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Progress Reports

Progress reports are going home on November 3rd. Teachers have been working hard to provide feedback to students and parents that lets everyone know how the students are doing in class. This is not a report card. Teachers have been asked to comment on courses where they have collected sufficient evidence to assess student learning. Not all subjects will receive a comment. For instance, some classes have been working on Social Studies, while others have been working on Science. Music will not be commented upon on this report, but will be evaluated on the report card in February. As well, not all students will receive a comment for French.

Please pay close attention to the comments in the learning skills section. As a Parent, I am very aware that my own children's results in their subjects are intricately tied to their learning skills. Regular homework completion, solid organization and on-task behaviour are huge contributors to academic success.

If you have any questions about your own child's progress reports, please discuss them with the classroom teachers at Parent/Teacher Interviews on the 4th or call any time.

M.L. Rowat

Upcoming Dates

November 3rd	Progress Reports go home
November 4th	Parent/Teacher
November 5th	P.A. Day
November 7th	Confirmation Meeting after 10:30 Mass at St. John Chrysostom
November 11th	Remembrance Day
November 13th	Confirmation 4:30 St. John Chrysostom Parish
November 26th	Spirit Day
November 30th	School Council. 6:30

Confirmation

Many of our grade 7 students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on the evening of Saturday, November 13th at St. John Chrysostom parish. Please pray for them and wish them well on their faith journey. All members of our school and faith community are welcomed to attend.

Busing

Once again, please be reminded that under our board's busing policy, bus passes are only to be issued by the principal for emergency situations. Going to a friend's house for a birthday party, sleepover or to complete homework is **not** an emergency and it is the parents' responsibility to arrange transportation outside of the school venue. Thank-you for your co-operation.

We have had requests for students to go home on a friends bus. Please understand that we are not able to provide bus passes in these instances.

Rosary

On Wednesday, October 27th, members of the Catholic Women's League from St. John Chrysostom and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parishes came to St. Joseph's School to help us pray the Rosary with Mrs. Guindon's grade 2/3 class and Mr. Ferguson's grade 6 class. This was in honour of October; the month of the Rosary. Thanks to all the students who participated, especially our readers: Emily Dawson, Stephen Hass, Sydney Friske, Katie Carry and Ben Begrand.

Town Library

I had the privilege of visiting the town library with a grade 7 class earlier in October. I was very impressed with the resources, organization and the service offered to our students and to our staff. The commitment and expertise of the staff at the library is very evident when you walk in the doors.

We are very lucky to have such a remarkable service so close to our school. If you have time over the weekends or after school, please check out the new renovations. There is something for everyone!

Who is Nobody?

Last week the grade 7/8 students welcomed Nobody into our class. He arrived as a surprise from Mrs. Rowat and the excitement has continued to rise. Nobody is a blue denim doll that has absolutely no feelings, gender, friends, age, character, and no emotions. This program encourages youth to bring about social change in their community and the greater world by donating their time, bringing about awareness, or offering to collect materials for an organization. Each student will take home Nobody for one week and work to make a small difference in their community. They will attach a 3-D item to Nobody to represent their cause. After all students have taken Nobody home we hope to accomplish making Nobody a Somebody. Please encourage our students when you see them with Nobody to bring about positive change in our community!



Thank-You

Thank-you to Heidi Landon, Layne Dewar and Hayden Tripp for delivering the milk every day to all classes. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks as well to Paula Meek and Mikayla Mackenzie for sorting the pizza on Thursdays. It takes many hands to make a community. Thanks for all your efforts.

