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Walking together in Christ's light with parish and family, we are called to build a safe and inclusive Catholic learning community, and to serve as partners in the formation of life-long learners by:
Living our faith;
Promoting educational achievement and innovation;
Fostering stewardship, leadership and social justice.



December Knightly News

Principal's Message:

'Tis the season for giving! Christmas is the one time each year that we can reach out to families in need within our school family. Each year we provide a family in need tree in the front lobby. The tree has ornaments with an amount and store name on it. If you wish to donate please take an ornament off the tree and return it with a gift card which we will then distribute to a family in need before the holidays. Our school family is blessed to have wonderful parents that support any of our school needs without hesitation. We also have a food drive in support of the Tilbury Lions Goodfellows who distribute food baskets to families in need through their "No Families Without a Christmas" program. Please send in any food items by Dec.14. Thank you!

In November Gr. 1-8 participated in the "Medicine Wheel" Mosaic activity led by Brenda Collins, Metis artist and retired teacher. Students each added several tiles to the large canvas and learned about the The Four Races of Mankind Wheel which is also called a healing circle. Our finished piece of art will be hung in the front lobby when it is delivered. Please have your child explain the meaning behind this important school artifact.

Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, but more is involved. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life. On behalf of the staff I would like to wish you a healthy, restful, blessed Christmas season enjoying this time with family and friends.

Merry Christmas

Cindy Boyd

It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."- W.T.Ellis



STUDENT'S OF THE MONTH

During the month of November, the Catholic Virtue that we focused on was Faithfulness. Academic recognition was given this month with regard to Math. Please join us in congratulating the below students who were recognized!

Faithfulness

Deacan O.
Carter B.
Gabby J. Jayden D.
Sebastian B. Leah J.
Violet F. Aidan C.

Math

Liam S. Wyatt L.
Lyrick D. Kohle N.
Landyn M.
Max. M.
Cyntia M. David P.



QSP FUNDRAISER

QSP orders will be here for pickup **Thursday December 7 from 3-5**. We do not have enough freezer space to hold on to orders, so please arrange pickup arrangements. Thank you for your support!

TILBURY LIONS GOODFELLOWS "NO CHILD WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS"

The Tilbury Lions Goodfellows will again be distributing Christmas Food baskets and toys to the less fortunate in our local communities in Tilbury, Comber, and Stoney Point. In previous years, in excess of 120 food baskets were distributed.

As a school, we are going to be organizing a food drive to help support these baskets. The class that contributes the most will receive a pizza party! All food donations are due to the school by **Thursday December 14**.

WINDSOR SPITFIRES FUNDRAISER

The Windsor Spitfires are offering schools the opportunity to attend a Spitfires game (Windsor vs. Ottawa – Nolan Gardner's team) on Thursday Feb. 22 in which students and staff can purchase and sell discounted tickets for only \$17 and earn \$5 per ticket towards the school fundraising efforts. There are many great incentives for the students. The information envelopes will go home on Dec. 4th and must be returned by **Monday, December 18th**.



PARENT CORNER

Reminder:: Please write a note to your child's teacher if there are changes in their pick up times for the day. This will ensure that your child gets the message and is not stressed about what will happen at the end of the day. ****As well **only on cash online payment** for food days will be accepted in the New Year. This is a practice being done in all other schools as a safe way to collect funds. If you are having difficulty registering for school cash online please contact Cathy and let her know and she will assist you. You can even get registered here at school!

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

We are a Zone 7 school. If buses are cancelled for fog in the morning, they will run for the afternoon drop off. If buses are cancelled midday because of fog, parents will have to pick students up. **If buses are cancelled for snow, buses will NOT run in the p.m.**

website www.schoolbusinfo.com

Please make sure to check this web site for any bussing status changes. Also remember to listen to CKSY (94.3FM) **It is very important that you call the school if your child is staying at home. You can call and leave a message. 519-682-2790**

CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT



Come and join the Christmas festivities with other St. Joseph families! Activities planned are Christmas cookie decorating, pictures with Santa, popcorn, and a fun Christmas craft!

Pre registration is required to calculate number of cookies needed. The cookies are from Maple City Bakery. One cookie per student will be funded by the school with additional

Announcements:

Yes we have a new face in the office! Vanessa is off on maternity leave and we wish her well waiting for the exciting news of her new arrival. In her place we welcome Cathy Staal to our staff. Cathy is not a stranger to our office as she has filled in for Vanessa and has a wealth of experience from her past secretarial positions.



kinderSTART



Kindergarten Registration for September 2018

kinderSTART is a special one day registration event in each school, for parents and children who are beginning Junior Kindergarten in September 2018. It is an opportunity to visit the school to meet the staff and engage in activities in preparation for Full Day Kindergarten. **kinderSTART** is also a fun and informative opportunity to get tips on healthy living and immunization for your children.

At St. Joseph Catholic School, **kinderSTART** will be held on Thursday Feb.21 . Please call the school to book an appointment for that day 519-682-2790. Morning appointments will be between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.; and afternoon appointments will be held between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m.

We hope to see you then!

Lancer Link

Hey There Future Lancers!

Semester 1 is already halfway done. Not much has happened since the last time I checked in but, recently our mid-term reports were handed out and the marks weren't terrible. Were coming up closer and closer to the end of the 1st semester. Man has this year flown by already. But, with the semester coming to an end comes the exams and EQAO. Now my favourite part is the fact that teachers are already preparing you for the exams little by little. Recently the junior lancer football team beat CKSS in the Finals, and our junior boys volleyball team came in second. As well, something new was started by student council. They are now rewarding points all the grades that come to sporting events and participate in activities, the grade with the most points at the end of the year wins a prize. Hoping to see all you future Lancers here soon!



LANCER LOUD!! LANCER PROUD!!

Kole Dupuis