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# St. Joseph Catholic School

*Reverence, Responsibility, Relationships*

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*Lord God, You who breathed the spirit of life within me,  
 Draw out of me the light and life you created. Help me to find my way back to  
 You. Help me to use my life to reflect Your glory and to serve others as Your son  
 Jesus did. Amen.*

Do you remember when your children were first learning to walk? They stumbled, they fell, and they may even have had a few bumps and bruises. Yet one day they did it! **Our children figured it out on their own because we wiped their tears, we cheered them on, and we let them make mistakes.** It's hard to watch our children experience difficulties. Our first instinct as parents is to shelter them from every disappointment. Yet when we won't allow our children to experience difficulties or even take responsibility for their actions, we rob them of 2 important lessons: **1) mistakes are learning opportunities** and **2) the success they achieve is directly related to the effort they make.**

Research has shown that resilient children who know that they are in control of their actions and use self-control by sticking to challenging tasks, become successful teenagers and adults. A **positive growth mindset** enables our children to take charge of their learning and of their lives!

May we continue to help our children become the people God wants them to be by supporting their efforts, celebrating their successes, and letting them make mistakes.

Yours in Catholic Education,  
 Mrs. Jackie Gauthier  
 Principal

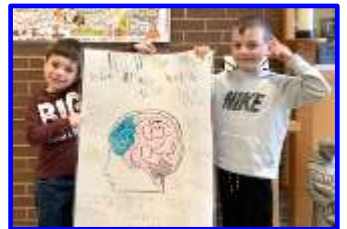


## Kindergarten Registration is Now Open

Kindergarten in the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board focuses on faith formation and academic success, all within a play-based learning environment. Teachers and Early Childhood Educators work together to develop your child's natural curiosity and excitement for learning. St. Joseph Catholic School ensures a caring and safe environment for your children, all while staying committed to the use of advanced technology in the classroom.

Parents can register their children online and make an appointment to come to our school to complete the registration.

You will find the link to the online forms on our website at:  
<http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/School/jose/Pages/default.aspx>



## Communication of Learning, Report Cards, and Parent Teacher Interviews

Communication of Learning (COL) reports for kindergarten students and report cards for students in grades 1 to 8 are an important part of the ongoing communication between home and school. First term COLs and report cards will be sent home with your child(ren) on **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**.

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on **Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. Information on how to book your Parent-Teacher interview will be sent home with the report card. Please contact the office if you require assistance.



### Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Pancakes made with rich ingredients like butter and milk are traditionally eaten on Shrove Tuesday. Doing so reminds us that Lent is a time for fasting and making God the priority in our lives. A big **THANK-YOU to Ms. Hogle and all of our parent volunteers** who have volunteered

to come in on **February 25<sup>th</sup>** to make pancakes for our whole school!



### Lenten Almsgiving

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26<sup>th</sup> and ends on Holy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. It is a time of preparation and introspection. It is a moment to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. For 40 days and 40 nights, we walk together with Jesus by giving back to our community.

During this Lenten season, we have chosen to support the **Gleaners Food Bank** as a school community. Last year in Belleville, almost **10,000 adults** and over **5,500 children** were in need of food services. In our community, the cost of living including food, housing and basic needs continues to rise. When some earn only a minimum income or receive social assistance, food is purchased with whatever money is left after paying rent and bills. For some, that amount could be next to nothing. As a non-profit organization, The Gleaners Food bank's funds are limited and are strictly received through donations.

Over the next several weeks, we will be providing you with more information in regards to how you can support this cause. **Together, we can make a difference!**

### Fundraiser Dinner!

Family and friends, please join us on **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5 p.m.** for a delicious Prime Rib Dinner at The Dugout! The cost of the dinner is \$20.50 per person and all proceeds from this event will go towards the Grade 8 year-end trip to Niagara. Tickets are limited so please be sure to purchase your tickets soon through SchoolCash Online. We cannot wait to see you there and thank-you for your support!



