

What's New, St. John XXIII?

February 2016 Newsletter

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Vision Statement: Inspired by our rich heritage and challenged by the struggles of our past, we at St. John XXIII Catholic School are called to express our mission as church, to pass on the good news of Jesus Christ, to make it relevant in the world today, and to be the hope for the future.

Report Cards (JK—Gr. 6)

Report Cards for all grades including Kindergarten will be going home on **Thursday, February 25, 2016**. Please ensure you celebrate your child's accomplishments, complete the third page and return it to school.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be held from Monday, January 25th, 2016 until Friday, February 5th, 2016. You are asked to call the school to book an appointment. The following documentation is required: your child's birth and baptismal certificates, immunization records, health card and proof of address. Emergency contact numbers and babysitter information will also help facilitate the registration process. It is not necessary to re-register your child if he/she is currently attending junior kindergarten.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake (Waffle) Snack

On Tues., February 9th, the students will be treated to a pancake/waffle snack from school council during the morning. This is a special thank you from school council to the students for helping raise funds for our school.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Mass will be held at St. John Chrysostom Parish at 10 AM on Wednesday, February 10th. Please feel free to join us if you can.



Optimist Carnival Skate Races

St. John XXIII was well represented at the 2016 Optimist Skate Races this year and our skaters did their very best in all divisions. Racers included: Cole Hordichuk, Jacob Ralph, Clarke Rebertz, Ava McKay, Leah Greenaway, Leah Barr, Jake Redmond, Carter LaForest, Tarin Davidson, Camryn Mosley, Georgia McNulty, Mary Coady, Cohen Cardiff, Justin Stokes, Trent Whitman, Lexie Chapat, Katie Costello, Cali Groulx, Bryce Rebertz, Daniel Coady, Ryan Marcotte, Avery Moore, Ashley McCorkell, Maya Carpenter, James Coady, Hunter Coady, Keigan Campbell, Madison Schlievert, Brodie Smith, Ben Herter, Hogan Mosley, Abby Patrois, and Emma McCormick. Thank you to Mrs. Rebertz and Mrs. Mosley for helping co-ordinate our skaters.

Skating

Classes will be starting their visits to the Nick Smith Centre for skating sessions. Remember a helmet (not a bike helmet) needs to be worn by all students. A note has been sent home with details.

Recycling News

Mrs. Rebertz would like to thank the following January Recycling Club Members for their hard work and dedication: Noah Heins, Nolan Rafter, Kendall Grant, Molly Spencer, Prestin Barsoski, Sienna Peplinski, Allison Niblett, Wayland McLellan, Carley Hunt, Ryan Lacasse, Jade White, Jordan Tate, Tegan Burnette, Maya Carpenter, Daniel Coady, Avery Moore, Emmett Dwyer, and Matthew Richard.

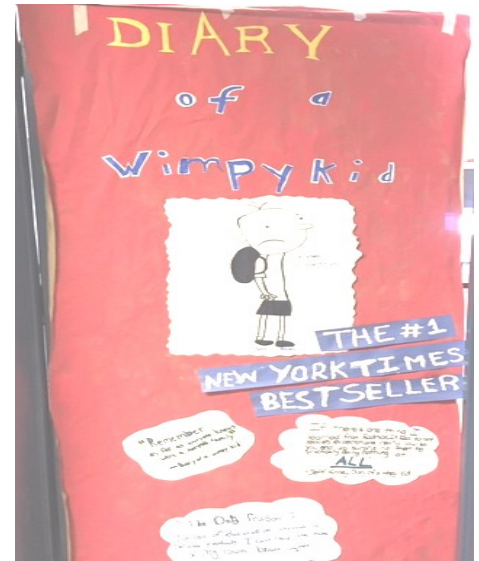


Literacy Day Celebrations

Wednesday, January 27th was Family Literacy Day.

Mrs. Fraser read "The Hat" by Jan Brett over the PA system, we had Drop Everything and Read Time, reading buddies time and a door decorating contest. Mrs. Marcellus' class won the primary prize and Mrs. Engelbert's class won the junior prize.

Lot's of great literacy activities happening at St. J23!



Movie Night and SENS Draw!

Our 2nd movie night was a success with about one hundred people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the movie "Home" and enjoyed the treats available as well. Congratulations to all of our winners of the SENS prizes. The biggest prize of the night (the 2 tickets to a SENS game) were won by Zoe Butterly. Thank you to Holly Murree from school council for spearheading the event and all the other council volunteers who assisted.

Additional PA Day in April 2016

Students and parents are asked to note April 8th on your calendars as an additional professional activity day. It has been added to meet Ministry of Education requirements. There will be no classes for pupils on April 8th. Please also note that April 22nd remains a professional activity day and therefore there are no classes for pupils on that day.

