

DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S NEW, ST. JOHN XXIII?

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VISION STATEMENT: Inspired by our rich heritage and inspired 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.

ADVENT 2016

As the month of December begins, so does the season of Advent. It is a holy season in which Christians look forward to rejoicing in the coming of the Son of God into the world. We use these four weeks to prepare ourselves to celebrate His joyful birthday, so that at Christmas He might be born once more in our hearts. Here at St. John XXIII we will help each other to grow in the hope, love, joy and peace of this season by gathering once each week for an Advent prayer service.

Thank you to Mme Pilon for leading these prayer services.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2016

For the last few weeks, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Ivory and Ms. Sabourin have been preparing our students for St. John XXIII's annual Christmas concert. This year the school will be presenting "David's Dynasty". **Our daytime performance is on Tuesday, December 13th at 1:30 p.m. Due to our small gym size, we encourage any parents and grandparents to come to this full performance instead of the evening performances. There will be two performances on Wednesday evening, December 14th. One at 5:30 p.m. and the second at 7:15 p.m. Please ensure that you and your family only attend one performance as we will be at attendance capacity.**

Kindergarten Parents: Mrs. Schroder/Mrs. R's class will be in the Tuesday, Dec. 13th afternoon performance only. Mrs. Pennock/Mrs. McKay's class will be in the 5:30 performance only and Mrs. Rebertz/Mrs. Jeror's class will be in the 7:15 only.

If December 13th is a snow day, the afternoon performance will be moved to the afternoon of Dec. 14th. If December 14th happens to be a snow day and busses are cancelled then the play will be held on the evening of Thursday, December 15th at the same times.

All students will be viewing the performance during our dress rehearsal on Monday, Dec. 12th. This performance is for the students only.

"LET US ENTERTAIN YOU" RAFFLE—CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Brandon Muldoon. He was the lucky winner of the 2 SENS tickets, parking pass, Tim Horton's gift card, Shell gas card, Domino's gift card and various SENS items! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

CHANGES AT ST. JOHN XXIII—HAPPY RETIREMENT

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Beth Delisle as she will be retiring at the end of December. We thank her for assisting and guiding students on their educational journey over the years and we wish her all the best in the new endeavors she chooses to engage in. Enjoy!!!

CPAN—OPERATION SNOWSUIT



St. John XXIII is collecting new and/or gently used snowsuits and footwear on behalf of CPAN (Child Poverty Action Network). Currently CPAN has a request from 400 families from Renfrew County for winter clothing support. If you have anything to donate, please drop it off at the office and we will gladly see that it gets picked up by CPAN. In addition, if you need assistance please do not hesitate to contact CPAN at 613-735-2374 ext. 250.



STAFF PARKING LOT

We kindly ask that parents refrain from using the staff parking lot as a “drop off and pick up” location. Having students walking through this area is not safe. Please ensure drop off and pick up occurs on the side of Edey Street where the students can walk on the side walk to the walker entrance. Thank you.

WINTER CLOTHING (LABELS & EXTRAS)

With the arrival of winter weather, parents need to ensure that their child’s belongings (e.g., hats, snow pants, jackets, mitts, scarves and boots) are clearly labeled to avoid any confusion with the ownership of any items. Parents could consider purchasing Mabel’s Labels or they could use a permanent marker to clearly label a tag in the clothing items. In addition, it might be a good idea to put an extra pair of socks and/or mitts in your child’s school bag. That way, he/she can change into clean, dry apparel if the need arises.

BUDDY BENCHES

A big thank you to the students at St. Joseph’s High School for making us four beautiful red cedar buddy benches and thank you to school council for paying for the endeavor. We just have to wait until the good weather arrives back in order to properly secure them in the ground in our school yard. For now—we will enjoy them in the foyer!



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The last day of school for students this year is **Friday, December 23rd, 2016.** Our first day back after the holidays is **Monday, January 9th, 2017.**

The staff of St. John XXIII wish you all a happy and holy Advent season, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Peaceful, Inclusive, Noble and Kind—St. J23 Celebrated Bullying Awareness Week Nov. 14-18. P-I-N-K!

NOVEMBER RECYCLING CLUB MEMBERS

During the month of November the following students helped Mrs. Rebertz and Mr. Hill recycle various materials around our school:

Lucas Barr, Lexi Mc Caffrey, Leah Barr, Bethany McNeil, Prestin Barsoski, Rosalind Daniels, Wayland McLellan, YaQi Zhang, Cate Gallagher, Julianne Emery, Tristan Osadchuk, Nolan Rafter, Katie Costello, Grady Murree, Mackenzie Davis, Kayden Oberback, Trent Whitman, Madison Schlievert, Caleb Benoit.

GERRY MITCHELL PERFORMANCES

On Nov. 10th, Gerry Mitchell was here and showcased his performance entitled “Do Respect” and “One Voice”.

“Do Respect” was the primary performance which mixed music, dance and drama in order to teach about respect in the classroom, community and home. There were some key songs (A Positive Twist and Mind Your Ps and Qs).

“One Voice” was the junior presentation where the message was for students to learn to use their voices respectfully yet powerfully.



NEWS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last month, school council wrapped up the fall raffle for the SENS tickets and various gift cards. Brandon Muldoon was the one lucky winner. We only printed 2000 tickets and we sold 1367!!!! So we made \$1367 profit. Thank you to everyone who helped put this together—from donated items, to photocopying letters and designing our tickets and collecting money. It takes a lot of details and many hands to get a fundraiser off the ground! Thank you to our school community for all your support with purchasing the tickets.

We have decided to add in a Domino’s card fundraiser before Christmas as many have been asking for it. These cards make great gifts for: teenagers, a hard to buy for person, stocking stuffers and travelling families. The Dominos card has a \$80 value for only \$10 and \$8 of each sale goes back to our school. So, why not help our school raise money and eat great pizza too!

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a fabulous vacation with your family. If you are travelling this season or staying home be safe and enjoy the season of joy. Spend time with loved ones and think about others through prayer or an act of kindness as every little bit helps through love, hope and faith.

So from all members on School Council - thank you for the year of support and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Tracey Jeror, Chair

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Phoenix Centre for Children and Families has walk in counselling for mental health and addictions on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month here in Arnprior at the Kenwood Centre (16 Edward St. S. Suite 201C).










The sessions are for 1 hour and they are between 2-7 pm with the last session beginning at 6 pm. This is a free service.

An OHIP card is not required.

Spirit Day - Dec. 23rd

Christmas clothing (nice or tacky) or Red and Green

St. John XXIII December 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 	2	3
4 2nd Sunday of Advent 	5	6	7	8 Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary 	9	10
11 3rd Sunday of Advent Milk & Food Orders for Jan. open online 	12	13 Christmas Concert 1:30 PM (Schroder/ Mrs. R's Group)	14 Christmas Concert 5:30 PM (Pennock/ McKay) 7:15 PM (Rebertz/ Jeror)	15 	16	17
18 4th Sunday of Advent Milk & Food Orders for Jan. close online 	19	20	21 Winter Begins	22 	23 Spirit Day— Christmas clothing/ red or green Last Day of School	24 Christmas Eve 
25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

Please note: If the afternoon Christmas concert performance on Dec. 13 is a snow day with buses cancelled the performance will be moved to the afternoon of Dec. 14 at 1:30. In addition, if Dec. 14 is a snow day with buses cancelled the two evening performances will be moved to the evening of Dec. 15 at 5:30 & 7:15.