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Newsletter
January 27th, 2017

"Be kind to one another"
Ephesians 4:32



"Vazzy"

Merci 

If you did not get the chance to join us Friday afternoon to watch the students do their performance after the 3 day workshop, you missed a real treat! Intermediate students worked hard over the past few days and culminated with a performance where they sang, danced and celebrated the French Canadian culture! Primary students had French centers and activities and produced some wonderful French art work to help with decorating for the performance. What a fantastic opportunity for our students and a great way to enhance our French program. Thank you Mrs. Farr for working so hard to secure this wonderful opportunity for us and thank you to 'Vazzy' for their hard work with our students.

Parking Lot

We are still working on a system for the parking lot. Your patience is appreciated. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Interviews



Parent-Teacher
Conferences

Parent Teacher Interviews take place on Tuesday, February 7th and Wednesday, February 8th from 4:00pm to 7:30pm. Thank you for taking the time to schedule your appointment with us. We look forward to meeting with you and learning more about your child as they journey through the year.

There will be **no school** on **Friday, February 10th** in lieu of interviews.

Science Fair



The Grade 6 classes are pleased to announce their upcoming Science Fair on Wednesday, February 15th from 1:00pm - 2:15pm. The students are inviting parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends and neighbours, who have a love of science to come and judge our event. It is a "non-competitive" fair but students would benefit greatly from the judging experience. Adults with some science training, a job in a scientific field, or with a passion for science are asked to consider giving an hour of their time to meet with these budding scientists and ask them questions about their projects. Please contact Mrs. Beetlestone at kbeetlestone@cisnd.ca or leave a message at the school **no later than Feb. 3rd** if you are able to help the Grade 6 students in their scientific endeavours. Thank you.

Safe Environment Training Workshop ***

*****Parents who are wanting to volunteer at St. Joseph Elementary School must have attended a training workshop and completed the Safe Environment Policy requirements.**

A Safe Environment training workshop will be held on **Thursday, February 9 at 7:00pm** at the **Catholic Pastoral Centre**.

New volunteers who work with children, youth or vulnerable adults, people who are renewing their criminal record checks and anyone interested in learning more about this policy and how to protect vulnerable people are welcome to attend. Please read the policy before you arrive. It is available from the Safe Environment Office webpage (www.nelsondiocese.org) or from your parish office.

Please RSVP to renee.burzuk@nelsondiocese.org (preferred) or 250-448-2725 ext. 225.



READ-A-THON

Read-a-Thon is coming! Now is the time for the kids to warm-up all their loving family members as pledge sponsors! Look for further information and sponsorship packages soon. If you have questions, please contact Ashley Pereira ashleypereira3@gmail.com

NEXT PSG MEETING – Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30pm

Please find the minutes for the January meeting enclosed. Please note the PSG monthly meeting for February will be Tuesday, February 21st in the new school wing starting at 6:30pm. All parents welcome!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DAY – Tuesday, February 28th

Mark it on your calendars - the PSG will be hosting a pancake brunch in the Parish Hall to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, February 28th for all students, teachers and staff of St. Joseph Elementary and the Clubhouse Childcare Centre. We are seeking help from parent volunteers (set-up is starting at 9am, chefs, servers, clean-up) to help make this event a success.

Volunteer sign up link www.volunteersignup.org/ARE8B

If you have any questions contact Jeff White jwchocolate@hotmail.com

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Divorce Care for Kids Program

Divorce is messy and confusing for adults. Much more so for children! Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K), a thirteen-week Christian program, presented from a Catholic perspective, can help children heal, cope, and discover that they are not alone in their search for a new way to be family. Please open the attachment for details, and go to www.dc4k.org to view a one-minute video of an actual session and to discover resources in the Parent Resources section. Pam Kemp & Terry McAllister, DC4K Animators

Immaculata Annual Grad Fashion Show Fundraiser

The IRHS fashion show is on **Friday, February 3rd. Doors open at 6:30pm.** Proceeds go to pay for graduation and prom for the Immaculata grad students. **Tickets are \$10.00** and available at the IRHS school office or at the door on the evening of the show. Invite your friends and families! It going to be a great musical event!



Rooted in Faith: Praying for our Catholic Schools

Join us Thursday, 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in the IRHS Chapel
Prayer focus will be Mr. Drosdovech's grade 11A class.

Attachments

- Divorce Care for Kids Program
- Immaculata Annual Grad Fashion Show Fundraiser

Our mission is to foster the development of the total child in spirit, mind and body. Through Jesus, we encourage the pursuit of excellence in a community of love and respect.

Virtue for January is
TRUST

How do we practise it:

- Believing in someone or something
- Having confidence that the right thing will happen without trying to control it
- Being sure, down deep, that there is some good in everything that happens

"The Virtues Project™"