

# St. James Major Catholic School

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*Guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission at St. James Major is to instill the joy of lifelong learning while encouraging our development as contributing members of the community.*

## October Update

### Thank You

Thank you for the warm welcome and a wonderful start to the 2019-2020 school year! It has been a great pleasure to meet all of you through conversations either on the phone or in person at the school. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Welcome Back BBQ/Open House. It was a huge success!

### School Community

On behalf of our St. James Major Catholic School Community, I would like to thank Mrs. Saunders for her hard work and dedication to teaching our Grade 6-8 students over the past four weeks.

Ms. Lori Beckstead will be joining us starting this Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for a transition day and then will start on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, as the LTO teacher in Grade 6-8 for the remainder of the year.

Please help me wish Mrs. Saunders much success at her new school and welcome, Ms. Beckstead!

### Catholic School Council

Thank you to all who attended our first Catholic School Council Meeting on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. All are welcome to attend!

## Discipleship

### School Masses

We look forward to continuing to attend mass on Tuesday's at 11:00 am. All are welcome! Here is October's Schedule

October	8 – Gr 3/4/5 and K-2	15 – Gr 6/7/8	22 – whole school
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### Volunteers in Schools

As per the ALCDSB Volunteers in Schools Policy:

- The Board welcomes and encourages the participation of volunteers in schools.
- The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board believes that student, parent and community member volunteers, can provide additional instruction and assistance to expand the special academic and social needs of students. It recognizes volunteers as extended staff members.
- If a student, parent, or community member is interested in volunteering, please contact me, Ms. Williamson, in advance. In consultation with staff and Kevin Douglas, our

Principal, I will identify the number of volunteers and the types of assistance required from volunteers to meet student and school needs.

- **Criminal Background Checks for Volunteers**

Just a reminder, ALCDSB requires that all volunteers provide a Criminal Background Check that is current (within 3 years), if you would like to volunteer in our school or be a chaperone for any school activity or field trip.

## **Medical**

- **Immunizations**

Public Health nurses will be here on Friday, October 4, 2019 to administer immunizations to Gr. 7 students.

- **Dental Screening**

Public Health nurses will be here on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 to conduct dental screening for all students, K-8.

- **Eye Vision Screening**

Public Health nurses will be here on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 to conduct eye vision screening for students in Senior Kindergarten.

## **Scholarship**

### **Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Results**

Individual Student Reports for students who wrote the Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Assessment of Reading, Writing and Math will be sent home this week.

## **Stewardship**

### **Terry Fox Walk**

The Terry Fox Walk was held last Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mrs. Wendy Procter, our Trustee, for the freezies, and for all parents and community members who walked with us.

Thank you to everyone for their donations for the raffle. Congratulations to the 4 Terry Fox t-shirt winners: Trinity, Tristan, Ayden, and Aurora.

### **P.A. Day**

Our second P.A. Day will be on Friday, November 1st. There will be no classes for students.

### **Halloween**

On Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, staff and students will celebrate Halloween by wearing orange and black.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Katie Williamson

Vice Principal

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St. Patrick Catholic School, Harrowsmith

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