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St. Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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Pancake Supper

Upcoming Dates

4:30 –7:00 p.m.

**Shrove Tuesday! February 9th
 At St. Joseph's Catholic School**

\$6:00 per Adult

\$3.00 per Child



**Enjoy delicious pancakes or waffles,
 ham or sausage
 along with milk, juice, coffee
 Look forward to seeing everyone
 there!**

We will be looking for volunteers so keep your eye out for a sign up sheet or call Mrs. Kwiatkowski at the school for more information.

- February 5** Hila Science (grade 6)
- February 9** Pancake Supper
- February 10** Ash Wednesday Mass
8:45, St. John Chrysostom Church
- February 12** Grade 8 Trip to SJHS/
Red/White and Pink
Valentines Day Spirit Day
- February 15** Family Day Holiday
- February 16** Legion Public Speaking
in Gym.
- February 18** Grad Re- takes
- February 20** Public Speaking at the
Legion
- March 3** Ski Day (grades 4-8)
- March 14-18** March Break

Ski Day

We are planning a ski day for March 3rd for our students, grades 4-8. We understand that it is a big cost item. Forms are going home today and they will be due February 19th. If you need some assistance to allow your child to have this experience, please contact Mrs. Rowat. As well, any student who has their own pass must purchase and take the lesson at the beginning of the day. I do understand that this seems excessive, however, we need to ensure that we take every precaution to satisfy the conditions of our school board insurer. Lessons have to be taken, and instructors need to be paid or we cannot provide this opportunity for students. Thank you for your understanding.

Kindergarten Registration

REGISTRATION

**February 1st—February 5, 2016
inclusive**

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

If you are unable to register at this time please contact the school and make arrangements for a mutually convenient time to register.

Documents required to register your child

- Proof of Age, Certificate of Immunization (Health Unit), Child's Individual Health Card, Baptismal Certificate and Birth Certificate. Your 911 address will also be required.
- Senior Kindergarten registrants must be five years old by December 31, 2016.
- Junior Kindergarten registrants must be four years old by December 31, 2016.
- Pupils who are presently attending Junior Kindergarten do not have to register for Senior Kindergarten.

High School Transition

Our grade 8 students will be traveling to St. Joseph High School for an orientation visit this Friday, February 12th. There will be a parent information evening at SJHS on February 17th at 7:00 p.m.

There will also be a parent information session at ADHS on February 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Students and parents are encouraged to be as informed as possible before making decisions about grade 9. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher, Mr. Lennox or Mrs. Rowat.

Daycare

If you are interested in before and after school daycare at St. Joseph's School for your child starting September, 2016, please visit the following web address and complete the survey:

<https://goo.gl/1gc9ai>

Or go to the board website to access the survey on the home page:
www.rccdsb.edu.on.ca

All parents of registered students who will be between ages 3-12 in September are encouraged to complete the survey by February 12. If you cannot access this via the web, we do have paper copies available in the office. If there is sufficient interest at this time, the school board will begin making arrangements in hopes that our third party provider can be ready to go in September. A decision will be made by the beginning of May.

Busing

If you receive confirmation from transportation about a change in busing, please contact the school to confirm the changes including start date.

Additional PD Day

Additional April Professional Activity Day:

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.

Quick Notes

- Grade 7 and 8 students have begun basketball tryouts. Teams will be determined shortly to participate in tournaments in late February and early March.
- As Valentine's day is fast approaching, just a small reminder that home baked snacks and/or snacks containing nuts are not permitted as class treats. If you wish to send in a treat, please consider fruit or vegetables.
- Starting February 22nd, OPP constable Janice Sawbridge will be delivering the DARE program to all of our grade 6 students. This program focuses on positive decision making.

Learning Buddies

On a regular basis, students from Grade 7 and 8 team up with kindergarten children to work on learning tasks. Students read together and complete math, literacy and art activities as well. We call this activity "Learning Buddies." We are so proud of the leadership and kindness shown by our intermediate students. Last Thursday, the kinder hallway and classrooms were buzzing with special "Learning Buddy activities" on PJ day.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	8	2	3	4	5	6
	Grade 8 Orientation, ADHS	Pancake Supper, 4:30-7:00	Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:45	ADHS parent night 6:30	Hila Science Grade 6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day	Family Day School Holiday	In-School Public Speaking	SJHS Parent night, 7:00 pm	Grad Picture Retakes		Legion Public Speaking
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Report Cards Go Home		
28	29					