



# St. Joseph Catholic School

*Reverence, Responsibility, Relationships*

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## *October is the month of the Holy Rosary*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee.*

*Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.*

*Amen.*

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary as we honour our **blessed mother, Mary**. When we pray the rosary, we think about the joyful, sorrowful, luminous, and glorious mysteries. We give thanks for Mary's protection and for our salvation.

October is also a time to celebrate and be **thankful for the blessings God gives us each day**-- the brisk morning air, the colourful leaves, the joy of being with friends and family. Children who can recognize the positive moments in their daily lives are not only overall less anxious and more resilient, they are also better able to retain new skills and become more creative, holistic thinkers. You can develop your child(ren)'s positive mindset by asking them about the good things that happen each day and by talking about how their actions made a difference in someone else's day.

Our school community will continue to show our appreciation of God's gifts by putting our **faith into action**. Last month we began our work together to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation. This month we will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Gleaners Foodbank. We are reminded, throughout this year of learning and growing in faith, that we are all guided by "**Reverence, Responsibility, and Relationships**"-- Reverence for all of God's creations, Responsibility for our words and our actions, and opportunities for building healthy Relationships with one another.

Yours in Catholic Education,  
Mrs. Jackie Gauthier  
Principal

## Nice to See You!

It was wonderful to see everyone at our September 25<sup>th</sup> Open House! What a great opportunity to meet new families, catch up with old friends, and check out the classrooms! **Special thanks to our awesome Catholic School Council** for organizing our Bar B-Q! All monies raised from our Bar B-Q has been donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.



## Help Us Keep All of Our Children Safe

The safety of our students is a priority at St. Joseph Catholic School and **we need your help to keep all children safe**. In order to maintain a safe environment, staff will address all unidentified adults. While no parent/guardian considers themselves a stranger to our school, many children will not know your identity and will point you out as a stranger. Also, unauthorized parents/guardians and visitors are not permitted on the schoolyard during school hours. We ask that parents not call their child to the fence to speak to them. Office staff will happily have your child come off the yard to meet you in the office when you come inside.



## Parent Parking Lot

Parent parking is available off Herchimer Street. In order to avoid accidents and injuries, **please do not park along the curb or let your children cross the parking lot without you**. Parents who choose to park on Hastings Drive are reminded to not block private driveways. Thank-you for helping us keep all of our children safe!



## **WE ARE TERRY FOX!**

Our community is truly showing our faith in action during our Terry Fox campaign, which runs from September 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 11<sup>th</sup>. Our school goal is \$5 500. A huge **THANK-YOU** to all of our students, families, community members, and staff for helping us to help others!



*Special thanks to Mr. Durkin and his grade 4 class for organizing our campaign!*  
**Please continue to send in your donations to help us reach our goal!**



## **Good Job, Dragons!**

A job well-done to the St. Joseph Catholic School golf team who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Annual Veterans Memorial Cup Elementary School Golf Championship on September 24<sup>th</sup>! They played with skill, determination, and co-operation! **We are proud of you!**

*Thank-you to Mr. Durkin and Mr. Jones for coaching our team!*

## **From the St. Joseph Catholic School Council**

Our first School Council Meeting was a huge success!

We held an Election of Officers for the 2019/2020 school year. School Council is an excellent way of getting involved in your child's education and we welcome everyone to join us in this important role.

**Co-chairs – Amanda Bentley-Lake & Whitney Hummell**

**Secretary- Marietta Carty**

**Treasurer- Amanda Coates**

**Social Media- Whitney Hummell**

We would like to thank all of the families that came out to the Meet and Greet Night on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. It was so nice to see so many families come out and support the Terry Fox BBQ afterwards. It was such a great turn out. Everything we raised will be added to the students' fundraising donations to the Terry Fox Run this year.

