



# St. James Catholic School

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## November 2017



### All Saints' and All Souls' Days

The first two days in November are the important liturgical feasts of All Saints and All Souls.

These two special days remind us that God has a special plan for everyone. Before we were born, God willed for us to live with Him forever. When we were baptized, we became part of a special family called the communion of saints, who share in Jesus' gift of His holiness. The saints are people who said "yes" to God's plan for them and are now in heaven. Some were children and young people, some were mothers and fathers, some were monks, priests or nuns, and some were single people. On All Saints Day we praise and thank God for what He has done for us through these holy people. We ask the saints to pray for us that we might love our God and neighbour the way Jesus taught us. On All Souls Day, we pray for all people who have died. We ask God to bring them to the joyful banquet of heaven to be with God and the saints forever.

### Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, Nov. 1- All Saints' Day

Thursday, Nov. 2 - All Souls' Day; Mass

Monday, Nov. 6 - Grade 7 Immunization

Tuesday, Nov. 7 - Retakes and Grad photos

Friday, Nov. 10 - Camo and Hot dog day

Nov. 13- 17 PINK Week

Tuesday, Nov. 14 - Progress Reports go home

Thursday, Nov. 16 SJCHS Coffee House; P-T

Interviews; PINK DAY

Friday, Nov. 17 - PA Day

Monday, Nov. 20 - School Council 7pm

Friday, Nov. 24 - Arena Opening

Wednesday, Nov. 29 - Sub day

### School Mass

Our school mass will be held at St. James the Less Parish on Thursday, November 2 at 10:00 am. Mrs. Hart's class will be leading our mass for this month. Please join us if your schedule allows.

### Virtues Awards

Each month, our school community focuses on a different virtue. During the month of October we focused on the virtue of Gratitude. We saw many students and staff members demonstrate this virtue throughout the month. Each teacher chose students who demonstrated gratitude in the classroom and on the playground. The following students were recognized with a certificate and a ribbon during our prayer service. Congratulations and thank you to:

- Ian Edwards
- Georgia Heideman
- Enid Commanda
- Reuben Lavoie
- Skyla Eccles
- Ava Aubrey
- Luella Lavoie
- Georgia Fraser
- Wayne Breen
- Helen Baillie
- Mackenzie Donohue

We are so happy to see so many of our students demonstrating the virtues in their daily interactions.

Our focus for the month of November is Peace and we look forward to seeing this demonstrated in our school throughout the month.

## **School Council**

Our next School Council meeting will be held on November 29th at 7:00 pm in the staff room. As always, new members are very welcome to join at any and/or every meeting.

## **Back by popular demand...Carmichael Meats.**

We will be running this fundraiser from Monday, November 6, 2017 to Monday, November 20, 2017 with an expected delivery date of Friday, December 8, 2017.

Please see the information included with this newsletter.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards a sunshade for the yard as well as to offset the cost of bussing for field trips and sporting events.

If you are placing an order, please make cheques payable to St. James School council.

The St. James School Council thanks you for your support!

## **Anaphylaxis Reminder**

With Halloween candy, there is always a heightened chance of sending treats to school that contain nuts or "may contain traces of nuts". We ask you to go through your Halloween candy very carefully. Any treats that have nut products should be kept at home and not sent to school. As always, you are encouraged to send healthy snacks to school with the students.

## **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Parent interviews for all grades including Kindergarten will be held after school on Thursday, November 16th. As has been the practice in the last few years, all of the teachers will be in the gym and parents can come to see their child(ren)'s teacher(s) between 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm. The teachers are looking forward to sharing

information with all parents that evening. If you are unable to attend that evening, please contact the teacher(s) to set up an alternate time/date to meet as these are extremely important opportunities to share information between school and home and vice versa.

## **Progress Reports**

Progress reports for grades 1 through 6 will be going home Monday, November 14th. At this time, we would encourage you to take time to celebrate your child's achievements thus far and help them set goals for continued academic improvement. The Kindergarten Communication of Learning is to be used to encourage early and ongoing communication between the parents and the educators about a child's learning. It will identify and describe the child's learning so far and will provide parents with clear and detailed information about their child's learning and next steps in learning in relation to the overall expectations in the Kindergarten Program (2016).

## **Safe Schools Team**

St. James School is creating a Safe Schools Team. This team will look at data from our school from the student School Climate survey and the Parent Safe Schools Surveys and brainstorm ways to promote and increase student safety, belonging, and a sense of community at school. This team will also do some fundraising throughout the year to purchase items that we feel will be beneficial to maintaining a positive atmosphere and sense of community. The first item on our list is to purchase team broomball jerseys for the upcoming season. This team will consist of at least one parent (Thank you Cory Skinner!), a teaching and non-teaching staff member and students from a number of classes. This team will meet during lunches about once every 6 weeks. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Mrs. Enright for more information.

