MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL’S DESK

We have been on a journey with Pope Francis at St. John Bosco Catholic School. Each month we look for traits that are modeled and exhibited by Pope Francis. This month we looked for Joy! We will celebrate our joyful students at the next assembly on Friday, October 31, 2014. We have an area in the main hallway devoted to our Pope and his inspirational words, “tweets”, advice, etc. Here is one quote for all of us:

“The perfect family doesn’t exist, nor is there a perfect husband or a perfect wife, and let’s not talk about the perfect mother-in-law! It’s just us sinners.”

A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: “May I? Thank you, and I’m sorry” and “never, never, never end the day without making peace.”

Peace will be our focus for the month of November. We will be looking for peace makers on the yard, in the classroom, in the school. Please encourage your child/children to be peace makers, and ultimately, following in Pope Francis’ footsteps.

Marie Finnerty, Principal

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our school community is invited to join the school in our Remembrance Day liturgy on Monday, November 11, 2014, beginning at 10:25 a.m. in our school gymnasium. We welcome you to wear red and black. Poppies will be distributed to the students prior to the celebration. Please help offset the Legion’s costs for the poppies by sending in 25 cents for each poppy.

THE JOURNEY TO THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Tuesday, October 28, 2014, students from St. Lawrence O’Toole had a special luncheon with their teachers, principal, and some members of the Knights of Columbus. Terry Murphy and Lorne Chippior shared their wisdom, knowledge, understanding, etc. with your young students. Next week, the CWL will be breaking bread and sharing more of their gifts with the students. It was a lovely scene to watch the students interact with caring adults who are praying for them on this incredible journey.

A special thank you to John Artymko and Carmel Rumleskie for their spiritual leadership.

OUR INCREDIBLE, WELCOMING LIBRARY

We are indeed blessed with some very hard working, caring individuals who give so freely of their time to assist us at St. John Bosco. Mrs. Shawn Eagles, a retired library technician from Ottawa, has been a regular volunteer in our library, getting a new library system up and running. Mrs. Eagles has also volunteered to work with classroom teachers to train them on the new system and to assist with a reading program in the near future. Blessings and thanks to this wonderful lady!

MADAWASKA VALLEY LIONS CLUB SUPPORTS US AGAIN!!!

With a very generous donation from our wonderful Lions, we were able to purchase a very professional FOOSBALL table for our fabulous ZONE room. Also, some of the donation was used to purchase a digital piano for the school. We thank the LIONS for their continued generosity towards our school over the years.
ATTENDANCE
Research shows that there is a direct link between a student’s attendance and their academic achievement. We value your child’s attendance and want to celebrate when we have positive attendance in our classrooms. Of course, we also value when you make a decision to keep your child home when they are unwell and need some rest and ‘cuddle time’ at home also. We will do monthly celebrations of perfect attendance at our school assemblies as well as classroom celebrations when we have optimal attendance as well. Please support us in this initiative.

We also know and value time spent with family and realize that hunting season is around the corner. Please work with your child to ensure they are doing a little extra each night to keep up with their studies and avoid any major gaps in their learning while they are away for “the hunt!” May God keep you safe while away and may you enjoy your special time!

SANTA CLAUS PARADE
On Saturday, November 22, 2014, St. John Bosco will be participating in the annual Santa Claus parade, sponsored by the Lions Club. We are hoping your child will be a part of our entry. If any parent can help create a float (trailer or other), please call us! We need you! Otherwise, we will walk the parade, playing some musical instruments (kazoos, drums, etc.). We will have Bosco Jerseys and t-shirts to wear and we ask that you find some Santa hats, reindeer antlers, etc. to help make it more festive. We will send home some details and ask that you let us know if your child can participate. Cheers to the beginning of this beautiful season!

MILK PROGRAM
Use the enclosed order form for pre-ordering milk for December and part of January. Payment can be made with the exact cash or cheque (payable to St. John Bosco Catholic School). Milk credits will be issued to students who were absent and paid for the full month only. Otherwise the milk will be given on a day your child didn’t order.

White and chocolate milk sell for 65 cents for a 250 ml carton.

CLERGY VISIT
Fr. M. Coulas will be invited to visit the Grade 6 class during the month of November.

Fr. C. Shalla has been invited to visit the Grade 7/8 class on Friday, November 28, 2014, at 1:45 p.m. The topic will be Advent.

PRIMARY SOCCER
The Grades 1, 2 and 3 students enjoyed an exciting soccer-filled day on Friday, October 17, 2014. Great Bosco cheering, soccer skills, fun and kind words by all the students! Thank you to parent volunteers: Tracy Murray, Christina Palubeskie, Nicole Villeneuve and Stacie Pecarski. Huge thanks to co-op student, Mallory Hudder, as well!