Cross Country

On Thursday, October 6th, St. Joseph's School hosted the annual Optimist Cross Country Run. Many students from across the county attended this event. St. Joseph's School was represented by over 150 runners! The following students placed in their events:

Road Runner Girls: Sarina Geisser 3rd	Intermediate Girls: Keisha Clarke 1st
Junior Boys: Ben Begrand 1st Liam Hawel 2nd Ryan Massoud 3rd	Intermediate Boys: Brody Flegal 3rd
Road Runners: 1st John XXIII 2nd St. Joseph's Arnprior 3rd Walter Zadow	Junior: 1st St. Joseph's Arnprior 2nd Walter Zadow 3rd John XXIII
Intermediate: 1st Walter Zadow 2nd St. Joseph's Arnprior 3rd McNab	Congratulations!

Congratulations to all students who took part in this event. Thanks to all coaches and teachers who supported the race. Thanks to Braelyn Hickey and Mrs. Johannson for working the score table and thanks for Mr. Smith and his grade 7 Leadership team for their organization skills!



Clockwise from top: Liam Hawel, Ben Begrand and Ryan Massoud, Keisha Clarke (in Centre), Brody Flegal (on right), Sarina Geisser (center) and scorekeeper Braelyn Hickey.



Flag Football

The St. Joe's Flag Football Team played in the East County Tournament on the 8th of October. Despite cool weather, the team played with lots of enthusiasm and heart! During the round robin portion, St. Joe's was 4-0, outscoring their opposition by a total of 186-40! After winning quarter-final and semi-final games, they fell short to a tough RCI team by a score of 24-17. Congratulations to the team on an excellent day.

You were an absolute pleasure to coach!

- Mr. Hisko



Community Living Walk

On Thursday, October 21st, our grade 7 and 8 students participated in a fundraising and awareness walk/run for community living. This endeavor was held in support of the Unity Run for community living held the previous weekend. Earlier in the week, representatives from Community living came to talk to the students about the importance of being an inclusive community and respecting the dignity and abilities of all people. Thanks to all students who participated in this walk for a great cause!



Collecting

Milk Bags!

We will keep collecting Milk Bags—if you have any, please send them in. Thanks to everyone who remembered to bring them to school. The ladies require 700 bags to make a mattress. This month we collected 308 bags. We will keep collecting until we reach 700!

Juice Bags!

We will now be collecting empty juice bags—not juice boxes, rather the foil bags that you can get juice or KoolAid Jammers in. These will be made into neat recycled bags and purses.



Healthy Eating

Starting in September 2011, new Provincial Healthy Food Guidelines will come into effect that will determine what types of foods we can sell in a school environment. The guidelines are quite extensive and they will affect the food choices we offer students.

One of the aims of these guidelines is to create greater awareness about healthy eating and activity as a means of combating the growing obesity crisis in the province.

Of course, we all want to help our children be healthy and active. Please be patient with us as these new rules come into effect. We also encourage you to try to make healthy choices for your children when you pack their lunches and send them in with snacks.

Net Retreats

The NET retreats took place on October 12th and 13th. The grade 7 and 8 students had a great time and learned a lot about themselves and their faith. Thanks so much to the ladies from St. John Chrysostom and Our Lady of Perpetual Help for their hospitality and a big thank-you goes to Father Burchat for his support in bringing these retreats to our students.



Recreation Passes

As part of the Arnprior Gets Active program, all grade five students received a pass that entitles them to take advantage of free programs and discounts on programs such as public skating, curling, use of the pool etc. Please encourage your children to make use of these passes and all the healthy benefits. This program is funded by a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport. For more info, call Kayla or Don at the Nick Smith Centre: 623 7301.

Rumbly Tummy/Spirit Day

Just like last month, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the local food bank. Please keep in mind that the need in our community is greater in the winter months and we are coming close to Christmas as well. Any support in terms of food donations is greatly appreciated.

Once again, we will combine this food drive with a Spirit day on November 26th. As the weather gets colder and our days get shorter, we all want to curl up with a good book and stay in our P.J.'s all day. Maybe we should just do that! That's right—we'll just wear our P.J.'s on November 26th. And how about some crazy hair!

The classroom that brings in the most food items per person, will win an extra recess supervised by Mrs. Rowat.