### St. Joseph CS Science Fair

The Science Fair is going to be held on **Thursday, February 27, 2020** in the gym. Students from grades 4 to 8 will be showing off a large variety of science fair projects and competing for prizes. Our winners will be asked to participate in the regional science fair at Loyalist College on Saturday, April 18, 2020. Visitors are welcome to drop in to our science fair and share the excitement! The Science Fair will be open until 6:00 pm.

## ST. JOSEPH'S FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

### **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!**

January has sure flown by! St. Joseph's School Council is looking ahead to some amazing events for 2020! On **Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020** we will be hosting our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast. Anyone interested in volunteering for this yummy event please contact MacKenzie Hogle. Our next School Council meeting is **Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join us and invest in your child's education.

For more info, please check the school website <http://schools.alcddb.on.ca/jose/default.aspx> and join our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjoesparentcouncil/>



## February Focus Virtue: RESPECT

Our school community continues to affirm our Catholic identity through daily prayers, school masses, social justice outreach, and curriculum connections. Focusing on a particular virtue every month allows our children to understand that God invites us to use our gifts in service of others.

God created all living things and has a unique plan for each one of us. This means that every being is special and worthy of dignity. The virtue of respect involves respecting God by following

His commandments, respecting our relationships by putting others first, and respecting ourselves by taking care of our bodies and minds.

*“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” ~ Revelation 4:11*



## St. Valentine's Day & Allergies

Students are welcome to share Valentine's cards with all of their classmates on Valentine's Day. **Please be aware that we have many children in our community with nut and other allergies.** Many treats, especially those that come with Valentine cards, are not **peanut or nut free** and pose a serious health risk to some of our children.



## Pizza Day and Cancelled Buses

A friendly reminder that **if all school buses are cancelled on a Tuesday, then children who have ordered pizza will receive it on Wednesday.** Please be sure to send a lunch with your child(ren) if all buses are cancelled on a Tuesday.

The decision to remove buses from the road because of unsafe driving conditions is made by Tri-Board Student Transportation. Cancellations are announced by our local radio stations and are listed at [www.triboard.on.ca](http://www.triboard.on.ca). Buses that are cancelled due to snow are cancelled for the whole day. Parents who drive their child(ren) to school on a “snow day” are responsible for picking them up at the end of the school day. There is always the possibility of bus cancellations during the school day. **Parents are reminded to update all phone and emergency contact information.**



## Lunch Monitors Wanted

We are looking for applications from individuals interested in being paid lunch supervisors at St. Joseph Catholic School. If you are available to work one or more days per week or are interested in an “on-call” lunch supervisor position, please call the school at 613-962-3653.



## School Recycling Challenge

Please keep sending in your used household batteries to help us meet our goals for the Ontario School Battery Recycling Challenge and win part of the prize pool! Batteries will be recycled properly and you can help us to win money to support activities at St. Joseph Catholic School!



## It's For the Birds and You

Looking for a way to get outside with the kids and enjoy connecting with nature? The Great Backyard Bird Count takes place this month between **Feb. 14 – 17<sup>th</sup>**. It takes as little as 15 minutes and your bird count numbers can help determine in real time what is going on with our bird populations. Not a birder? Don't worry – the Great Canadian Bird Count website or free app offers lots of help with identifying birds and the how tos to doing the count. This is a great way to help make your child or children aware of what is going on in the world outside. Check out <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/> for more information.

Good Food Market		
PAY LESS, GET FRESH! EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Affordable, healthy produce EVERY MONTH, YEAR ROUND!		
Bancroft	Kijicho Manito: Madaouskarini Algonquin Nation, 24 Flint Ave., 10am-12pm—First Thurs.	Club 580, 168 Hastings St. North 4:30-6pm —Second Friday
Belleville	Quinte Living Centre, 370 Front St., 1-3pm—First Wednesday	Belleville and Quinte West Community Health Centre, 161 Bridge St. West 5-6:30pm—Second Thurs
Coe Hill	Royal Canadian Legion, 2254 Hwy 620, 1:30-3pm—First Thursday	
Deseronto	Royal Canadian Legion, 340 Main St., 9:30am-11:30am—Second Wednesday	
Frankford	Community Partners for Success, 100 North Trent St., 9:30am-11:30am—First Wednesday	
Madoc	Royal Canadian Legion, 53 St. Lawrence St. E., 9:30am-11:30am—Last Thursday	Centre Hastings Park- Arto Building, Hwy 62 and Seymour St. 5-6:30pm —Last Thursday
Marmora	Marmora Public Library, 37 Forsyth St., 1-3pm—Last Thursday	
Trenton	Club 105, 61 Bay St. 9:30am-11:30am—First Friday	
Tweed	Tweed Public Library, 230 Metcalf St., 11am-1pm—Second Saturday	