## RCCDSB's PINK Week - November 13-17

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. On Thursday, November 16th, students and staff across the county will be asked to wear pink for 'Wear Pink for Peace and Prosperity Day'. We want to unite to show our support for others who might be experiencing both physical and spiritual poverty.

## Parental Safe Schools Survey

All parents are invited and encouraged to complete the RCCDSB School Climate survey. A link has been posted on the St. James facebook page or you can type in the following URL to complete the survey. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMyX1sUnlVHs8w5gjR9kEYIBib1Ff8kkvyfg54JSOJdpT0Qw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMyX1sUnlVHs8w5gjR9kEYIBib1Ff8kkvyfg54JSOJdpT0Qw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Smile!

Retake Day at St. James Catholic School will be on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Graduation photos will also be taken on this date.

## SJCHS Coffee House

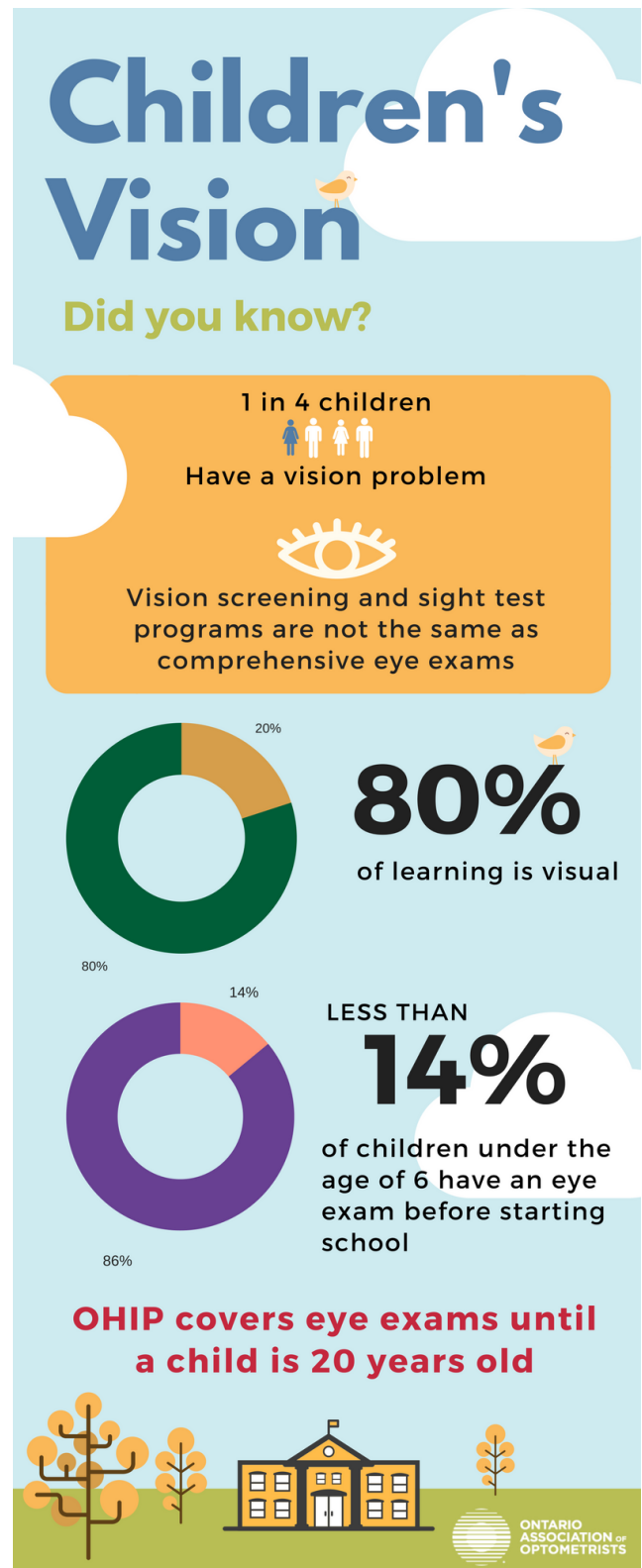
Our grades 5 - 8 students have been invited to a Coffee House at St. Joseph's Catholic High School on Thursday, November 16th, 2017. A permission slip will be sent home shortly with more information.

