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*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers, to make music in the heart.
Amen.*

The staff at St. Joseph Catholic School wish you and your family **a very happy and holy New Year!** As we begin a new calendar year, let us rejoice in the daily opportunities we will have to learn, play, and make a difference to others by accepting the real work of Christmas. We are called to remember that Christmas is more than just one day in December. **Christmas is our everyday work on our journey of faith that occurs throughout the year-** praying as a family, shoveling a neighbor's driveway, donating to charity, celebrating the Mass, visiting the sick and lonely. It is through such simple, yet powerful, actions that we can teach our children how to live the Good News that is Jesus.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. Jackie Gauthier
Principal



Family Advent Mass

A wonderful celebration was had by all at our Family Advent Mass and social on December 11th! Our community is definitely filled with joyful disciples! **Many thanks to Father Charles**, Ms. Henry the parish secretary, the students in our choir, the students who participated in the Mass, and the families that brought in treats!



Special thanks to Mrs. Auger, Mrs. Clarey, Mrs. Fielding, Mme. Power, Ms. McKerral, Ms. Easson, and Mr. Watt for organizing the readers, rehearsing with the choir, getting the refreshments, assisting with setting up, and taking care of the clean up!

Thank You Very Much!

Many thanks to the students, families, and staff of our St. Joseph Catholic School community for the **generous response to our Christmas Sharing Program!** By working together, we were able to provide bountiful baskets of food to 16 families in need! We are blessed to be part of a community that encourages engagement and instils hope!



Big **THANK-YOUS** to Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Michell, Ms. Pinto, and Mrs. Sharpe for coordinating this project and to our wonderful Catholic School Council & volunteers for delivering all of the food baskets!



Thank-you for Your Help!

Students from kindergarten to grade 8 had a wonderful time buying Christmas presents for their families at the Christmas Shopping event organized by our awesome Catholic School Council on December 16th!

Many thanks to all of the parent volunteers & Mrs. Clarey who spent countless hours organizing donations, setting up the gym, helping students shop, and wrapping gifts! Thanks, also, to all of the families and staff that donated items! A total of \$1248.35 was raised for our Breakfast Club.



St. Joseph CS Science Fair

Invitation to Participants and Judges

Students in grades 4 to 8 are invited to participate in our upcoming Science Fair on **Thursday, February 27, 2020** in the school gymnasium. Our winners will be asked to participate in the regional science fair at **Loyalist College in April.**



Students can create science projects that are non-experimental (they can do a study and report on research) or they can conduct an experiment. Science fair projects can be directly tied to the science being studied in the class or be one that is a personal interest.

We are also looking for volunteers to help judge the fair. If you like science, like talking to kids about science and are interested please give us a call. For more information, please contact **Mrs. Robinson** at the school 613-962-3653.



Faith in Action

A job well done to our Grade 8 Legacy Team- Kevin B., William D., Charlotte F., Makayla M., and Gregory P. for making a difference to our larger community! With their leadership and your support, we collected many hats, gloves, socks, and Christmas stockings for the homeless. The donations were made to the Not Alone Team-Quinte organization.

Our Legacy Team also held bake sales in support of the Grace Inn Shelter, which is an emergency shelter for homeless adults. A total of \$368.85 was raised for this important community resource.

Thank-you for helping us to help others!

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS JANUARY'S NEWSLETTER 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!!

The Christmas season was very busy for St. Joseph's School Council. We had our Annual Christmas Shopping and Christmas Sharing Baskets Programs. A total of \$1248.35 was raised at Christmas Shopping. Way to go to ALL the volunteers who made these programs such a success!

Looking ahead to 2020 our School Council will be hosting the Pancake Breakfast and lots more fun activities. Please always check our Facebook Page and Twitter to keep up with school events.

Our next meeting for School Council is Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30pm in the book room.



January Focus Virtue: SELF-CONTROL

Our Catholic virtues are gifts from God that help us to lead happy and successful lives. Self-control is one of the most important virtues since it acts like a guard to our spiritual lives. The ability to control our impulses and our “need” for more is the key to the true joy that comes from having God be the priority in our lives.

“Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.”

~ Proverbs 25:28



School Mass

Families are invited to join us as we celebrate the Mass on **Wednesday, January 22nd** at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph’s Church.



School Spirit Day

Students and staff are invited to show their school spirit by wearing blue or their spirit wear on **Wednesday, January 22nd**!



Catholic School Council

St. Joseph Catholic School is blessed to have a very active school council. Our school council plays an important role in our community as they work closely with staff to support the faith, social, and community building aspects of our children’s school life. Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be held on **January 14th at 6:30 p.m.**

We hope to see you there!



First Communion & First Confession Parent Meeting

Parents and guardians of all children who will be receiving the sacraments of 1st Confession and 1st Communion at St. Joseph’s Church this Spring are invited to a meeting on **Wednesday, February 12th at 7 p.m.** The meeting will take place in the school gymnasium.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at St. Joseph’s Church on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020** at 7 p.m. The Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion will take place at St. Joseph’s Church on **Saturday, May 23rd** at 11 a.m.



Communication of Learning and Report Cards

The Ontario Communication of Learning for students in kindergarten and the report card for students in grades 1 to 8 are designed to inform parents and students of what strengths have been demonstrated and the next steps that are required for continued growth. The Communication of Learning and Term 1 report cards will be sent home with students on **February 19th**.

Parent-Teacher interviews will be scheduled for the evening of **February 25th**. Information on how to book your interview will be sent home at the beginning of February.




Grade 8 Parent Information Night

Nicholson Catholic College is hosting a Grade 8 Parent/Guardian Information Night on **Wednesday, February 12th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Learning Commons. Information regarding course selections, pathway choices, the Extended French Certificate and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme will be provided. Please contact Justin Walsh at NCC

walshj@alcdsb.on.ca if you have any questions.

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
			1 <i>Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	2	3	4
Christmas Holidays						
5	6 <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany</i> Welcome Back to School!	7 Pizza Day	8	9	10 Vision Screening for Year 2 Kinders	11
12 <i>Feast of the Baptism of our Lord</i>	13	14 Pizza Day Catholic School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Pizza Day	22 School Mass at St. Joseph's Church 10 a.m. Spirit wear/ School Colours Day	23	24	25
26	27 Last day to order pizza for February (closes at midnight)	28 Pizza Day	29	30	31 PA Day	



Vision Screening Notification

Date of Screening: January 10, 2020
Vision Screening is being conducted for Senior Kindergarten (SK) students at your child's school.

IMPORTANT:

- Parents who do not wish to have their child screened are required to advise the school, in writing, before the scheduled screening date. Include your child's name, date of birth, and the name of their school in the letter.

FYI:

- Vision screening takes children through three simple eye tests that can detect risk factors for certain vision disorders.
- It is non-invasive, so it is not harmful or painful in any way.
- Vision screening cannot diagnose vision disorders.
- Information about your child's vision screening is sent home to inform parents of any vision concerns.
- The vision screening is conducted under the statutory authority of the Health Protection and Promotion Act.
- This screening should NOT replace your child's regular visit to the Optometrist for an eye examination.

For more information contact Hastings Prince Edward Public Health
 Phone: 613-966-5500 ext. 680 | Toll-free: 1-800-267-2803 ext. 680 | TTY: 711 or 1-800-267-6511

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