



# St. Joseph Catholic School

*Reverence, Responsibility, Relationships*

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*O God our Father, in Jesus you call all Christian families and homes to be signs of living faith. By the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith, and by that gift may we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son, and be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

We are **called to deepen our relationship with God** by living every moment with faith, hope, and love. We can show our faith by celebrating the saints who lived lives of holiness and grace on **All Saints' Day (November 1<sup>st</sup>)**. **All Souls' Day (November 2<sup>nd</sup>)** is another chance for us to proclaim God's mercy as we remember and pray for all those who have died, so they may quickly be taken into heaven to be with our Heavenly Father.

**Remembrance Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>)** is an opportunity to honour Canadians who have died in service. Our school community will gather in our gym on November 11 to remember and pray for the men and women who have, and continue to, generously and faithfully serve our country.

May we remember that **we are the best examples of faithful people for our children** and may our words and actions always glorify God.

Yours in Catholic Education,  
Mrs. Jackie Gauthier  
Principal

## Thank-You for Your Generosity!

At St. Joseph Catholic School, we believe that **true faith requires action**. Last month our school community worked together to bring in much needed items for the Gleaners Foodbank. We used our virtue of empathy to not only understand that people in our community need help, we did something about it!

Many thanks to Mrs. Naylor and our grade 8 leadership team for organizing our food drive and for leading us in our beautiful Thanksgiving liturgy! **Thanks to**

**all of our families who support our works of charity!**



## Communication of Learning and Progress Reports

The Ontario Communication of Learning for kindergarten students and the Progress Report for students in grades 1 to 8 are designed to give parents and students an early indication of what strengths have been demonstrated and what areas for improvement are required, so that children will best be able to show what they know and can do by the February report card. These reports will be sent home with students on **Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Parent-Teacher interviews are scheduled for the evenings of **November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** (depending on the teacher). A letter explaining the online sign-up system for booking an interview was sent home in October. Please contact your child's teacher if you did not receive the information.



### Grade 6 Witness to Faith Day

On October 4<sup>th</sup> all grade 6 students in the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board's western schools gathered at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church to join in a faith day. Students **celebrated, learned, and collaborated** with others as they were empowered to be witnesses to our Catholic faith as joyful



disciples within a community that accompanies! *Thank-you to Ms. McKerrall for being our grade 6 students' spiritual advisor!*



### Halloween Dance was Spook-tacular!

Great fun was had by all during our spook-tacular Halloween Dance! This was a wonderful community building day full of dancing and laughter! The children also enjoyed having the opportunity to participate in the many dance and costume contests! **Thank-you to Mrs. Naylor and our grade 8 leadership team** for organizing and running the dance!



### A Message from Our Catholic School Council

As we head into November, the council is starting to plan Christmas events that we do every year- The Christmas Shop and the delivery of the Christmas Sharing Baskets.

At the Christmas Shop, students can purchase small gifts for their families from donated items. Parents are asked to drop off items for this event starting Monday November 18<sup>th</sup> until Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Shopping will take place on Monday December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 9am-3:15pm. We will also be looking for donations of gift bags, tape, tissue paper, as well as parent volunteers for the event. Please contact Amanda Bentley-Lake if you're able to help [mandibentley@hotmail.com](mailto:mandibentley@hotmail.com).

The Christmas Sharing deliveries will be Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 9am until 11:30am. We will need drivers and helpers. Please contact Whitney Hummell if you're able to help [wshummell@gmail.com](mailto:wshummell@gmail.com).

Please consider attending the next School Council meeting on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Book Room.

Be sure to check out the school website and Facebook page to stay updated.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjoesparentcouncil>

<https://schools.alcssb.on.ca/jose/default.aspx>



## **November Focus Virtue: CONSCIENCE**

Virtues are habits that guide us in our daily lives. Conscience is our inner voice that helps us know right from wrong and guides us as we make decisions about how we will respond to a situation. A good conscience not only helps us to act in ways that show respect for others, it also allows us to take responsibility for everything that we say and do. God calls each one of us to develop a strong, moral conscious so that we may do what is right as we learn from our mistakes.