## Subway Lunch

Our next Subway lunch will take place on Wednesday, November 29th.

## Spirit Day

Our next Spirit day will take place on Friday, November 10th. On that day, students and staff are asked to wear camouflage to earn points for their Spirit teams.



## Volleyball

Our Grade 8 girls and Grade 8 boys Volleyball teams will be heading to tournaments on Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017. More information will be sent home from Mrs. Dick and Mr. Cavanagh as the date approaches.

As an interesting and fun way for our teams to get some practice, we are hoping to host a student vs parent game at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, November 21st in our gymnasium. We are also going to use this as a fundraiser for CPAN's Operation Snowsuit. Students will be able to watch the game for a \$1.00 entry fee and all funds collected will go to CPAN. If you are interested in playing, please contact Mrs. Enright or Mrs. Dick. The more the merrier!

## A Message From the RCJTC

### School Bus Cancellations and or Delays

Student safety is our utmost concern. As such, there may be times during the school year when it is necessary to cancel student transportation services due to bad weather (i.e. snow, freezing rain, floods, emergency road closures, etc.).

Transportation to and from school is provided by the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC).

RCJTC will provide information on bus cancellations and/or delays via:

- [Website \(www.onthebus.ca\)](http://www.onthebus.ca)
- [@RCJTC\\_Trans](https://twitter.com/RCJTC_Trans)
- [Facebook \(RCJTC\)](#)
- [iTunes](#) with iPhone App (verify with "RCJTC")
- [Google Play](#) with Android App (verify with "RCJTC")
- [Email](#) to parents who subscribe for notifications (confirmation email sent within 3min)

**In a situation where school buses are cancelled schools remain open to students.**

## Email addresses

In an effort to save some paper and to try to ensure that more newsletters are getting into the hands of parents, we are asking for you to share your email addresses with us if you so choose. You can simply write the address in your child's agenda or call the school with your information. We also have a facebook page and we're on twitter if you want to have a look for us in those ways. We thank you for your help with this!

## Great News From the Eganville Arena!

We have been invited to send some or all of our students to the arena on Friday, November 24th for the official opening of the rink. We are so glad the rink will be back in service and look forward to attending that day.

### FREE SKATING SPONSORED BY:

**3-4:15 PM**

NOV. 5<sup>TH</sup> – BV RECREATION DEP'T.

NOV. 12<sup>TH</sup> – RIO TAP & GRILL

**2-3:15PM**

**NOV. 17<sup>TH</sup> – PA DAY**

**Lavern Heideman & Sons**

**3-4:15 PM**

NOV. 19<sup>TH</sup> – BONNECHERE CAVES

NOV. 26<sup>TH</sup> – COREY SCHIEMANN-SKINNER

**BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!!**

**“Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called the  
children of God.” (Matthew 5:**

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October, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

For the past 10 years CPAN has run a snowsuit and winter footwear campaign called *Operation Snowsuit*. The goal of this campaign is to ensure that every child living in our community has appropriate clothing and footwear for our severe Canadian winter. We are starting the 2017 campaign as the weather is already turning cool and we want to be ready before the cold weather really hits. We are asking for your help to ensure that there is no child is left behind.

Starting immediately, your school will be collecting new and/or gently used snowsuits and footwear on behalf of CPAN. Please take this opportunity to check your closets and donate any snowsuits and/or boots that your child/ren may have outgrown. Please note: These must be clean and in good repair as CPAN does not have facilities or the manpower to clean or repair these items. We are always very short of snow pants and larger snowsuits, boots, etc. (men's and ladies sizes), as our youth also enjoy being warm and dry.

Monetary donations are also very gratefully accepted and should be delivered or mailed to CPAN. Cheques should be made payable to CPAN with Operation Snowsuit in the memo.

Mail to: 130 Pembroke Street West, Pembroke, ON K8A 5M8.

If you (or someone you know) are in need of help with snowsuits and winter footwear, please apply online at: [www.renfrewcountycpan.ca](http://www.renfrewcountycpan.ca) - Go to the programs tab, click "Operation Snowsuit," and scroll down. If you have difficulties CPAN can be reached at 613-735-9579. We ask that you leave a brief message including your name, number and we will return your call ASAP.

Since this program started, we have been able to keep hundreds of local children warm and dry. Thanks to our generous community, we have always been able to fill each and every request. Last year, we helped 396 local children and youth (0 to 18 years old). Any help that you can provide is gratefully appreciated, and I would like to thank you in advance for your time, and for any support you may give to this very worthy cause.

Yours truly,

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