Special thanks to Ms. I. Coulas and Ms. S.Corrigan for coaching the teams.

PROGRESS REPORT CARD
You will be scheduled for parent-teacher interviews on Thursday, November 13, 2014, beginning at 3:30 p.m. and on Friday, November 14, 2014, in the morning. You will have received your child’s Progress Report on Wednesday, November 12, 2014. The interviews are opportunities for parents and teachers to talk together about how to help each child succeed in school. They are 10 minutes long so it’s important to prepare before the interview to make the best use of that short time. If you need more time, you may schedule another appointment.

Please read the enclosed ‘Parent-Teacher Interviews’ tip sheet. We are all in this together - we are a team!

If you have any restrictions on when to meet, let the office know as soon as possible. This is a crucial meeting that you are encouraged to attend.

BATTERIES, CAN TABS AND CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS
Please continue to send in can tabs, batteries and Campbell soup labels.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
Our food drive was a success! Our school donated five jammed pack boxes of food to the Barry’s Bay Food Bank. Thank you for all your contributions. Our effort made many families benefit.

This year, St. John Bosco is recognizing Anti-Bullying week during Monday, November 17, 2014 to Friday, November 21, 2014. During the this week we will have various activities such as friendship making bracelets, co-operative team-building games, tea party for kindergarten students, etc. You are encouraged to wear pink on Friday, November 21, 2014.

Another Spirit Day will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, where you are encouraged to dress in camo / hunter’s clothes.
ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT

St. John Bosco was very well represented at the Annual Ultimate Frisbee tournament at George Vanier in Combermere. Sportsmanship, fair play, camaraderie, and improving with each game were the guardians of the day. A special thank you is extended to Isabelle Shalla who assumed the role of bench coach as the day went on.

Special thanks to Mr. D. Afelskie and Mr. J. Artymko for coaching these students.

JUNIOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The Grade 6 class travelled to Palmer Rapids Public School with Mrs. H. Shulist on Friday, October 24, 2014. The Bosco 1 and Bosco 2 teams were undefeated. It was an excellent day with thanks to Mrs. A. Levean for assisting with supervision. Thank you to parents who also came to cheer us on. Great sportsmanship and amazing teamwork were demonstrated by all. You made us proud Grade 6!

HEALTHY SNACK

Each year our school receives a grant from the Food for Learning Program which allows our Healthy Snack Committee to provide students daily access to fresh fruit and monthly exposure to a healthy snack.

Our main goal in providing these snacks is to educate and familiarize our students with easy healthy eating choices that they can reproduce at home. It is always a great pleasure when students tell us when they really enjoy a food choice which they have never tried before!

We are always looking for volunteers to prepare these snacks, so please call the school or place a note in your child’s agenda and we will add you to the volunteer list.

Mrs. W. McGrath leads this important initiative with support from a few parent and high school volunteers.

BOOK FAIR

School Council will be holding a Book Fair on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Thursday, November 13, 2014, from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. A variety of books, reading materials, and stocking stuffers will be available for sale in the school library. All proceeds will be used to supplement classroom and library reading materials. If you receive a Scholastic flyer with a ballot to be completed, please ignore it. **We will be entering each child’s name into the draw.**

Volunteers are needed. If interested, please call the school or send a note in your child’s agenda. You are encouraged to select your preferred time. We would appreciate help setting up on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 beginning at 3:00 p.m. and again to pack up the items on Thursday, November 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

FREE ON-LINE MATH TUTORING

Homework Help provides live one-on-one tutoring with Ontario math teachers every Sunday to Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for Ontario math students in grades 7 to 10. Homework Help is run by TVO’s Independent Learning Centre with support from the Ontario government.

Find out more about the program at ontario.ca/HomeworkHelp. Don’t miss this opportunity to help your child succeed in math!

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

We will be collecting new and gently used toys on behalf of the Community Resource Centre in Killaloe for the “Toys For Kids” Christmas Toy Drive. There will be collection boxes at school, where toys can be dropped off during the weeks of November 17, 2014, to November 28, 2014. Thank you, in advance, for making Christmas brighter for the less fortunate children in the Madawaska Valley area. Families in need may call the Community Resource Centre to register. The number is 613-757-3108. Privacy will be protected.

BOUQUETS TO...

