



# St. James Catholic School

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## February 2018

### The Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Liturgical season on Lent. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th. In to order make sure that Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are celebrated, each in their appropriate ways, in our Catholic school, we will be celebrating and partaking in **Valentine's activities on Tuesday, February 13th.**

The time of Lent, through fasting and abstaining, may be an important reminder of what it means to suffer. This small suffering should not be met with misery but with great joy as we better understand the incredible sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for humanity.

Abstinence is the act of "doing without" or avoiding something. As canon law states, Catholics over the age of 14 are expected to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays throughout the Lenten Season (Canon 1250 -1253). Fasting is the act of doing with less. In the Catholic Church, those ages 18 - 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Canon 97). On such days, those fasting may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength. It is important to understand that the Church excuses certain people from these obligations. Examples include those who are frail, pregnant or manual laborers. The Church understands that certain people are not able to commit to the Lenten fast.

Lent is a time for conversion, where we acknowledge and turn away from whatever keeps us from living the Gospel, a time to remind ourselves that we are called to lives rooted in

right relationship with God and neighbour. As we prepare to meet Christ in his resurrected glory, we pray for a change of heart towards greater love of God and neighbour; we fast from self-indulgence and indifference to the poor and suffering; and finally, we share our food, our wealth and our time with others in need.

Over these 40 days, may the Holy Spirit give us the strength to act justly, the courage to love tenderly and the faith to walk humbly with our God, that we might rejoice in the triumph of God's justice in Jesus at Easter.

### Upcoming Dates

**Tuesday, February 6** - Chicken noodle soup lunch \$2.00 a bowl for all students and staff

**Wednesday, February 7** - Safe Schools Meeting 12:30 pm in the book room

**Wednesday, February 28** - Subway Lunch

**Friday, February 9** - Broomball in Douglas for Grades 4 /5 and 6/7; SJCHS Orientation day for Grade 8

**Monday, February 12** - Grades 5/6/7/8 to Shaw Woods

**Tuesday, February 13** - our Valentine's Day; Dress is red, white and pink; pancake and sausage lunch for students and staff - orders will be collected; School mass at 2:00 pm

**Wednesday, February 14** - Ash Wednesday - Beginning of Lent.

**Thursday, February 15** - Subway Reward lunch for the class with the most compliments

**Sunday, February 18** - School Council sponsored Public Skating at the Eganville Arena

**Friday, February 23** - Olympic themed activity day

**Wednesday, February 28** - Subway Lunch and PJ day

## **School Mass**

Our school mass will be held at St. James the Less Parish on Tuesday, February 13th at 2:00 pm. Please join us if your schedule allows.

## **Virtues Awards**

Our Virtue Award winners for showing courage during the month of January were:

**Sage Commanda**

**Sam Lavoie**

**Addie Davidson**

**Hayden Vaillancourt**

**Elizabeth Lehman**

**Skyla Eccles**

**Aiden Neuman**

**Nevaeh Sarazin**

**Luella Lavoie**

**Jadea Smith**

**Deanna Lance Wilkinson**

**Alex Pierce-Hoffman**

**Cole Dumoulin**

Congratulations and thank you to these students! During the month of February, we will focus on the virtue of love.

## **Thank You!**

We are very thankful to School Council and to the Douglas Lion's Club who have made donations to our school to be put towards transportation.

## **School Council**

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 26 at 7:00 pm. Please note that the scrap booking day we had originally planned for February 24th has been moved to March 24, 2018.

## **School Council Pancake Breakfast**

On Sunday, January 28, our School Council hosted a Pancake breakfast that was very well attended. We would like to thank everyone who supported

our breakfast. Special thanks to everyone who helped to make this a success!

## **Grade 7 and 8 End of Year Trip**

Our Grade 7 and 8 students are fundraising for their trip to Montreal. This month, they are holding a bottle drive. If you have empty bottles to donate, please drop them off at the school. Please do not send bottles to school with your child. Thank you to Jeannette Ludgate for suggesting and organizing this fundraiser.

The grade 7 and 8 class will also be hosting a pancake and sausage lunch on Tuesday, February 13 (Shrove Tuesday). Orders will be collected - please watch for more information.

This trip has been made possible through funding from the French as a Second Language Committee who approved our request for financial assistance with our trip. Thank you to Mme. Shoemaker for completing our application.

## **Safe Schools Meeting**

We will be having our inaugural Safe Schools meeting on Wednesday, February 7 at 12:30 pm. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact Mrs. Enright for more information.

## **St. Joseph's High School Orientation**

Our Grade 8 students have been invited to St. Joseph's High School on Friday February 9<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave St. James at 8:35 am and will pick up students from St. Michael's and then make their way to the high school. All grade 8 students are invited to attend.

St. Joseph's Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This will be the opportunity for all parents to see the school and ask any questions about the school. This night is open to parents and family members of either Grade 7 or 8 students.

## **Spirit Activities**

We are planning an Olympic themed activity day for our students on Friday, February 23rd. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

### **Report Cards**

Report cards will be sent home during the week of February 12th.

### **Spirit Day**

Our spirit day for the month of February will be a PJ day on Wednesday, February 28th.

### **Subway Lunch**

Our next Subway lunch will take place on Wednesday, February 28th, 2018.

### **Broomball**

The Annual OPP Grade 8 tournament was held in Wilno and Killaloe on February 1st and our students brought home the B Championship trophy! Congratulations to all team members. There will be a tournament for our grades 4 - 7 students on February 9th in Douglas. Thank you to Ms. Levesque for coaching and to Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Hermans, Mr. Cavanagh, Mrs. Verch, Mrs. Schweiggert and Mrs. Regier for adjusting their schedules to allow for the students to practice.

### **Classes to Visit Shaw Woods**

Our Grade 5 /6 class and our Grade 7 /8 class will be heading to Shaw Woods on Monday, February 12. Students are reminded to dress for the weather as they will be outside all day. Shaw Woods is subsidizing some of the transportation cost and we are very thankful to them!

### **High Transportation Costs**

We have been experiencing some difficulty with booking buses for our extracurricular activities. Sometimes the companies are unable to accommodate our requests because we will be traveling outside of the school day. We were

unable to find a local company who could take our broomball teams to Wilno and Killaloe last week and we ended up getting a bus from Musclow Bus Lines in Maynooth. We shared the costs with St. Michael's, Douglas, but for our teams to travel that day, the cost for the bus was \$650 plus HST. Because of these high costs, we will be asking for some money (usually between \$2 and \$5) to help us offset the costs a little when students head out to sporting events.

### **Safe Arrivals and Pick Ups**

Please remember to put a note in the agenda or call the school if your child is going to be absent. Also, the end of the day is a very busy time. Our classes run until 3:25 pm. If you need to pick your child up before that time, please put a note in the agenda to inform the classroom staff ahead of time. We do understand that there may be times when you need to pick up your child(ren) unexpectedly, but we do appreciate you letting us know ahead when you need to pick up before 3:25 pm.

### **School Bus Cancellations and or Delays**

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.**

### **Eganville Arena Public Skating for the Month of February**

The Public Skating schedule for February is:  
Feb 2 - 2 - 3:15 PM - Riverside Dental

Feb 4 - 7 - 8:15 PM - Rotary Club

Feb 11 - 3 - 4:15 PM - Wash Factory/Country Style

**Feb 18 - 3 -4:15 PM - St. James Parent Council**

Feb 19 - 2 - 3:15 PM - Mayor Jennifer Murphy

Feb 25 - 3 - 4:15 PM - Bob & Chris Peltzer