For more information call 613.968.2466 or visit [cdcquinte.com](http://cdcquinte.com)  
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### School Mass

Families are invited to join us as we celebrate the Ash Wednesday Mass on **Wed. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church.



### Sacramental Preparation

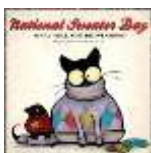
Preparing for and receiving the sacraments are an important part of our children's spiritual development. Please note these important dates below:

- Parent meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> Confession & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion: **Wed., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.** at the school
- First Confession – **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.** at St. Joseph's Church
- First Communion – **Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11a.m.** at St. Joseph's Church



### Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Joseph's Church on **Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7 p.m.** More information to come regarding the parent meeting to register your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation and the date of the retreat.



### National Sweater Day Sweater Contest and Fashion Show!

Our school will be taking part in National Sweater Day on **Thurs., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**! We will turn down the heat a little bit so students should wear or bring a sweater or hoodie to school. The EcoTeam will be sponsoring a contest and fashion show to highlight "**creative sweaters, colourful sweaters, ugly and eco themed sweaters**". All classes will vote on the best sweaters in their class and the class winners will be invited to take part in a fashion show in the afternoon. We look forward to having some fun at school while helping students look at how everyday actions affect our energy use and our planet's future.



### Candygrams

Our grade 8 Leadership Team will be selling candygrams during lunch from **Feb. 10-13<sup>th</sup>** for \$1 each. Candygrams will be delivered on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.



### Grade 8 Parent Information Night

Nicholson Catholic College is hosting a Grade 8 Parent/Guardian Information Night on **Wed., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the NCC Learning Commons. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Polar Bear Week

From Feb. 24-28, our EcoTeam will share information about polar bears and the challenges that they and other arctic life are facing due to global warming. We'll be looking at how our actions in the south affect the fate of those animals so far away. To kick off the week we invite all students at St Joseph to create a piece of artwork depicting a picture of a polar bear or their favourite Canadian Arctic animal for submission to our art contest by **Monday, February 24**. Art pieces can be 2D or 3D and should be original pieces. Submissions can be handed into your student's classroom teacher. The EcoTeam is also inviting all classes to join us in a vigil at the end of the day on Feb. 28 to remind our community that all of us can take action to slow down climate change.



### National Pink Shirt Day

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** is national anti-bullying Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day began when two teenagers encouraged everyone in their school to wear a pink shirt in support of a boy who was being bullied. Wearing a pink shirt reminds us all of the importance of taking a stand against bullying. It also reminds us of the power we all have to make the world a better place!



### Catholic School Council

We are blessed to have an active Catholic School Council that co-ordinates our milk and hot lunch programs, organizes our fundraisers, supports programming, and so much more! Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** All parents are invited to attend.  
*We hope to see you there!*

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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>
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2 <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>	3	4	5 Pizza Day	6 National Sweater Day	7	8
9	10 Candygram Sales	11 Pizza Day	12 1 <sup>st</sup> Confession & 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion parent meeting Gym 7 p.m.  Gr. 8 Parent Info night at NCC 6:30 p.m.	13	14 <i>Feast Day of St. Valentine</i>  Candygram deliveries	15
16	17 Family Day	18 Pizza Day	19 Report Cards go home with students	20 Ski Trip	21	22
23	24 Last day to order pizza and milk for March  Last day to submit artwork for Polar Bear Week	25 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i> Pancakes by Catholic School Council  Theatre performance K-gr.3  Pizza Day Parent-Teacher Interviews	26 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> School Mass at 10 a.m. St. Joseph's Church  National Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day	27 Science Fair	28 Climate Change Vigil	29