All families that supported the Student Council Food Drive.
Viola Cybulski, Theresa Prince, Carmel Rumlieskie and Maxine Smaglinskische for reciting the rosary with our classes.
Fr. C. Shalla for the beautiful Thanksgiving Mass.
Stacie Pecarski and Sharon Yandernoll for washing school jerseys after the primary soccer tournaments.
Amanda Levean and Stacie Pecarski for volunteering with the Healthy Snack Program.
Marlene Hudder for the large donation of supplies for our Healthy Snack Program.
Sharon Yandernoll and Erin Plebon for picking up prizes for Fall Raffle.
Lori Gonzalez, Tracy Murray and Christina Palubeskie for co-coordinating the magazine campaign.
Barry’s Bay ValuMart for their donations to the Healthy Snack Program.
School Council for providing a great opportunity for the school with the Rag & Bone Puppet Theatre show entitled “The Nightingale”.

SPAGHETTI LUNCH

The Kindergarten class will be offering a spaghetti lunch for all students on Monday, November 10, 2014. The cost is $2.00 for a bowl of spaghetti with sauce. Orders are due on Thursday, November 6, 2014. Students are asked to bring a fork and bowl on that day.
This month our bookshelf in the main foyer features the following books:

- **We Want to Know-Kids Talk About Bullying-** Deborah Ellis - Stories, voices and faces behind bullying.
- **The Essential 55 Workbook-Ron Clark** - Hundreds of ideas to activate imagination and determination of students.
- **Reading Magic-Mem Fox** - Mem reveals the incredible emotional and intellectual impact reading aloud to children has on their ability to read.
- **Ask An Expert-Dr. Claire Halsey** - Answers every parent needs to know.
- **The Mother of All Parenting Books-Ann Douglas** - A guide to raising a happy, healthy child from pre-school to pre-teen.

If you wish to take out a book, please come into the school or write a note in your child’s agenda.

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School Council would like to thank everyone who supported the magazine campaign.

School Council will be having a Fall Raffle on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. There will be three prizes consisting of:
- **1st Prize** – (Guys) Coleman Stove, Power Screwdriver, Hunting Accessories, Gift Cards, Binoculars, and Portable Scale
- **2nd Prize** – (Gals) Massage, Facial, Pedicure, and Gift Cards
- **3rd Prize** – (Family) Logos Land Passes (4), Brunch for 2, Gas Card, Pampering item for male/female and Do-It-Yourself Activity Package for children.

Tickets will sell for $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. Each family will receive an envelope with 12 tickets. If you wish more, please return the envelope with the sold tickets and money and indicate on the envelope how many more tickets you would like. If you are not interested in selling tickets, please return envelope, indicating not interested.

The next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. If interested in babysitting services to attend the meeting, please call the school by Thursday, November 13, 2014. All parents are welcome to attend.

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Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately to enjoy the outdoors.

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A MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND PUPILS FROM THE RENFREW COUNTY JOINT TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM REGARDING COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES FOR TRANSPORTATION CANCELLATIONS / BREAKDOWNS / DELAYS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

**CHECK THE INTERNET**
Transportation information and notifications will be posted at [www.rcjtc.on.ca](http://www.rcjtc.on.ca) where you will see any transportation cancellations and/or delays. Notification updates are effective from 6:00 a.m. on.

**LISTEN TO AREA RADIO STATIONS/WATCH LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS**
All information regarding Transportation status may be broadcasted on radio stations for those that do not have internet. Media outlets obtain transportation notification updates from the RCJTC website. **If your preferred station is not providing this information, please contact the station and request that they contact the RCJTC website.**

**TRANSPORTATION CANCELLATIONS ARE FOR THE DAY**
When transportation is cancelled in the morning, it is cancelled for the whole day. If you choose to bring your child(ren) to school, you will be responsible for their return home after school.

**PARENTS HAVE THE FIRST RESPONSIBILITY**
As parents, you have the first responsibility to decide whether or not it is safe and reasonable to send your child(ren) out to the “stop”, or to school, on days of extreme conditions. Check the internet, listen to the radio/T.V. and check the weather conditions outside firsthand. Make the safest choice for your child.

**KNOW YOUR CHILD(REN)’S TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER AND ROUTE NUMBER**
You need to know your child’s/children’s Transportation Provider and Route Number in order to properly identify the status of your child(ren)’s transportation service when you see it on the web or hear it from other media sources. This information is available from the school and/or from the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium.

**DO NOT CALL THE RADIO / TELEVISION STATION, TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER, SCHOOLS, SCHOOL BOARDS, OR R.C.J.T.C.**
Do not make unnecessary phone calls and tie up the phone lines during emergencies. All the information you will need to know to make a safe decision will be posted at [www.rcjtc.on.ca](http://www.rcjtc.on.ca) or broadcasted by your area media outlets. Do not call the radio station or transportation provider for your child(ren)’s transportation information.

