



St. Joseph School

COUGAR'S CORNER



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Monthly Virtue

Keep the faith! The most amazing things in life tend to happen right at the moment you are about to give up nope!



Instructional Focus

Each class begins the day with the Morning Routine. It is crucial that your child arrives promptly at 8:45am in order to take part in this rich instructional program.



Catholic School Council

A sincere thank you to all those who expressed interest in participating in School Council this year! I look forward to a positive and productive partnership! Our next meeting is October 23rd at 6:00pm.

Meet our team:

Co-Chairs: Pam Powers & Amanda Rantala (Parents)

Secretary: Heather Barkel (School)

School Representatives:

Chantal Cote Trish George

Amanda O'Neil

Parent Representatives:

Sabrina Bougie Caitlyn Brazier

Joel Faubert Jana Lavoie

Bill McCord Jessica Rubino

Danielle Roy Angela Tario

Gary Thompson Kim White



Supervision

It should be noted that our school is supervised starting at 8:30 in the morning. Please note that staff will not be able to supervise your children if they arrive prior to 8:30.



Parents & Visitors Sign In

Parents are welcomed to the school throughout the year, however, for the safety of our students and staff, parents and visitors must use the main door (by the gym) for entry and need to sign in at the office. As part of our commitment to ensuring student safety, the doors



remain locked during the school day; visitors need to be buzzed in with our buzzer system and they need to report to the office. Visitors are not permitted to enter classrooms as this is a disruption to student programming. If you need to visit the classroom, arrangements can be made in advance with your child's teacher. Parent messages and deliveries (lunches, clothing, etc.) are handled through the office. Student lunches can be left on the table inside the office. Don't forget to label your child's lunch!

End of the Day Dismissal

If you plan to pick up your child at the end of the day, please **contact the school by 2:00** to have them removed from the bus list. Please also check in with the staff on duty before leaving with your child. The safety of our students is our first priority! Thank you for your cooperation.



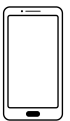
Volunteering at St. Joseph School

If you are interested in volunteering at the school you are required to present the school administration with an original copy of a valid vulnerable sector check (criminal record). An application can be picked up at the office. If you provided us with a copy in the past, you are asked to sign an offense declaration form which can also be completed at the office.



Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to use their cell phones and personal devices from "Bell to Bell." This means that devices must remain in their backpacks from 8:30-3:15. This is a new mandate by the Ministry of Education. We greatly appreciate your support to protect our instructional time during the day.



Thanksgiving

Monday, October 14th is Thanksgiving Day. We have so many blessings in our daily lives. Let us take time to consider each precious gift and to give thanks.



Enjoy the long weekend with family and friends!

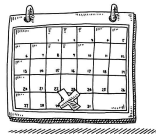
Halloween

On Wednesday, October 30th, we will be dressing in Halloween themed colours. The students will be invited to wear their costumes on Thursday, October 31st. Please ensure that your child's costume is school appropriate and that it does not include props that can be considered weapons. Make sure that your child's costume is safe as the students will be wearing their costumes outside for recess (i.e. not a tripping hazard and mask allows for unobstructed vision). On the 31st we will also be holding our annual Halloween Parade in the Gym at 1:15. Doors will open at 12:45. Family and friends are welcome! With the safety of your ghost and goblin in mind, we ask that all treats be store bought and prepackaged. Please also avoid sending snacks that include nuts. Thank you!



Important Dates/Upcoming Events

October 1st: Picture Day
October 1st and 2nd: IPRC Meetings
October 2nd: Pizza and milk orders due in School Cash.
October 3rd: Board track meet (Gr. 3-6)
October 10th: Pizza lunches and milk orders begin.
October 11th: Harvest Celebration for students in the Gym.
October 14th: Thanksgiving Monday. No school.
October 15th: IEPs go home.
October 17th: Thanksgiving Mass @ 9:30am at St. Joachim's Church. Family and friends are welcome!
October 23rd: Catholic School Council meeting at 6:00pm.
October 18th: Dress like a Scarecrow day.
October 30th: Dress in Halloween colours day.
October 31st: Dress in Halloween costumes.
Halloween Parade in the Gym at 1:15. Doors will open at 12:45. Family and friends are welcome!



November 1st: PA Day. No school.

Message from the Office

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. Your support and understanding are greatly appreciated!



Yours in Catholic Education,

Chantal Chaperon-Cote

Acting Administrator

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