**We would like to sincerely thank all the parent volunteers and the custodians for making it such a wonderful event! A huge thank you to Gilmour's By The Bay for all the meat and buns this year!!**

**Next School Council Meeting:**  
**Tuesday October 8<sup>h</sup> at 6:30pm**



## **Mabel's Labels Fundraiser**

Mabel's Labels are waterproof, durable labels for all of the stuff kids lose. There are so many things to label like clothing, lunch containers, school supplies, dance shoes & costumes, sporting equipment, water bottles and so much more! Our school will receive 20% of all orders. Visit [www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and click on St. Joseph Catholic School (Belleville).



## October Focus Virtue: **EMPATHY**

Virtues are habits that guide us in our daily lives. Empathy is a combination of compassion and understanding. Empathy means that we not only relate to how someone is feeling but that we willingly act on those feelings. We comfort those who need comforting, celebrate with those who are happy, and respectfully understand that not everyone shares our points of view.

We grow to our potential within a community and God gives us opportunities to make real connections with everyone around us whenever we actively practice the virtue of empathy.

*“Do unto others as you would have them do to you” ~Luke 6:31*



## **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 launches 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!



## **October is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Every October, Children's Aid Societies across the province raise awareness about the rights of children to safety and well-being as well as the responsibility of the whole community to provide support. Students and staff are invited to participate in Dress Purple Day on **Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** to show that we accept God's invitation to take care of one another.

## **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



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### Liturgy of the Word

Parents/guardians are welcome to join us at our Thanksgiving liturgy of the Word on **Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** in our gymnasium.

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." ~Psalm 107:1*



### School Mass

Parents/guardians are welcome to join us in our school Mass on **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** at St. Joseph's Church on Victoria Avenue.



### School Spirit Day

Students and staff are invited to show their school spirit by wearing blue or their spirit wear on **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**.



### Food Drive

St. Joseph Catholic School will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Gleaners Foodbank from **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Gleaners Foodbank has informed us that they are in most need of the following staple items:

-peanut butter   -dry pasta   -pork 'n' beans   -Kraft dinner   -pasta sauce   -canned tuna/salmon  
-canned pasta   -canned veggies   -canned meat   -canned/boxed soup   -apple juice   -stew

We are happy to collect whatever non-perishable items that families would like to donate.

*Thank-you for helping us help the Gleaners Foodbank!*



### Lockdown Drill

Regularly practicing lockdown and fire drills is a part of our Safe Schools routine. We will be having our lockdown drill on **October 10<sup>th</sup>** at approximately 10:15 a.m. Please note that all doors will be locked and phones will not be answered during the drill.



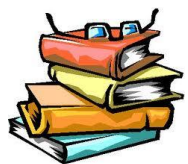
### Picture Re-Take Day

Students who were absent on picture day and those who wish to have individual picture re-takes will have an opportunity to have their pictures taken on **Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that individual photos will not be available in the Spring.



### Hallowe'en Dance

Our grade 8 Leadership Team will be hosting our annual Hallowe'en Dance on **Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**! Students are welcome to bring a school-appropriate costume to wear while their class is having fun at the dance. Costumes are not allowed to be worn on the yard for safety reasons.



### PA Days

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** and **Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** are PA days. Staff from all ALCDSB schools will be involved in numeracy inservices and reporting.

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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 Pizza Day	2	3	4 Gr. 6 Faith Day	5
6	7 <i>Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	8 Pizza Day  Bus Safety Presentations K-Gr. 8  Catholic School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.	9	10 Lockdown Drill at 10:15 a.m.	11 Last day to bring in your Terry Fox donations!  Thanksgiving Liturgy	12
<b>Food Drive for Gleaners Foodbank</b>						
13	14 Happy Thanksgiving!	15 Pizza Day	16 School Mass at 10 a.m. St. Joseph Church  Spirit wear/ School Colours Day	17 Bus Evacuation Training K-Gr. 8	18 Elexicon Energy Safety Presentations K-Gr. 8	19
20 <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	21	22 Pizza Day	23	24 Dress Purple Day	25	26
27	28 Last Day to order pizza and milk for November	29 Pizza Day  Individual Picture Re-takes in a.m.	30	31 Hallowe'en Dance		