***“Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.”***

***~Hebrews 13:18***



## **Christmas Shopping Donations Needed**

Our awesome Catholic School Council will be hosting our annual Christmas Shopping event for kindergarten to gr. 8 students on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. This event enables children to purchase gifts for their family members at a small price. All proceeds from this event will go directly back to the school. In order to make this event a success, we are looking for donations of:

- Gently used household items -Christmas gift bags and gift tags -Scotch tape -Tissue paper

For sanitary reasons, we cannot accept make-up, undergarments, hats or stuffed animals. We do not need books or wrapping paper. **Items will be accepted at the office from Nov. 18 to Dec. 12.**

We are also looking for volunteers to help with wrapping. Please email Amanda Bentley-Lake at [mandibentley@hotmail.com](mailto:mandibentley@hotmail.com) if you are able to help.

***Many thanks to our Catholic School Council for organizing this event for our children!***



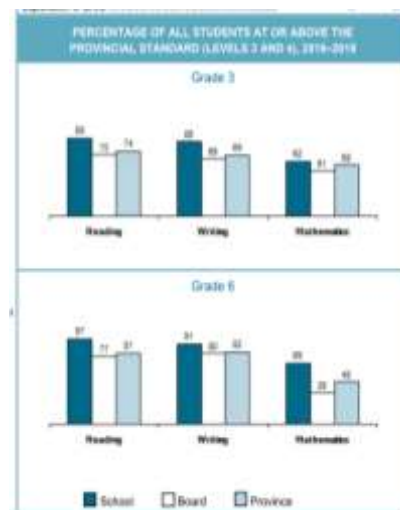
## **Spring 2019 EQAO Assessment**

The results of last spring's Primary and Junior assessments of reading, writing, and mathematics have arrived! 89% and 85% of grade 3 students achieved level 3 and 4 in reading and writing respectively. The number of

Primary students who achieved level 3 and 4 in mathematics improved by 4% to 62%. Our Junior students also did well- 97% of grade 6 students achieved a level 3 and 4 in reading and 91% of students achieved level 3 and 4 in writing! Junior students also improved their numeracy score by 22%, with 69% of grade 6 students achieving level 3 and 4 in mathematics.

School staff have reviewed these initial results and will continue to analyze this and other assessment data that have been collected as part of each child's learning profile. Individual student reports have been sent home with students. Detailed results of the May 2019 assessments can be found at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

This year the Primary assessment will be held from **May 26 to 28** and the Junior assessment will be held from **May 20 to 22**. We are always looking for scribes to assist students who require this specific accommodation. Please notify the office if you can help.



## **Kindergarten Outdoor Classroom Request**

Our outdoor classroom is a wonderful place in which to explore and learn! The kindergarten team is looking for donations of gently used pants, snow/splash pants in sizes 3-8, for children whose snow pants will not dry between recess and outdoor learning opportunities. In addition, if you have any mittens that may be missing their partner, we would be happy to take your onesies off your hands to be used as spare gloves/mittens. Donations of

extra boots or rubber boots in sizes 10, 11, 12, & 13 would also be greatly appreciated!

***Thank-you for your continued support!***



Do you like pizza??? Do you want to help support St. Joseph Catholic School???

Papa John's in Belleville is once again working with our school to help us raise funds towards valuable resources. We will sell Papa John's coupon cards only on SchoolCash Online until **November 28, 2019**. The coupon card costs just \$5 and our school benefits by keeping the entire \$5! Purchased cards will be sent home with the student under whose name it was purchased.

Each coupon card contains the following offers:

- 3 Buy-One-Get-One pizza offers
- 3 Buy a pizza and a 2 L pop get a pizza free
- Free bread side with the purchase of a pizza and 2L pop
- Free dessert with the purchase of a pizza and 2L pop
- Free cheesesticks with purchase of a pizza and 2L pop

The coupons are valid until **November 30, 2020**.

