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Newsletter

April 2018

A Message from the Principal

Dear Families:

As we prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that as Catholics, we are called to sacrifice and be of service to others. On behalf of the St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School staff, I wish all of you renewed peace, hope and joy in your lives this Easter season. We are proud of many events that took place in March. Bishop Cup was a great night to highlight our amazing school spirit, support our team, and raise money for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

As a reminder, the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will take place on April 10th for our grade 10 students. If your child is scheduled to write this year, please ensure no appointments are on this day, as this is the only opportunity to write and is a requirement for graduation. Staff have been working hard with our students since the beginning of the year and they are well-prepared.

As you review this newsletter, you will read about the many accomplishments that give us reason to celebrate. The Panthers just keep giving and making our school and community a better place!

Yours in Catholic Education,
Renee Rozon

"Rock of Ages" opening April 27

The dates have been set for our school musical "Rock of Ages." Evening performances will take place in our auditorium on April 27, 28, May 4 and 5 at 8pm and a 2pm matinee on Sunday, April 29. Tickets are on sale now at the office! Looking forward to seeing you then!



Subject

NEWS



Rocking Our Socks!

Students and staff wore crazy socks on March 21 to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness day. By showing off our crazy colours, we are showing that diversity and uniqueness are something special!

Chaplaincy news

As we celebrate the feast of Easter on April 1 let us remind ourselves of the greatness of our Lord Jesus. He gave His life to save each of us and with His resurrection, we know that we can await true happiness in the Kingdom of God which has no end! Alleluia! A huge thank you to all students and staff who "Rocked their Socks" on March 21 for Down Syndrome Awareness day. It's a wonderful opportunity to share our diversity and uniqueness!

Students who are attending the Alpha program will be on a full day retreat on April 6th. We thank the Salesian Sisters in Cornwall for offering us their home for this faith filled event. The

Alpha program wraps up on April 24. St. Joe's will be hosting Ruth Shaw, a prolife speaker from National Campus Life Network, on April 19. Individual grade assemblies will be happening throughout the day. Students will be learning what it means to be pro-life and issues surrounding this topic. There will be a Pro-life Youth Conference in Ottawa on Friday, May 11th. Any students who are interested in attending are asked to see Mr. Van Putten for more info and a permission form.

Peace and Joy in the Risen Christ!
Alleluia!
Gordie Van Putten, Chaplaincy Leader.

Culinary Trip to Italy a success

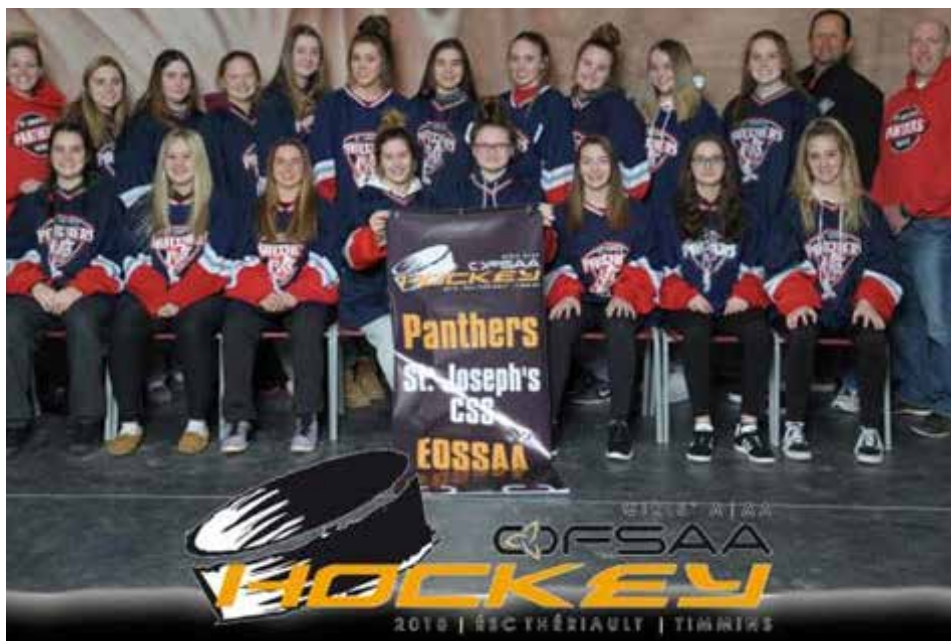
Mr. Girard's culinary class travelled to Italy on the March break to sample cuisine throughout the country.

The group experienced the preparation of several culinary delights including home made pasta, olive oils and a winery. They also saw many sights and attended Mass at St Peters Basilica. Spain 2020 is next on the agenda.



Eye on

SPORTS



Girls hockey represents at OFSAA

The girls hockey team travelled to Timmins to compete at the OFSAA championship. In the first game, the Panthers tied the 10th seed from Timmins 1-1. In their second game, the girls beat the 5th seed from Whitby by a score of 6-1. In the final round robin game, the team fell to the 3rd seed from Fort Francis 4-3. The girls advanced to the quarterfinal round and played a team from Waterloo. The game was tied 0-0 after regulation and the game would go to 3 on 3 overtime. The Panthers were unable to capitalize on their chances and ended up falling 1-0. The girls finished the year as a top 8 team in the province and represented the school very well at OFSAA. Great job girls!



Boys hockey adds another Bishop Cup

Congratulations to our boys hockey team who took home the Bishop Cup again this year with an 6-3 win over the Holy Trinity Falcons. The SJCSS MVP of the game was Kale McCormick.

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It's time to register....

We are now accepting registrations but spaces are filling fast. If you know of someone who would like to attend St. Joe's in September, please make sure they call and book an appointment soon. We have very little space left in our Gr. 9 program. New registrants are to make an appointment with Mr. Andrew Krol in the Guidance dept.

Student Safety a priority when dropping off

This is a reminder that there should be no parking or stopping at any time at the front of the school on Cumberland Road.

For safety reasons, this thoroughfare should not be blocked or obstructed at any time as pedestrians (students and parents) are at risk while crossing the road. We do not wish to wait for an accident to happen.

Visitors to the school are strongly advised to use the designated parking lot at the south end of the school. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter!

Things to Remember

Community Service Hours

Please keep in mind that your son or daughter must complete 40 hours of community service before the end of gr.12. This is a ministry graduation requirement. Keeping it for the last minute is not recommended. Students should begin completing these hours as soon as possible! Your son or daughter must submit a form and have it signed by the school principal. The form can be found in the guidance dept., in the main office or on our school website.

Mid-Term Report Cards

Mid-term report cards for our students go home April 26th.

Parent/Teacher interviews take place on May 3rd from 4pm to 7p.m. Please make sure you attend these very important interviews.

Catholic Education Week

St. Joseph's will be celebrating Catholic Education Week from May 5th until May 11th. Various activities will take place to highlight this special week. As a Catholic School, we continue to grow in our faith. Take time to help us celebrate what we do best by sending us a note explaining why Catholic Education for your child is important! Submissions will be included in our May newsletter. Don't hesitate to share and help us celebrate our Catholic faith.

Bravo Breakfast winner

Congratulations to Calvin Scott for being chosen as our Bravo Breakfast recipient. He will be honored by the Catholic District School Board in April for his volunteerism and commitment to our School to Community class. He is a true Catholic role model. We are very proud of Calvin. Way to be a great Panther!

Regular attendance is a must

This is just a reminder that students must attend school on a regular basis to ensure success in all of their courses. If your son or daughter struggles to attend, please call the school and make an appointment. Together, we will come up with a plan that will support your child and ensure that he or she is attending. Please make sure you call us if your child will be absent!