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Saint Joseph's News

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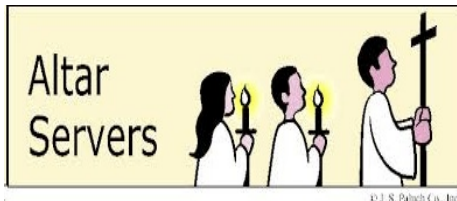
Secretary: Kelly MacArthur

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Our school community strives to promote love and respect for God, self and others, while fostering lifelong learning and celebrating Catholic faith, traditions and values.

ALTAR SERVERS WANTED!

- Children who are in Grade 4 and above, and have received their first Holy Communion, are eligible. Altar Servers provide a very significant role in the Mass and our Church is enriched through their dedication and service.
- One of the important messages God gives his people is to serve one another. By becoming an Altar Server, it is a fulfilling way to start a lifetime of service to God, His Church and His people!
- Parents may call St. Joseph Parish Office



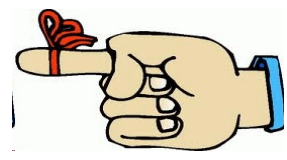
519-832-2202 to reserve a spot at the next training.

- Men and Women! Were you an altar server when you were younger? Did you miss or never have the opportunity to be an altar server? Either way now is your chance to be part of this important ministry! If you are interested in becoming an adult altar server for weekday and/or weekend Masses, on a regular or fill-in basis, please call the office. Full training will be provided.

Please join us: **February Assembly**
Tuesday, February 28th at 2:20 p.m.

Ski Dates for St. Joseph's:
Skiing for St. Joseph's School will take place on Monday, February 6, 2017: Snow Date: February 7 and Monday, February 27. Snow Date: March 2.
Students will leave St. Joseph's at 7:00 sharp. will return to school around 4:30.

Monday, February 20th is Family Day. No school for students and staff.



Virtue of the Month: Empathy
Please discuss with your child/ren!

Morning Prayer
Dear God, I believe that you always listen to me lovingly and for this, I praise you. Teach me to be like you and to listen with my ears and my heart to understand others. Guide me to commit myself to resolve the suffering of others. Help me to walk in the spirit of Jesus, as I learn about and respond to the many needs of our world. Amen.

Allergy Awareness February

Thirteen year old Shannon Sabrina passed away from an anaphylactic reaction in 2003 from cross contamination of food at her school. Anaphylaxis is a life threatening reaction that giving an Epi-Pen or an Epi-auto injector can help buy the person time (approx 10 min per injection) to get to a hospital.

Giving Epinephrine is the first line of defence against the most mild anaphylaxis symptoms such as red blotches on the face and itchy watery eyes. Each exposure to food allergens produces a more progressive anaphylaxis reaction.

Even those in the health care community will discuss using medication such as Benedryl as a first line medication during a reaction. Benedryl is metabolized to slowly in the body to have an effect on a person experiencing an allergic reaction. Anaphylaxis is the result of allergies and is life threatening that warrants a life saving medication such as an Epi -Pen/Auto-Injector. (Bantock 2016)



Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Lunch

On Tuesday, February 28th, students will enjoy for \$2.00, a delicious lunch of pancakes, ham and fruit! The remaining cost of the meal will be provided by the Ontario Student Nutrition Program (breakfast club). If you are interesting in volunteering, to prepare, serve or clean up, please contact the school at 519-389-5495. Thank you!



Staff Professional Development

Friday, February 3rd, 2017 is a Professional Development Day for staff. There will be no school for students on this day. Staff will be involved in professional development workshops at Saint Joseph's School.

Report Cards & Conferences

Your child will be bringing home their Term One Report Card on Friday, February 17th. We remind you that the third page-mandated by The Ministry of Education-must be filled in and returned to the school to be retained in the Ontario Student Record files. Please take the time to review the Report Card with your child and help them set goals for the second term. Parent-Teacher Conferences, at the request of the teacher/parent will occur on Tuesday, February 28th from 4:00-7:00 pm. We will send home the appropriate forms to be completed. Thank you.



Emergency Procedures

All Bruce-Grey CDSB schools have Emergency Response Plans. These plans provide guidelines to ensure the safety of staff and students when an emergency occurs, and include procedures for a Lockdown, Hold and Secure, bomb threat or severe weather.

Lockdown - A lockdown is initiated when there is a major incident, or threat of violence within the school or in relation to the school.

During a Lockdown, the school office becomes the "command post" and it is important to keep the phone lines clear for emergency use, and to allow administration time work with police to manage the incident. We ask parents to please be patient, and to refrain from calling the school when you are notified of a Lockdown Procedure.



Also, please keep in mind that our lockdown procedure specifies that "cell phones are not to be used unless communicating vital emergency information (excessive cell phone use in other violent incidents has shut down access to vital communication lines)."

Information will be communicated as quickly as possible to parents and with as much detail as possible depending on the circumstances. Again, please be assured that procedures are in place to ensure the safety of your children at all times.

Monthly Assemblies

I would like to take a moment to thank all of those parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who frequent our school monthly assemblies. Whether you attend regularly or only when you have the opportunity, it is really important that you be here to support our students each and every month as they receive their awards for special achievement. It is also important for you to know that you are welcome at Saint Joseph's School and that the staff and students here appreciate your presence.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

For Children JK to Grade 3
Sundays 11 a.m. Mass -
September thru June

Presenting the Sunday Gospel message at the child's level of understanding – Finding the Presence of Jesus in their experiences.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered during the school year on Sunday during the 11 am Mass. The children of the parish are invited by Father after the Opening Prayer to follow the Prayer Leader (Catechist) to a room where they hear the Sunday readings in words they can understand. They return to the congregation after the Creed.

Parent Council Meeting
Monday, February 6th, 2017
6:30-8:00 pm.
All are welcome!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2017						
Quotable Quote: <i>Be at peace with yourself before endeavouring to bring peace to others.</i>					Virtue of the Month: Empathy	
			1 Staff-Student Volleyball Game 	2 Grade 1-3 Skating. Grade 8 to SMHS 	3 	4
5	6 Skiing for St. Joes. 	7 Skiing <u>Snow Date</u> for St. Joes.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14  Valentine's Day	15	16 Chess Tournament in Walkerton. 	17 Report Cards go Home 	18
19		21	22	23	24	25 Winterama 
26	27 Skiing for St. Joes. 	28 Shrove Tuesday  Parent Teacher 4:00- 7:00. Monthly Assembly	1	2 Skiing <u>Snow Date</u> for St. Joes.		