



The Cougar Column

ST. JOSEPH - NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Principal...

Hopefully everyone had a safe and fun Hallowe'en. With Hallowe'en candy in excess at home, please be reminded that we do not allow candy or chocolate for snacks. We are working hard to ensure that all of our students learn about proper nutrition and that they bring healthy lunches and snacks to school.



Progress notes go home on the 15th of this month.

On November 22nd, we are hosting a Portfolio night which offers a chance to review your child's portfolio of work with them and an opportunity to purchase some books at our Scholastic book fair. Please join us from 4-7 pm.

Check your monthly calendar for all of the upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pichette



For Remembrance Day, we will honour our fallen soldiers as well as those who have returned to us and those who are still fighting for our freedoms.

REMINDERS - Safety is our priority!



When you visit the school – please check in with the secretary and use a visitor's pass.

The school is **NOT supervised until 8:35 am.**

FUNDRAISING



We are kicking off our first fundraiser on Nov. 2nd! We ask that you help your child sell to family members, friends and neighbours. Please ensure that you always supervise them if they go door to door. The socks are \$10 per pair. The socks are colourful and perfect as Christmas presents! The money must be in by Nov. 24th so that we can have Christmas delivery.



FOCUS ON FAITH

Our monthly mass will be celebrated on November 9th at 9:30 at St. Joachim Church.

The Virtue of the month is Love. Students are working toward their Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion with the Parish. Please encourage them and if your child is not participating – it is not too late!



We have some excellent news – many of our families have asked that we have a Baptismal ceremony for those children who wish to be able to join their classmates for First reconciliation and Communion but are not yet Baptised. Some parents are also wishing to join their children. We are excited to be working on making this happen with the Parish – hopefully in January.

Sessions:

Reconciliation

Second Session of Reconciliation: Sunday, November 5th at 6:30 - Parish hall

Celebration of Reconciliation: Sunday, November 12th at 2:00 pm - Parish hall

Eucharist

Sunday, Jan. 28th at 6:30 pm - Parish hall

Sunday, Feb. 11th at 6:30 pm – St. Joseph school

Sunday, April 1st at 6:30 pm - Parish Hall (Palm Sunday)

Celebration of Eucharist

Sunday, April 15th at 10:30 am Mass at Parish

SAFE SCHOOLS – ANTI-BULLYING

We want all children to feel safe and secure at school. Part of our approach is to teach the children to “keep their hands and feet to themselves,” as well as to use “kind and respectful” words. Another aspect is to educate them about the difference between a conflict and being bullied, and what to do in each case. While a single incident may still be serious, it does not constitute bullying. Bullying is something that happens repeatedly and over a period of time. Anything of that nature should be reported to staff to be dealt with accordingly.

FOCUS ON INSTRUCTION



We continue to work on “Mental Math” and small group instruction as part of our school improvement plan. Working in small groups allows students to work at their own level and affords them the opportunity to improve their own work by receiving timely and effective feedback. As parents, you can help your child at home but that can be daunting as you navigate the many new strategies that are used since you were in school! As a support piece, there is an excellent site that you can check out with your child:

<http://mathies.ca/activitiesTogether.html>



Our Newsletter and monthly calendar(s) as well as pictures of events, can be viewed at the Board site at: <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca>

Check us out!