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February 2019

A Message from Administration

Dear Families:

With the end of term one for grades 7 and 8 and semester one for grades 9-12, we now look forward to new learning opportunities.

We are truly blessed with a fantastic group of Panthers who are continually striving for their personal best! We are also grateful to you, our families, for your ongoing support. Many events are already being planned for the remainder of the school year and we have already had future Panthers from our feeder schools visit us as we begin their transition and welcome them to our Panther family.

Details for upcoming events continue to be posted on our website and Facebook page on a regular basis and there is always lots of great information to share with you in this monthly newsletter.

In closing, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students who are joining us for semester two. Go Panthers!

Renée Rozon
Principal

Open House set for Feb 13

St. Joe's will be hosting an Open House for all interested parents and new registrants. The Open House will take place on February 13th at 6:30 p.m. The evening will begin with a short presentation in the auditorium to explain our programs and some of the wonderful opportunities we have to offer our new students. All visitors will then be invited to visit the school and take part in various demonstrations in our music room, our science laboratories, our construction room, etc... Please encourage your friends and family to come and visit our beautiful facility. Come and be part of our family...the Panther family!



Students visited SJCSS from our feeder schools

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Panthers Prize Winning Soup

Congratulations to Mr. Girard and our St. Joe's Panthers High Skills Major students who captured first place at Alzheimer Society of Cornwall and District's second-annual Soup's On fundraising event. St. Joe's took the Community division competition with their veggie, fire roasted pepper soup.

**COME CHEER ON YOUR ST. JOES PANTHERS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH AT THE BENSON CENTER!**



PUCK DROPS AT 10:00 AM

Mark your calendars for the first ever Grades 7/8 Crosstown Classic hockey game on February 15th!

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Mission Team News

Please keep our school team in your prayers this month as they head off to Guatemala from Feb. 17th to the 25th. They have worked hard all year with team building and fundraising efforts. May this time be a chance for them to be God's hands and feet throughout this experience. It is never too late to donate if you wish to the trip. Please contact Gordie Van Putten, Chaplaincy Leader at the school. Our team will also be at all weekend Feb. 9 and 10 at St. Francis de Sales selling chocolate bars and almonds as they hope to finish up their fundraising campaign.

Teen Alpha

Starting on Tuesday, Feb. 5 we will be beginning our Teen Alpha program. This program consists of a free lunch with a 20 mins video of a particular faith topic each week followed by discussion. All students are invited at lunch hour in room 206. This program will run for 10 consecutive Tuesdays at lunch time (excluding March Break). This is a great opportunity to discuss your faith and ask real life questions. You can find more info of this wonderful program at: <https://www.alphacanada.org/resources/alpha-youth-series/>

Panther Power

Our wonderful group of 7/8 students were busy posting uplifting sticky note messages on lockers of our high school students during exam time. We will continue our good work as we look at new projects coming up.

Students are always welcome to join us in room 252 every Thursday at lunch hour.

Bishop Ordination

On Friday, Feb. 22 we will witness the ordination of Bishop-Elect Guy Desrochers at St. Finnan's Cathedral. We send our prayers to him and ask the Holy Spirit to guide him each day as he helps shepherd our diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall.

Mid-Year Institute

Also happening on Friday, Feb. 22 is the Eastern Ontario Catholic Curriculum Corporation's annual Mid-Year Retreat at the Galilee Centre in Arnprior. This day is for interested staff members to enjoy some quiet time and reflection to renew their hearts and minds.

Quote of the month: Faith is like Wi-Fi, it's invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.

Blessings to you!

Gordie Van Putten, Chaplaincy Leader

Bishop Cup is coming!

Feb 27 at 6:30 at the Cornwall Civic Complex



SJCSS #Originals Update

St. Joseph CSS Int. Division 7/8 (Est. 2018)



Feeder School Visits

What an amazing opportunity to plan forward for these students, our #FuturePanthers. These visits allow us to not only meet our upcoming students, but to also plan the day so that we can learn a little bit more about them, as they, in turn, learn about the school. In each of the classrooms, our students had learning activities ready to go from attempting the Sphero Maze, to launching the Rocket Balloon Challenge in our Science Lab. We had something for everyone! #FuturePanthers came dressed in school colours, each school had a winner who left with a panther scarf that they will be sure to sport around on these snowy days! Upon receiving feedback, our visiting schools shared that they loved the energy and interactivity of the day, especially our infamous Cheer Show-Down, where the houses of Respect and Strength took the win. Well done to our #Originals staff, students and visiting students too, as everyone played a key role in what made for a great memorable day and much excitement ahead for this new chapter of their educational journey!



#Respect – Monthly Virtue Assembly



Each month a class prepares and facilitates their selected theme during our Monthly Virtue Assembly. This month the virtue is Respect, presented by our 7IA class, lead by Mme Pascale. The assembly included a liturgy, great connections through use of media, and even creative interaction with our student body through a game of Family Feud, all questions themed around the virtue, Respect. Students learned about respecting one's self and others and the power of the ripple effect in doing good things. So many positive messages received and shared through this opportunity to gather as a 7/8 student body and celebrate our Catholic faith and school culture.



Students to show skills

Students from our technology programs will be competing at the local division of the Ontario Skills competition at St. Lawrence College in Cornwall on February 21st. The competition will see students compete in areas ranging from automotive to hospitality to photography and video.

Guidance

A reminder to all students that February 8th is the last day for course changes for second semester. Course selections for next year will begin in mid-February.

It is important that students choose their courses carefully to ensure they have the right pre-requisites for the post-secondary study.

Students are asked to book a guidance appointment to discuss requirements for the program of their choice.

All Grade 12 students should have completed their application to College and University. Many students will begin to hear from the universities and colleges that they applied to in the near future. Students are reminded to check their application file to ensure everything is in order. A reminder to all grade 12 students to hand in their community hours as soon as possible.

Things to Remember

Catholic School Council

Thank you to all parents who attended our Catholic School Council meeting in January. The next meeting will take place on February ??th, at 6:30 p.m. Come join a dynamic and committed group of individuals. Come and learn more about your son or daughter's school.

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. New registrants are to make an appointment with Mr. Andrew Krol or Ms. Liz McCormick in the Guidance dept.

OSSLT

In preparation for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, our Grade 10 students will continue to be involved in activities and initiatives throughout the month of February. Through various initiatives including a mock test, we are hoping to fully prepare our students for the Ministry assessment scheduled April 10th. Passing the OSSLT is a graduating requirement. Students who are struggling will receive intensive support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Madison Frechette, our OSSLT teacher.

Report Cards are on their way...

Final report cards for semester one will be sent home on February 16th. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the school. Working together will ensure your child's success.

February is Black History Month

Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month activities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation it is today. Resources have been provided to staff to