Follow us on Twitter: @XXIIIJohn

Check out our school website: www.john23.rccdsb.edu.on.ca

Kindergarten/Primary and Junior Winter Carnival Days

Kindergarten & Primary On Friday, February 26th, 2016, the Kindergarten and Primary classes will be skating at the McNab/Braeside outdoor rink and seeing a movie at the theatre. Inclement weather date is Friday, March 4th. More details will follow in a note.

Junior: On Friday, February 26, 2016, the junior students will be going to Calabogie Peaks for their annual ski day. Inclement weather date is Friday, March 4th.

All of these events are being subsidized through school council fundraising.



Inclement Weather Days and Safe Arrival

Inclement Weather Days: If your child is a “walker” and is not attending school on a day where the school buses have been cancelled due to inclement weather, please contact the office and inform us that they are home safe with you. Thank you.

Pick Up / Drop Off: This is a gentle reminder regarding our pick up and drop off zone. Parents/guardians who are dropping off and/or picking up children, must ensure that they park down past the fence or opposite side of the street. Also, please remember that we have a “no idle zone” outside of the school and to turn off your car when dropping off and picking up your children. It is also best to ensure that you clear the pick up / drop off zone in a timely fashion in order to avoid having children begin to play in an unsafe area.

St. John XXIII Public Speaking Competition

On Wed., Feb. 17th, the students of St. John XXIII school will be participating in the school public speaking contest in our gym to determine who will represent our school at the Legion. Primary students will be competing in **random** order starting at 9:45 am while junior students will compete in **random** order starting at 1:30 pm.

Greetings From The School Council Chair

To Parents,

Parent Council members have been getting ready for our Family Movie Night. I know we had many kids very excited for this event and many who love the movie "Home." Thank you to Holly Murree for organizing and to the many Council Members who helped put it all together. We were able to use the licence we purchased last year to show the movie to our families and also for our teachers to show movies in class through out the year.

We, as a Council are offering a snack on February 9 for Shrove Tuesday (Waffles). Please remember to still send lunch with your child or children. This is a Thank You for all the support we have received through out the year. We need Volunteers for this so if you are available let us know.

Please take some time to spend time with your family this winter and create some memories especially on Family Day is month.

Tracey Jeror, Chair

Knights of Columbus Free Throw

Congratulations to Lia Osborne and Matthew Richard for winning the local K of C Free Throw Competition. They are off to Renfrew for the next round!

Math Resources for Parents

The Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE), have published the parent engagement document entitled “Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math”. It was developed with experts in mathematics instruction with collaboration from parents and students. There is a parent tool kit and guidebook which are designed to support the important role parents have in contributing to their children’s learning at home and school. There are several kits at the school that can be borrowed by parents. Please stop by the office if you would like to review this resource.

Milk & Food Order Changes—September 2016

Please be advised that in the new school year (September 2016), food and milk orders will ONLY be available for purchase through our school cash online option. School Council will no longer be sending home paperwork relating to milk and food orders as all of this information will come to you in an email/text. In addition, school council or the office will no longer be handling money from milk and food orders as all of the transactions will be online. This will save many, many, many volunteer hours as school council will no longer be able to manage this volunteer position in the capacity we are currently providing. School council thanks Mrs. Anas for her ongoing and tireless work in this area as she takes us through the remainder of the school year in the volunteer role.

If you have not already signed up for an account with School Cash Online (which you can get on your phone, ipad, laptop etc.), please do so at <http://renfrewcatholic.schoolcashonline.com>. For those who do not have access to the internet, you may come to use a computer here at the school that will be set up in the foyer for parents to access their school cash online account.

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Information

SEAC will be hosting their monthly meeting at Our Lady of Sorrows School on February 17, 2016 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be open to the public and will start with a presentation by Jennifer Reid-Hudson around Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and what programs and supports our schools offer students with ASD.



St. John XXIII's February 2016 Calendar

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 Kindergarten Registration continues	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7 14 Valentine's Day First Sunday of Lent	8 9 Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Snack in AM	10 Ash Wednesday Mass @ 10 AM	11 Milk & Food Orders Home	12	13
15 Family Day No School	16	17 School Public Speaking Contest Primary—AM, Junior—PM Milk & Food Orders Due School Council 6-8 pm	18 School Public Speaking Contest Snow Date	19	20 Legion Public Speaking Contest for school winners
21 Second Sunday of Lent	22	23	24 25 Report Cards home for all students	26 Junior Ski Day @ Catalabogie Peaks Kindergarten & Primary Winter Carnival	27
28 Third Sunday of Lent	29				