**\*\*\*Pizza Fundraiser\*\*\***



### **The Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge Is Back And We Want Your Used Batteries!**

Please send in your used household batteries to St. Joseph Catholic School! We are one of 200 schools across Ontario competing in the Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge. The Challenge officially launched on October 21, 2019 (Waste Reduction Week) and runs until April 22, 2020 (Earth Day). Its purpose is to teach children and their families about the proper way to handle, store and recycle batteries at home and at school. We won't just be collecting batteries to help our environment and to try to win money - we will also be helping to raise funds for the SickKids Foundation. Our challenge is to raise at least an entire household's worth for every student and staff member enrolled. We need an average of 1.5 kilograms recycled for each participant. That's a total of 600 kg! **Please help us meet that goal by sending us your used batteries.**

Students can also sign up for Student Missions for a chance to win prizes. Missions can be completed at home or in class with parent consent. For more information, visit: [www.rawmaterials.com/ontario-school-recycling-challenge/student/](http://www.rawmaterials.com/ontario-school-recycling-challenge/student/) Thank you for your support!

## ORAL HEALTH SCHOOL SCREENING NOTIFICATION

**Date of Screening: December 17 & 18, 2019.**

**Dental Screenings are being conducted at your child's school for:**

- Students in Grades JK, SK & 2
- Students in Grades 4 and 7 may also be screened.
- Any student as requested by the child/parent.

**IMPORTANT:**

- Parents who do not wish to have their child screened are required to advise the school, in writing, each school year before the scheduled screening date.
- Selected students with urgent treatment needs may be rescreened at this time or at a later date.

**FYI:**

- Oral health screening is a quick, visual oral assessment using a sterilized mouth mirror.
- The screening is a non-invasive oral assessment which can identify potential concerns.
- Oral health report cards are sent home with the children to inform parents of any dental concerns.
- The oral 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 dentist.

**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

To request this document in an alternate format, call 613-966-5500; TTY: 711 or visit [hpePublicHealth.ca](http://hpePublicHealth.ca).

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### School Mass

Parents/guardians are welcome to join us in our school Mass on **Wed., November 13<sup>th</sup>** at St. Joseph's Church. Our grades 1-8 classes will be walking to and from the church, if the weather permits.



### School Spirit Day

Students and staff are invited to show their school spirit by wearing blue or their spirit wear on **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**.



### Treaties Recognition Week

In 2016, the Ontario government passed the Treaties Recognition Week Act to honour the importance of treaties and to help all Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. This year Treaties Recognition Week begins on **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Our school will be learning about the treaty relationship that exists between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the province of Ontario.



### Remembrance Day Service

We will gather as a school community on **November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:35 a.m.** in our gym to honour the brave men and women, past and present, who have dedicated their lives to protecting our freedom. Families are welcome to join our service.



### National Anti-bullying Week

We believe in using our Catholic virtues to stand up for truth and justice. From **November 17<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>** we will recognize National Anti-bullying Week by participating in activities that remind us of how we can make a positive difference in other people's lives just by performing simple acts of kindness and consideration.



### Buy Nothing Day

**The St. Joseph Eco Team challenges you to buy nothing for 24 hours!** Canadians are getting ready to shop until they drop. Black Friday and Christmas shopping are two huge shopping times when people buy things they want rather than just things they need. The problem is, what to do with all that stuff when we don't want it anymore? Our landfills are filling up and some 300 million tonnes of plastic litter the oceans, much of it on the surface, but now even the deepest ocean places are affected. What can you do? Take part in Buy Nothing Day! Buy Nothing Day is where you challenge yourself, your family and friends to switch off from shopping and tune into life. Spend a day without spending! So join in a worldwide movement on **November 29<sup>th</sup>** to buy nothing!



### PA Days

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** and **Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** are PA days. Staff will be involved in professional development focusing on the fundamentals of mathematics and student centered learning. Students do not have classes on PA days.



### Grade 8 Graduation

Our grade 8 graduation will be held on **Mon., June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** We will celebrate Mass as a community and present our graduates with their diplomas and awards at **St. Joseph's Church on Victoria Street**. A dance will follow in our school gymnasium.

