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Principal's Message	Upcoming Dates
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Welcome back everyone. And welcome to all students who are new to St. Joseph's School. We can't wait to get to know you!

If you have any questions or concerns as the year gets underway, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, the office, Mr. Kranz or me.

Our wonderful staff is committed to working with you and our respective parishes of St. John Chrysostom, Arnprior and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Braeside to educate all students in mind, body, heart and soul.

We look forward to a great year!

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| September 6 | First Day of School |
| September 13 | School Council
6:30 |
| September 22 | Opening School Mass
8:45
Meet the teacher BBQ
4:30—7:00 |
| September 29 | Terry Fox Run Date
12:15—1:00 |
| September 30 | Guardian's Spirit Day
Blue and Orange |
| October 3, 4 | Picture Days |

New Faces

We welcome Mr. Kranz, our new Vice Principal who joins us from Bishop Smith High School in Pembroke. Welcome to Mrs. MacNeil our SK/1 teacher who joins us from St. Francis of Assisi in Petewawa. Welcome, as well, to Mr. Cavanagh who will be replacing Mrs. Van Bentham until March in grade 6. We also welcome back educational assistants Ms. Robillard and Mrs. Waclawik.

Wow! That's a lot of new faces.

Opening School Mass

We will be celebrating our back to school Mass on Thursday, September 22nd at 8:45 am. All parents and families are invited to join us.



Busing Update

All transportation requests are handled by the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC) 613 732 8419 or at www.onthebus.ca

If you are experiencing difficulty, please give us a call and we will do our best to help you sort it out.

Please be reminded that under our board's busing policy, bus passes are only to be issued by the principal for emergency situations. Going to a friend's house for a birthday party, sleepover or to complete homework is **not** an emergency and it is the parents' responsibility to arrange transportation outside of the school venue. Thank-you for your co-operation.



Volunteer Guidelines

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. As well, we will have a table set up at the BBQ with volunteer information.

Allergy Reminders

As mandated by Sabrina's Law in Ontario, we ask for your assistance in creating a safe environment for our students and visitors.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND NUT PRODUCTS TO SCHOOL FOR SNACKS AND LUNCHES. **As well, we ask that you do not send home baking in as a treat for a class.** Research indicates that most anaphylactic injuries and deaths come from cross-contamination, i.e. a trace of peanut butter that is left on a hand, a knife, a desk, on playground equipment or on another object. Your support and respect in this manner will help us keep the community of St. Joseph's as safe as possible. There are also a few Egg Free classrooms in the school; Mrs. Epp's Grade 3/4 and Mr. Cavanagh's grade 6.
Parents of new or newly diagnosed students who have had an anaphylactic reaction should contact the school immediately.

Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent from school, please call and inform the office. As well, if your child is a bussing student and you plan to pick them up, please write a note to the classroom teacher or call the office to inform us of any changes before 2:15. Upon entrance to the school at any time, please report to the office to sign in. Also, we ask that you wait until the end of recess at 2:30 to pick up your children. If you have an emergency and you need to leave early, please inform the office and we will make every effort to locate your child on the yard and bring them to you. .

Safe School/Locked Door

After an arrival window between 8:00 and 8:30, you will notice that the interior front door is locked. Please push the buzzer and someone will grant you access. As has always been the case, please report directly to the office. If you are dropping off your small child, staff will come to the office to collect them.

Hot Lunch/Milk

St. Joseph's School will offer a daily milk program starting September 19th. We will also offer a weekly lunch program starting the first week of October. On the first Thursday of every Month, a 6" ham sub on a whole wheat bun with lettuce, cheese and tomato from Subway will be offered and on each remaining Thursday, cheese pizza will be available from Milanos.

NEW**

Milk and lunches will only be available on a pre-ordered/pre-paid basis using School Cash Online.

We will send a paper copy of milk and food orders home to begin the year, but we hope to phase these out in the new year as all the information will be online.

We understand that this is a change in process for you. By November, the school will not be accepting cash or cheques for milk/food unless there is a special arrangement with the office. These will be made on a case by case basis. There will also be no acceptance of late orders as the online ordering will end on midnight of the due date. If you miss the due date, your child will have to wait until the following month for milk/food.

In addition, if your child is absent on a food day, it is your responsibility to make arrangements to pick up the food if you so wish. Monetary reimbursements will not occur. Please note that no exceptions will be allowed.

NOTE: If a hot lunch occurs on a snow day, please send your child to school with a lunch and the order will be placed for the next school day.



