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Synervoice	Upcoming Dates
<p>Starting on November 3rd, we will be trying out a new attendance program. This program is in place at St. John XXIII and at other schools in the board. If your child is absent from school and you have not called in to excuse him or her before 9:15, you will automatically receive an automated phone message from our Synervoice attendance management system.</p> <p>We will be monitoring the system closely to ensure that proper contact is made and make adjustments as necessary. To simplify the process, please do your best to make contact with the school as early as possible to excuse your child.</p>	<p><b>November 1</b> Picture Re-Take Day</p> <p><b>November 9</b> Coffee House SJHS Performing Arts Grade 6, 7 and 8</p> <p><b>November 11</b> Remembrance Day Service 10:40</p> <p><b>November 14-17</b> Book Fair</p> <p><b>November 14-17</b> PINK WEEK</p> <p><b>November 15</b> School Council, 6:30</p> <p><b>November 17</b> PINK DAY</p> <p><b>November 17</b> Parent/Teacher</p> <p><b>November 18</b> PA Day</p> <p><b>November 29</b> Online Food Orders Due</p>
<h3>Remembrance Day</h3>	
<p>On November 11th, the students of St. Joseph's School will be supporting our veterans by lining the street as the parade passes by. Afterward, the K-6 students will attend a service in the gymnasium while the grade 7 and 8 students will attend the service at the Cenotaph.</p>	<h3>Food For Learning</h3>



Our healthy snack program is going strong and is accessed by over 120 students per week.

We are always in need of donations, especially plastic spoons!

## Book Fair

On November 15th and 16th, students will be given the opportunity to browse the Scholastic Book Fair materials in the gymnasium. The book sale will take place all day on November 17th and into the evening of Parent Teacher interviews. Cash, Cheque and we are hoping Credit and Debit will be accepted.

We will randomly draw one lucky winner who will be given a \$25.00 gift certificate to spend at the fair.

## Social Thinking

### November Vocabulary to think about:

**Good Thoughts:** People have thoughts about us based on what we do and say. When a person has a good thought about us, it means that we figured out how to act in that situation and everyone is comfortable.

**Uncomfortable (weird) Thoughts:** We have weird thoughts about others and they have them about us, based on how people act, what people say, or how they physically present themselves. When a person has an uncomfortable or weird thought about us, it may mean we may have behaved in a way that made people take notice of us in a more negative way.

## Quick Notes

- Our Christmas Concert is set for Wednesday, December 21st. There will be an afternoon and evening show. If this is a snow day, we will only have a morning performance on December 22nd. Please mark this down on your calendar!
- On November 9th students from grade 7 and 8 will be traveling by bus to St. Joseph's High School in the morning to watch a Performing Arts Coffee House.
- School council will be holding a Pre-Christmas Raffle. We are still in the process of solidifying prizes, but stay tuned for the fabulous details. The next school council meeting will be held November 15th at 6:30 at the school.

## Fire Safety

On October 14th, Firefighters from Arnprior came to visit our kindergarten and primary classes to teach us about fire safety. In the picture below, check out the special visitor who helped us tour the fire trucks...



## Share a Gift

Within the next week, you will receive a form for our Share a Gift Program. If you could use some support at Christmas this year or if you would like to help with supporting a family please fill out the form and return it to the school. All information is confidential. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Smith-Hisko or Mrs. Rowat.

## We Day

On November 9th a group of 18 students will be travelling to the Canadian Tire Centre to join schools from all around the region to participate in We Day.

The aim of this day is to inspire youth to make a difference in their world and in their communities. Students pledge to participate in local and global initiatives to help those who are in need.

## Progress Reports

Progress reports are going home on November 15th, barring any technological difficulties. Teachers will provide feedback to students and parents that lets everyone know how the students are doing in class. Teachers have been asked to comment on courses where they have collected sufficient evidence to assess student learning. Not all subjects will receive a comment. For instance, some classes have been working on Social Studies, while others have been working on Science. Music will not be commented upon on this report, but will be evaluated on the report card in February. As well, not all students will receive a comment for French.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Sorry for any mix up with the parent teacher interview forms. It seems the forms specifically for kindergarten got sent home to all grades. We will meet as a staff shortly to set interview times and you will receive a form with your interview time via your child. Please start looking for it by November 10th.

## Acting with Mercy

During the week of November 14-18th, Renfrew County Catholic District School Board schools will be thinking PINK as we celebrate **Building Peaceful Communities through Love and Inclusion– Anti-Bullying Week 2016.**

Like last year, the word PINK has been chosen to describe the goals of this week because we believe that we will end bullying by becoming more **Peaceful, Inclusive, Noble and Kind.** Each day of the week, schools will pray together and reflect on positive actions that students can take that will prevent bullying, promote peace and demonstrate our care and concern for all of God's children. Students will also participate in a friendly classroom door decorating contest based on the themes of the week.

On Thursday, November 17th students and staff across the county will be asked to wear pink for **Wear Pink for Peace.** We want to unite to show our support for others who might be experiencing both physical and spiritual poverty.

## Thanks to the Halloween Dance Leadership Team



# Flag Football

Our grade 7/8 Flag football team participated in the Renfrew County East tournament on October 12th. They had a very successful day, coming up short only in the final against a strong RCI team. To celebrate the success, students and teachers squared off in an epic Flag Football battle/Spirit day on October 14th. This day was also in celebration of our very successful food drive. We collected over 1000 items for the Arnprior Food Bank. The class with the most donations was Mrs. Smith Hisko's grade 8 class. The class with the highest percentage of items per student was Mrs. Brisson's grade 2 group. Thanks to everyone who donated!





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Book Fair  
Pink Week  
Day of Peace

Book Fair  
Pink Week  
Day of Inclusion

Book Fair  
Pink Week  
Day to be Noble

Pink Spirit Day  
Day of Kindness  
Parent Teacher Inter-views, Book Fair

PD Day

Coffee House  
SJHS—Grade 6-8

Remembrance Day

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