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School Logo and Nickname	Upcoming Dates
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This year our student council has taken on the task of coming up with a school nick-name and a new school logo to go along with the name.

The process will unfold from the grassroots - the classrooms! Each class will be able to submit two ideas to the school council.

Once school council has had an opportunity to go through all of the ideas, they will narrow the focus to the top three choices to go back to the students for a vote!

Stay tuned for more details as the student representatives are getting pumped up for a roll out next week!



Together We Grow and Learn

October 1—15	Food Drive
October 5	Firefighter Visit for Kindergarten Students
October 6	Optimist Cross Country
October 8	Flag Football
October 12	Thanksgiving Monday
October 13	School Council, 6:30
October 15	Student/Teacher Flag football day. Orange and Blue Spirit Day.
October 26	Picture re-takes
October 30	Public Health Unit Vaccinations for grade 7 and 8 Halloween Dance/Spirit Day

Flag Football

On October 8th, the grade 7/8 flag football team will be traveling to Renfrew to participate in the annual tournament.

On October 15th at 1:00 pm the team will take on the teachers in the student/teacher game here at St. Joes. We will combine this event with a School Colours Spirit Day on October 15th/ Be sure to wear Blue, White and Orange!



Cross Country

On October 6th students from grades 3-8 will participate in the annual Optimist Cross Country Run. We are hoping for great weather! Rain date in the case of heavy rain will be October 7th.

Volunteer Checks

As mandated by Ontario Law, any parents or community members who volunteer in a school setting (i.e. drivers for sporting events, helpers in classrooms, lunch providers, supervisors etc.) must have a current vulnerable screening/background check on file with the school. These checks are done by the OPP and are free of charge for those who are volunteering with an organization such as a school.

If we already have documentation on file for you, you do not need to re-do the check, we just need you to sign an **offence declaration form**. These are available at the office.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We will begin a Thanksgiving food drive over the next few days. The drive will continue until October 15th. Over the next two weeks, we would like students to scour their pantries to locate canned goods and non-perishable food items to bring in. We are doing this in support of our community and the Arnprior Food Bank really depends on us.

To celebrate our drive, we will be having a Student/Teacher flag football game where staff will be taking on the grade 7 and 8 team on October 15th.

The classroom that brings in the most food will get to watch the game in grand style.



Halloween Dance

Every year the staff and community of St. Joseph's Catholic School support the "Share a Gift" program to help families at Christmas. As a fundraiser in support of this program we will hold Halloween fundraiser dances during the school day on Friday, October 30th for all students. Dances will be conducted throughout the day by division (Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, Intermediate) and students will be asked to donate a toonie to participate. There will be an opportunity to purchase snacks! All proceeds will go toward the "Share a Gift" program.

This day will also be a Halloween Spirit day. Students are encouraged to dress in Black and Orange or in costumes that do not have face coverings or masks.

Quick Notes

- Once again, please be reminded that we do not want home-made baked goods to be sent in for class treats—especially as we near Halloween. If you intend to send in store bought treats, please insure the ingredients are listed on the packaging and they do not contain any traces of nuts. This is mandated by Sabrina's Law and we will be sending home-baked treats home if they come in for class treats. As well, healthy snacks, such as fruit trays and veggies are always welcome.
- Like last year we will have one progress report in November and two report cards, in February and one in June. You will be receiving a progress report for your child the week of November 9th to the 12th. Parent teacher interviews will be held on November 12th to coincide with our book fair.
- As the cold weather approaches, it is a good time to take stock of hats and mitts and boots so winter does not take us by surprise.

After School Program

Students have the opportunity to join a free after school physical activity program offered by the town of Arnprior. The program takes place at the Walter Zadow School gymnasium from 2:30—3:40. Town of Arnprior Staff will pick up St. Joseph's School students at the end of the school day to escort them to the program. Parents are responsible for transportation home from the program.

To register or for more information please call the Nick Smith Centre: 613 623 7301.

School Council BBQ

On Tuesday, September 22th we celebrated the opening of our school year with our annual School Council Meet the Teacher BBQ.

Our best guesses, confirmed by the consumption of hamburgers and hotdogs, estimate that attendance at this event to number over 600 people.

The weather co-operated with us. It was a beautiful day.

Thanks goes out to our School Council members for their organizational genius. Thanks, as well, go to all the parents who volunteered to set tables, cook hamburgers, stack chairs, sell tickets and complete numerous other tasks. We could not have done it without all of you.

School Council's next meeting will take place on October 13th at 6:30 in the library. Everyone is welcome.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Lord,


Blessed are You, loving Father,
For all your gifts to us.
Blessed are You for giving us family and friends
To be with us in times of joy and sorrow,
To help us in days of need,
And to rejoice with us in moments of celebration..

Father,
We praise You for Your Son Jesus,
Who knew the happiness of family and friends,
And in the love of Your Holy Spirit.
Blessed are you for ever and ever.

Amen.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Food Drive Begins	2	3
4	5 Kindergarten Fire-fighter Visit	6 Cross Country	7 Food Drive Continues	8 Flag Football Tournament	9	10
11 	12 Thanksgiving Monday	13 School Council, 6:30	14 Don't forget your non-perishable food items.	15 School Colours Spirit Day/Flag Football Game	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Picture Re-takes	27	28	29	30 Halloween Dance/ Spirit Day Immunization Clinic	31 