September 3, 2019

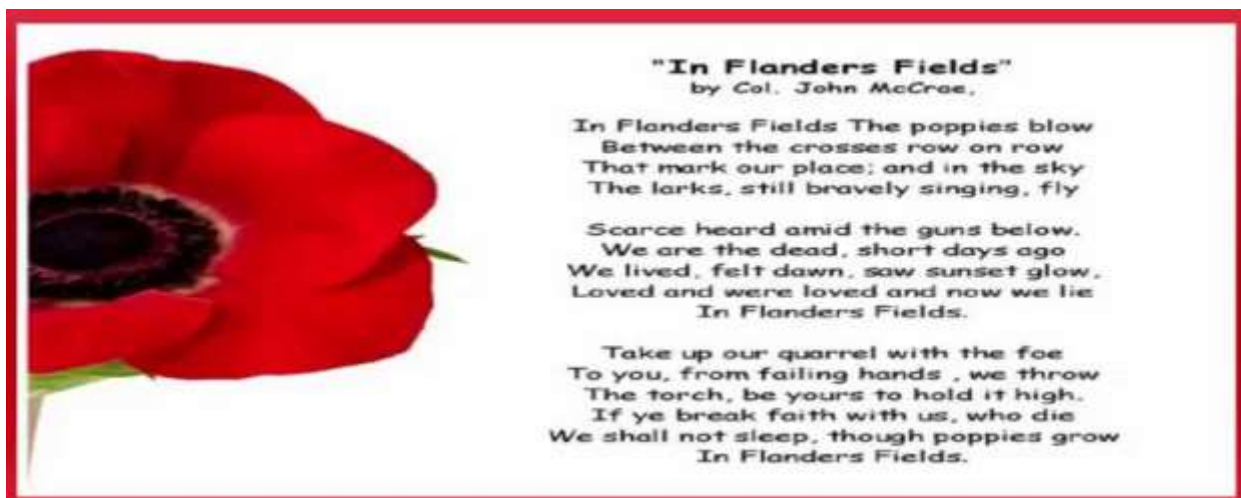
Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board (ALCDSB) and our community partners are committed to providing safe and caring school communities and learning environments for students, staff, school visitors and community members. We believe that each person should be able to study, work and attend our Catholic schools in an environment that is safe and free from threats of violence. The ALCDSB acknowledges the importance of promoting and supporting appropriate and positive student behaviours in schools. It is our hope that all members of our community demonstrate respect for the dignity of all persons.

In 2011, the ALCDSB and its community partners adopted the ALCDSB Community Threat Assessment Protocol (CTAP). This risk/threat assessment process is designed to be a proactive and multi-disciplinary approach to developing intervention plans that address threats of violence, threatening behaviour and instances where the emotional and/or physical safety of individuals may be at risk. Recognizing that violence prevention in our schools and neighbourhoods is a community responsibility, the risk/threat assessment process will be initiated by school administration and/or community partners when behaviours have been identified that pose a potential risk to an individual or to others.

Providing notice to parents/guardians of the risk/threat assessment process ensures that parents/guardians are aware that threatening or high-risk behaviours will be investigated. This also recognizes the important role that the parents/guardians have in supporting and participating in the process itself. For further information, the Community Threat Assessment Protocol (CTAP) document may be found on our website at <http://www.alcddb.on.ca/Board/Policies/Lists/Documents/CTAP2016.pdf>.

Sincerely,  
Terri Slack  
Superintendent of School Effectiveness



# NOVEMBER 2019

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
					1 <i>All Saints' Day</i> PA Day	2 <i>All Souls' Day</i>
3 Treaties Recognition Week 	4	5 Pizza Day	6 Parent-Teacher Interviews	7 Parent-Teacher Interviews	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day Service in our gym at 10:35 a.m. 	12 Pizza Day Catholic School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.	13 School Mass at St. Joseph's Church 10 a.m. Spirit wear/ School Colours Day	14 Dairy Presentations	15 Dairy Presentations	16
17 National Anti-bullying Week	18	19 Pizza Day Senior Volleyball Tournament	20 Junior Volleyball Tournament	21 <i>Feast of the presentation of Mary</i>	22	23
24 <i>Feast of Christ the King</i>	25 Last day to order pizza and milk for December	26 Pizza Day	27	28 Advent Liturgy at 9:40 a.m.	29 Buy Nothing Day PA Day	30

*Christmas Shopping donations will be accepted as of November 18<sup>th</sup>.*