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St. Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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Christmas Concert



This year we will be holding our Christmas Concert on Monday, December 14th. We will be having an afternoon and an evening show. The afternoon

show will be at 12:30 and the evening show is at 7:00. We will be celebrating in the St. John Chrysostom Church Hall. Our snow day is December 15th.

Very specific details will follow with regard to the drop off and pick up of your children for the evening show, but we are asking that all children be present at their designated locations by 6:30. We expect they will remain with their class for the duration of the shows.

We are expecting that space will be tight this year so we are asking any parents or grandparents who can attend the afternoon show to do so.

We will also have a food collection for the food bank at the entrance of the hall. Thank you for your cooperation!



Upcoming Dates

- November 29** First Sunday of Advent
- December 1** Mitten and Hat Drive Begins
- December 6** Second Sunday of Advent
- December 7** One hour of CODE Grade 5 and 7/8 School Council, 6:00
- December 13** Third Sunday of Advent
- December 14** Christmas Concert Show One: 12:30 Show Two: 7:00
- December 15** Christmas Concert, Snow Date
- December 15, 16, 17** Christmas Shop
- December 18** Movie Day/Red and Green Day
- December 20** Fourth Sunday of Advent
- December 25** Christmas
- December 25** Christmas Day
- January 5** First Day Back School

Semi Formal

On December 17th, St. Joseph's Catholic School will be holding its annual Semi-Formal dance for grade 7 and 8 students in the evening. This dance will act as a fundraiser for our end of year grade 8 trip.

Christmas Gift Sale

On December 15, 16 and 17, the St. Joseph's School Council will be holding a Christmas gift sale. This is an annual tradition where students from K-8 are provided with the opportunity to purchase presents for their loved ones. All items are priced at \$2. Our intermediate students provide leadership by helping younger children pick out presents and they also help gift wrap the treasures. This is NOT a fundraiser. Our goal is to come close to breaking even and provide a positive experience for all the children. We can't wait!

Knights of Columbus

Children's Christmas Party at St. John Chrysostom Parish Hall

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Children's Christmas Party at the Parish hall following the 10:00 am Mass on December 13th. A free light lunch of hot dogs and chicken nuggets will be served. Following the lunch, Santa will present a gift to each child.

Parents please let Blaine or Suzanne Mullins (613 623 6006) know if you will attend and include the number of children you will be bringing.

If you are able to help with set up etc., please let Bob Lee know at 613 623 9961.

Parking Out Front

Just a heads up that the by-law officers have been ticketing cars stopped in front of the school between 9:00—2:00 during the school day. I've explained that parents are often picking up sick children, dropping off lunches etc. I would suggest leaving your hazard lights on if you are stopped in front of the school. Hopefully that will alert the by-law officers that you are on your way shortly.

Pink Day Participation

Thanks to all students and staff who participated in the Pink Week Activities. What a great week to reinforce the importance of making choices that are Peaceful, Inclusive, Noble and Kind.



Celtic Rathskallions

On Tuesday, November 25th, the students of St. Joseph's School were treated to an amazing storytelling and musical performance by the Celtic Rathskallions. This treat was made possible by the MASC program to bring Arts into area schools and the generosity of TD Bank.



Hat and Mitten Drive

As the cold weather approaches, the need for warm weather attire becomes more apparent in our community.

In support of those in need, Mrs. Quinn and Mr. Smith's grade 7 students will be sponsoring a mitten and hat drive. We will be collecting donations from December 2nd—December 17th.

If you are in a position to contribute, please do so.



Quick Notes

- Thank-you to all families that helped out with the Share a Gift Program this year. Your assistance is very much appreciated. We are still in need of some support for a few of our families. If you wish to provide a last minute contribution, please contact the office.
- Remember to dress warmly as our weather cools to winter temperatures as we go outside in cold temperatures every day.
- Students from grades 7—8 were treated to a trip to Renfrew to watch the fantastic talent at the St. Joseph's High School Coffee House on November 27th.
- On December 7th, our grade 5 students will be joining schools all over the world by participating in a one hour Coding workshop for computers. See <https://hourofcode.com/ca> for more information.

Bus Cancellations

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.

Dear Parents / Pupils:

1. **CHECK THE INTERNET**

Transportation information and school bus notifications will be posted on www.onthebus.ca where you will see any bus cancellations and/or delays. Notification updates are instantaneous effectively from 6:00 am on.

2. **LISTEN TO AREA RADIO STATIONS**

All information regarding Transportation status will be broadcasted on radio stations for those that do not have internet. This information is obtained from our web site, therefore providing local transportation information for all of Renfrew County. Transportation information will usually start broadcasting at approximately 6:10 a.m. and repeat every 10 or 15 minutes until approximately 8:30 a.m.

3. **SCHOOL BUS 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/children to school, you will be responsible for their return home after school.

4. **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/children out to the "stop", or to school, on days of extreme conditions. Check the internet, listen to the radio and check the weather conditions outside firsthand. Make the safest choice for your child.

5. **KNOW YOUR CHILD'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's/children's transportation service when you see it on the web or hear it on the radio station. This information is available from the school and/or from the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium

6. **DO NOT CALL THE RADIO 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 or broadcasted on your area radio station. Do not call the radio station or school bus company for your child's/children's school bus information.

WE ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN AND COUNTING ON YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT TO ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR CHILDREN DURING THESE SITUATIONS.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Witten and Hat Drive begins	2 Grade & Girls Vol- leyball Tourna- ment	3	4	5
6 Second Sunday of Advent	7 International Hour of CODE School Council, 6:00	8	9	10	11	12
13 Third Sunday of Advent	14 Christmas Concert, 12:30 and 7:00	15 Christmas Gift Sale Concert Snow Day	16 Christmas Gift Sale	17 Christmas Gift Sale	18 Movie Red and Green Spir- it Day	19
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26
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