Make online payments with
SchoolCashOnline

- ✓ Field trips
- ✓ Sports Events
- ✓ Activity Fees

Register at
renfrewcatholic.schoolcashonline.com

 **KEV GROUP**
School Cash Simplified

Our School Hours

Below, please find our daily schedule:

8:00	Arrival On The Yard
8:15	School Day Begins
10:25-10:40	Morning Recess
11:20	Lunch Begins For grades 1-8
12:05	End Of Lunch
1:15-1:30	Intermediate Recess
2:15	Last Recess for K-6 begins
2:30	Dismissal

Quick notes

*As part of the Safe School's Act, we ask that parents refrain from entering the playground area during recess times. If you need to collect your child early, please come to the office and we will help you out.

* Our students will be participating in the Terry Fox Run this year. The tentative date is September 29th. Students are asked to bring in a tooney or a looney for Terry. More details will follow.

School Council News

All parents are welcomed to join us at our first School Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, **September 13th** at 6:30 in the school Library.

Please mark down **September 22th** on your calendar. This will be the date of our annual **BBQ**. We hope all families will be able to attend. Stay tuned for more information - A Flyer and volunteer sheet will be sent home next week.

Staff List

Kindergarten	Mrs. Tiffany Gallagher Mrs. Lori MacKenzie
Kindergarten	Mrs. Sabrina Hunt Mrs. Tanya Andrecheck
Senior Kindergarten/ Grade 1	Mrs. MacNeil
Grade 1	Mrs. Jacki England
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Amber Barclay
Grade 2	Mrs. Nancy Brisson
Grade 2	Mrs. Maureen Hawel
Grade 3	Mrs. Cathy Valteau
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Amanda Epp
Grade 4	Mrs. Karen Grace
Grade 5	Mr. Al Ferguson
Grade 6	Mr. Cory Cavanagh
Grade 7	Mrs. Cathy Quinn
Grade 7	Mr. Andrew Smith
Grade 8	Mr. Nathan Hisko
Grade 8	Mrs. Dana Hisko
FSL	Ms. Kara Pecoskie
FSL	Mme. Anne-Marie Strack
Special Education	Ms. Stacy vanBoxtel
FSL	Ms. Jenny Solar
Music	Mrs. Tara Sabourin
School Principal	Mrs. Mary-Lise Rowat
Vice Principal Special Education	Mr. Ryan Kranz
School Secretary	Mrs. Patricia Duhn/Gerarda Giambianco
Educational Assistants:	Mrs. Leanne Gordon Mrs. Kathy Bailey Ms. Karen Irwin Mrs. Lynn Johannson Mrs. Bonnie Kwiatkowski Ms. Karen McNulty Mrs. Lise Zamojski Mrs. Joanne Buch
Temporary Ed Assistants	Ms Crystal Robillard Mrs. Ingrid Waklawik
School Counselor	Lisa Dellezay

Our Lady Of Perpetual Help

K4J

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sacramental Preparation Information:

For those children in Grades 2 and 7, including home-schooled children, preparing for 1st Penance/1st Communion or Confirmation and whose families who are currently living within parish boundaries or are already a registered family with Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, there will be a 'sign-up' opportunity after each of the SUNDAY MASS-ES during September or by contacting the parish office TUE or THU during office hours at 613-623-6819 (or perpetualhelp@bell.net).

Heads Up! A flyer will be sent home very soon for the St. John Chrysostom parish's K4J (Kids For Jesus) Club. This catholic club, which encourages children to develop the virtues needed to live out their faith on a daily basis, is for kids from JK-Grade 4. We meet every first Sunday starting in October from 11:00-12:00pm in the church hall. Registrations will be held Sunday September 11th after the 10:00am mass in the church basement or by returning the registration form to your child's teacher. Watch for the flyer and come and join us!

St. John Chrysostom

REGISTRATION @ St. John Chrysostom Church

- For: SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2016/2017
First Confession/First Holy Communion (*grade 2 and up*)
Sacrament of Confirmation (*grade 7 and up*)
- Who: For children of parishioners of St. John Chrysostom Catholic Church
- When: At all Masses (*Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:30am; 10:00 am*)
*** September 10/11, 2016 ***
- Why: So we as a parish community can immediately begin preparing your children for these important Sacraments of Christian Initiation while our Catholic Schools continue to provide integral Christian formation.

Snack Program

At St Joes we have a free healthy snack program three days a week. A bowl of healthy snacks are delivered to all classrooms and all students are invited to enjoy a snack if they need a little boost.

We are in need of plastic spoons for this program if anyone is interested in making a small donation.

Spirit Day/ Student Reps

Adam McCuaig and Payton McGregor, our School Council Student reps, invite all students to participate in our first St. Joseph's Catholic School Spirit Day on September 30th.

We are going to start the year with a Guardians, School Colours Day. We hope all students will do their best to take part. The class with the most individuals wearing Orange and Blue will win a prize of indescribable Value.

We will be following up this activity with our annual Thanksgiving food drive.



September 2016



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4	5	6 First Day of School	8		9 Reminder to sign up for Cash-online payment program	10
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