**PROVIDE** the RCJTC and your child(ren)’s school with updated emergency contact information (including phone number).

**WE ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN AND ARE COUNTING ON YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT TO ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR CHILD(REN) DURING THESE SITUATIONS.**
SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

The First Ride and Bus Evacuation Program has been update and ready for your enjoyment on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. The schedule is as follows:

First Primary Session: 1:00 p.m.
First Junior/Intermediate Session: 2:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATING WITH CHILDREN USING MATH LANGUAGE

Sorting, Matching and Making Patterns – Video Podcast
Just by looking at everyday objects around the house, children can learn about the similarities, the differences and the relationships between them. This helps them build their vocabulary and math abilities. Watch Tobias explore a variety of objects by sorting, classifying and creating patterns. Describing what he sees and does with the objects helps him to build a richer vocabulary.
http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/podcast/sortingMatchingPod.html

RENFREW COUNTY CHILD POVERTY ACTION NETWORK (CPAN)

For the past few years CPAN has run a snowsuit and footwear campaign called Operation Snowsuit. The goal of this campaign is to ensure that every child living in our community has appropriate clothing and footwear for our severe Canadian winter. We are starting this campaign as the weather is already turning cool and we want to be ready before the cold weather hits. We are asking for your help to reach this goal.

Starting immediately, our school will be collecting new and/or gently used snowsuits and footwear on behalf of CPAN. Please take this opportunity to check your closets and donate any snowsuits and/or boots that your child (or children) may have outgrown. Please note: These must be clean and in good repair as CPAN does not have facilities or the manpower to clean or repair these items. We are always short of snow pants and larger snowsuits, boots, etc (men’s and ladies’ sizes) as our youth also enjoy being warm and dry. New items and/or cash donations are also very gratefully received.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, please feel free to call. CPAN can be reached at 613-735-2374 ex 244. Please leave a detailed message. They will need to know: your name and a phone number where you can be reached, the name of the child in need, snowsuit and boot size, and the gender of your child/children. They will be taking requests starting immediately.

Since this program started, they have been able to keep hundreds of children warm and dry and they have always been able to fill each and every request. Any help that you can provide is gratefully appreciated.

POSITIVE THINKING

In light of last week’s events in Ottawa, building positive thinking skills in children is an important component of preventative mental health care. What is positive thinking? Positive thinking does not mean ignoring negative facts or ideas. It simply refers to an attitude that perceives situations in a constructive light. Positive thinkers are more resilient. A child nurtured with a growing sense of positive thinking learns to better manage life’s inevitable disappointments. How can parents foster positive thinking? Be a model. Acknowledge disappointment and difficulty without letting it dominate the situation or circumstance.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

20 And Under - Our Young Artists

Submission Details: This curated exhibition provides an opportunity for our talented young people to exhibit their work publicly - often for the first time. Submission criteria: exhibition-ready artwork produced by an artist under 20 years old.

Submission Deadline: Friday November 22, 2014

Please contact the Barry’s Bay Railway Station for more information 613-756-5885.

THE TOY BUS

The Toy Bus is a mobile Ontario Early Years satellite that provides a variety of groups and supports for parents and children ages 0 to 6 years. In Barry’s Bay, the Play and Learn group takes place every Thursday morning from 10:00 to 11:30 at Sherwood Public School in the old day care space. Bring your little one(s) and come out to enjoy a morning of fun interaction, exploring and early learning opportunities. For more information, call the Community Resource Centre at 613-757-3108.

PRENATAL

Are you Pregnant? We invite you to join a Prenatal: CRC group. Weekly sessions offer nutrition information for mothers, books and videos on a variety of subjects, breastfeeding support, the opportunity to meet and talk with other pregnant women, guest speakers, and referrals to other services
* Meet other parents to be!
* Cook and share tasty meals and discuss prenatal and parenting topics
* Prenatal vitamins and grocery vouchers available
Call for more information and a group near you – 613-757-3108.
THE BARRY’S BAY & AREA SLEDGE HOCKEY CLUB

The Barry’s Bay and Area Sledge Hockey Club invites you to join their team, with games beginning on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Hockey for every BODY. Please call or email Anita to register or for more information – 613-756-9406 or jessup2081@hotmail.com

NOTICE FROM THE GIVING WINGS TO HOSPICE CAMPAIGN

Please help support the building of a new 2 bed Hospice for our community by considering a donation to the Giving Wings to Hospice Campaign. Right now, the Friends of Hospice will match every dollar raised in support of this project to a maximum of $90,000! For more information call 613-756-3045 extension 217 or visit the SFVH Foundation Office.

MUSIC LESSONS

Timothy Baklinski is offering music lessons during classroom hours to all grades. If you are interested in starting your child on the piano or guitar or wish to continue with lessons from the previous year, please contact him at 613-757-0025 or 613-281-0854 or by email at: baklinski.music@gmail.com
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