Quick Notes

- On October 28th, students in grade 7 and 8 were signed up for Math Homework help. This on-line service gives students from grade 7—12 in Ontario access to real teacher in real time who can help them with their homework in the evenings. All students are encouraged to use this service.
- On November 9th, teachers will be getting together by Primary, Junior and Intermediate divisions to talk specifically about student learning and finalize our SMART Goals for the first term. Stay tuned for the December newsletter when these goals will be listed.
- On November 4th at 7:00, St. Joseph's High School will be highlighting their Arts program in a coffee house. Many student performers will wow you with their talent! Any of you who are able to attend after your parent/teacher interviews should plan to do so. You won't be disappointed!

Shop and Support

The winner of the \$25.00 Pizza Pizza gift certificate was Lily Pilon! Thanks to everyone who ordered from Shop and Support. We sent a second round of shop and support order forms home on Friday, October 29th. Orders are due November 4th. This would be a great opportunity to purchase gift cards for Christmas presents!

Crime Stoppers Calendars

Your School Council will be selling Crime Stoppers Calendars as a fundraiser. See the details in the attached flyer. These calendars would make a great gift for those hard to buy people on your Christmas list!

Spirit Day

On Friday, October 29th, we celebrated with a Spirit Day. Many students and staff dressed up in Black and Orange and we joined together in the gym where we were treated to a presentation by Mrs. Hunt's grade 7/8 class. We then had the bubble blowing champs from each class compete in Primary, Junior and Intermediate competitions for prizes of indescribable value! Finally, Mrs. England, Mr. Hisko and Mrs. Kwiatkowski provided a demonstration of bubble blowing skill.

We had lots of fun, but we must also remember that our gum chewing day was a way to celebrate the good effort we had with our food drive. Students are congratulated on their community spirit. Remember—together we can build mountains, like our mountain of food!



Pictured above: Phil Pilon, winner of the Intermediate bubble blowing contest, with his prizes of indescribable value!

Pictured below: Mrs. England's grade 1 and 2 class with some of the food collected in our food drive for Rumbly Tummys. Just look at the happy faces!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Mass times</i> <i>St. John Chrysostom</i> <i>8:30—10:30</i>	1	2	3 <i>Progress Reports go home</i>	4 <i>Parent/teacher Inter-views</i> <i>Book Fair</i>	5 <i>P.A. day</i>	6
7	8	9	10	11 <i>Remembrance Day</i>	12	13 <i>Confirmation</i> <i>St. John Chrysostom</i> <i>Parish—4:30</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 <i>Bring in Donation for food bank</i>	23 <i>Bring in Donation for food bank</i>	24 <i>Bring in Donation for food bank</i>	25 <i>Bring in Donation for food bank</i>	26 <i>Spirit day</i> <i>PJ/Crazy Hair</i>	27
28	29	30 <i>School Council Meeting</i> <i>6:30</i>				



November 1, 2010

Pembroke/Renfrew County Crime stoppers is launching its fourth annual Crime Stoppers Cash Calendar fund raiser. Each Calendar will cost \$20.00. For every Calendar sold, St. Joseph's School will receive \$5.00. Money raised from this project will stay in the local community to support Crime Stoppers and other interested community programs.

The 2011 Cash Calendar fund raiser works as follows:

- The calendar is in full colour and features pictures of different areas of Renfrew County.
- The calendar sells for \$20.00 each.
- Each Calendar sold will have a ticket containing the name, address and phone number of the purchaser.
- A Raffle will be held each day in 2011 (365 days). The winner will win a cash prize ranging from \$25.00- \$1000.00 with a major prize each month. Your ticket goes back in the drum for future draws.

School Council will be selling the Calendars until the first week of December. Please Fill in the attached form and send it in with your \$20.00. We will send home your calendar.

This is a great way to support your school and local crime stopping initiatives. Winning an unexpected amount of money doesn't hurt either!

Sincerely,

Your School Council



School Council Calendar Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal code: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

\$20.00 Included _____