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## **Newsletter February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

"Let all that you do be done in love."  
Corinthians 16:14

Dear St. Joseph Families,

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. So many amazing things take place all of the time at our school and it is because of your dedication to our school, our staff, our programs and our/your children, that we are a such a wonderful place of family, faith and education. It is, as usual, a busy place next week and we would like to invite you to drop by ANY TIME to spend time here. The Gr 6 and 7 teachers are hosting a Come and See ADST Open house February 7<sup>th</sup> 1:15-2:15pm in their classrooms and computer lab. Skills and Technologies featured: Woodworking, Textiles, Robotics/Sumobots and Career Education. And of course, we are having our Student-Led Conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday as well as our Family Day Picnic on Thursday.

Please feel free to bring a friend in next week (or any time) and show them around. We would love to have 'their family join our family'!!

With blessings and thanks to you from all of our staff for making the sacrifices you do to make St. Joseph School such a great choice for your family.

Lynn Fleck

### **Family Day Picnic Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>!!!!!!**

Don't forget to join us for our Family Day Picnic in the gym on Thursday from 11:40-12:45. We will start the picnic off with prayer before we eat and finish off with an ice-cream treat (provided by us) and then you are invited to go outside and have some play time with your child before you go back to work. Remember to bring your picnic lunch for you and your children. If you are unable to make it, don't worry at all, because we will have lots of 'families' available for your child.

### **Cambridge Uniforms**

As a thank you to St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Cambridge Uniforms is pleased to offer a Save the GST week on all online and instore purchases made from: Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see attachment for more details.

## **Student Led Conferences**

We are so excited about our Student Led Conferences next week!!!

You should now have received your conference time confirmation for Tuesday or Wednesday evening. You will have noticed that if you have more than one child they may have been given the same time slot. If this is the case, you will need to allow for time to visit both classes.

Please note that if you have been given a specific conference time (e.g. 7:15pm) rather than a range (e.g. 7-7:45) then this is the time that you are expected for your conference.

A reminder that siblings should be asked to sit outside the classroom quietly or they may be taken to the Library for babysitting. This is a time for you and one of your children to share in, and to discuss progress.

## **Ready, Set Learn**

St. Joseph School will be holding our **Ready, Set Learn!** on **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** from **9:00 -10:30am**. If you or someone you know has a child entering kindergarten in September 2018, this is a wonderful opportunity for the children. They spend time in our kindergarten classroom doing a variety of fun activities and enjoying a story and a snack, while parents spend time learning about our fantastic school and having a tour.

Call the school office (250 763-3371) as soon as possible to reserve your spot, as space is limited and we are filling up fast. ***St. Joseph School – the RIGHT CHOICE for your child!***

## **Healthy eating month**

Since February is Heart Health Month, we are putting a major focus on healthy eating for our students. Please help make this happen by focussing on packing (or better yet, having your child help you pack) healthy lunch and snack choices. We still continue to see a lot of chocolate, 'junk type food' (chips etc.), and candy being sent and know that these are not the best way to feed our brains. Of course an occasional treat is wonderful (provided next week for you!) but limiting these is very important. Thank you for helping us make this a healthy learning environment.

## **Mass**

Please join us for Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. Thank you to Miss Nagy and her class for preparing the mass. As usual, donations for St. Vincent DePaul are much needed and your contribution helps make a huge difference for someone who is in need.

## **Re-registration Packages**

Your re-registration package will be sent home in the next few weeks. Please watch for them and return them as soon as possible to ensure that your child has a seat for our 2018 -19 school year!

## **Save the Date!:**

Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>: Student Led Conferences (4-7:30pm)

Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>: Family Day Picnic

Friday February 9<sup>th</sup>: no school, day in lieu for conferences

Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>: no school – Family Day

Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>: Shrove Tuesday PSG brunch and Pyjama Spirit Day!

Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday Mass – please join us.

Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>: Ready Set Learn – register NOW!

Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Professional Development Day – no school for students

## **Attachments**

- Family Day Picnic
- Shrove Tuesday
- Ready, Set, Learn
- Rooted in Faith schedule



### **Rooted in Faith: Praying for our Catholic Schools Join us in the IRHS Chapel 12:15 – see attachment**

Monday, February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Focus 11A	Mr. Witkowski's class
Monday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Focus 5Z	Mr. Zerr's class
Monday, February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Focus 12A	Mrs. Vos's class

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 February is **Kindness**

- showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others
- being thoughtful about people's needs
- showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help
- treating yourself and others gently
- caring about the earth and all living things

"The Virtues Project™"