up on facebook and on youtube. We have kits to sell at St. James school if you are interested in creating a tree for your own family or group.

Healthy Kids Community Challenge

St. James Catholic School has applied for a second water bottle filling station through the Healthy Kids Community Challenge. If our application is successful, a new filling station will be given to that school. We will share the installation costs and will pay the maintenance costs that will follow in the years to come.

Three students in the Grade 6/7 class have submitted "Water Does Wonders" posters for Healthy Kids Renfrew County. The winning poster will be displayed at all new water bottle filling stations in Renfrew County and the winning poster will also receive water bottles for his/her class. Please go to the Healthy Kids Renfrew County Facebook page to vote. Your help is greatly appreciated!

School Counsellor

St. James is blessed to have an on-site school counsellor. Mr. Jamie McLaren works for Family and Children's Services and has two parts to his role. Half of his position is as a Protection worker and the other half is as a school counsellor. If you think his counselling services might be of benefit to your child, please contact Mrs. Enright. Jamie is very present in our building and will soon be starting a board game group for any interested older students who want to play during lunch recesses.

Public Skating For the Month of February

PA Day Feb. 3 – 2-3:15 pm - Pikwakanagan Fuels

Feb. 5- 7-8:15 pm -Heideman Lumber

Feb. 12 –3-4:15 pm - Rapid Reinforcing

Feb. 19 – 3-4:15 pm – Bonnechere Caves

"Family Day" - Feb. 20 – 2-3:15 pm - Shauna's Diner

Feb. 26 -3-4:15 pm – St. John's Anglican

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Broomball Tournament	3 PA Day	4
5	6	7 School Council 7 pm	8	9	10 Grade 8 Orientation SJCHS Spaghetti Lunch	11
12	13	14 Dress in Red/White/Pink Mass 2:15 pm	15 Flag Day	16 Parent Info Night at SJCHS 7 pm	17	18 Eganville Legion Public Speaking
19	20 Family Day	21	22 Subway Lunch	23	24 Girls Basketball St. Joe's	25
26	27	28 Shrove Tuesday Sausage and Pancake Lunch	Ash Wednesday Boys Basketball			