



Our Monthly Virtue is Love

The goal of this virtue:

- To live out our first commandment
- To deepen our relationship with Christ
- To base our actions on "unlimited kindness toward all others"
- To be selfless and sacrificial in our daily activities
- To be willing to sacrifice for someone else's well being
- To make other people a priority
- To share our time, talents and treasures for the benefit of others
- To forgive others

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" Matthew 7:2



Instructional Focus

This year, we are excited to announce the implementation of the JUMP Math program. JUMP Math is informed by the latest science on how children's brains learn best. The program meets students where they are in their learning and guides students to discover math concepts in gradual, scaffolded lessons. Students gain confidence by engaging with and mastering concepts at their own pace. The Board has decided to ensure that all students are receiving straight grade instruction in Math as it provides a cohesive curriculum that ensures foundational concepts are well understood.



Catholic School Council

On Saturday, November 23rd at 6:00pm our school will be participating in the Timmins Santa Claus Parade. This year's theme is "Musical Notes & Holiday Floats," and the students have already begun sharing their ideas and designs. If your child is interested in walking alongside, or riding on the float, or if you are available to volunteer to help with preparations, decorations, and/or supervision on the day of the parade, please contact the school.



Fundraising

Watch for our upcoming Tree Lighting event, Hot Dog days and Mabel's Labels fundraiser.

School Routines

Our schoolyard **supervision begins at 8:30** in the morning. In order to ensure your child's safety, please do not drop them off prior to that time.



Our **lunchtime is scheduled from 11:30-12:30**. If you are planning to drop off your child's lunch, it can be left at the office. Don't forget to label your child's lunch!

If you are picking 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.

Attendance Matters

Our **day begins promptly at 8:45** with our Breakfast Program and Morning Routine instruction. Regular attendance is key to your child's academic success.



How Families Can Help

- Establish a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Keep track of your child's absences. Missing only 2 days each month is 10% of the school year.
- Have a backup plan for getting your child to school. Reach out to a family member, friend, or another parent.
- If your child expresses anxiety or reluctance about going to school, chat with his/her teacher. The school can work with you to ensure your child feels comfortable and is excited to come to school.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, speak with his/her teacher to arrange for resources and ideas for continuing learning at home.

Volunteering at St. Joseph School

If you are interested in volunteering at the school you are required to present an original copy of a valid vulnerable sector check. 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.



Halloween

That special day is quickly approaching! 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/Events

October 29th: Faith Recognition and HERO Attendance Awards

October 30th: Dress in Halloween colours

October 31st: Boo-Grams handed out
Dress in Halloween Costumes

Halloween Parade in the Gym at 1:15. Doors will open at 12:45.

November 1st: PA Day. No school.

November 3rd: Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 4th: Dance-a-thon Forms Go Home

November 4-8th: Treaty Week

November 8th: Jersey Day

November 11-15th: Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

November 11th: Remembrance Day

November 12th: Odd Socks Day - Staff and students are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us different.

November 13th: World Kindness Day

November 14th: School Mass @ 9:30am

November 20th: Progress Reports go home

November 22nd: Dance-a-thon Forms Due to Office

November 23rd: Christmas Parade

November 25-29th: Book Fair

November 26th: Dress up like your favourite storybook character

November 28th: Student-led Conferences 4-7pm

November 29th: Dance-a-thon



December 11 : Christmas Concert at St. Joachim's Church @ 1:00pm.



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." We greatly appreciate your support to protect our instructional time during the day.



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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School Board Support

Did you know that it's important to regularly verify your tax-directed support by either checking your property tax bill or by speaking to your landlord to confirm. By doing so, you make a conscious decision to support the board that best reflects your educational preferences, and you will also be able to vote in that board's next municipal election for trustees.

How to Check:

Visit aboutmyproperty.ca to confirm and/or update your electoral information in a few easy steps. You can also change/update your school support for electoral purposes and add names to your property address. To confirm your electoral information on voterlookup.ca, you will need:

- your city;
- your last name and first name;
- your date of birth; and
- your address or your property roll number.

Take a few minutes to verify your information at aboutmyproperty.ca and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

For more information:

<https://www.ncdsb.on.ca/schoolsupport.php>

