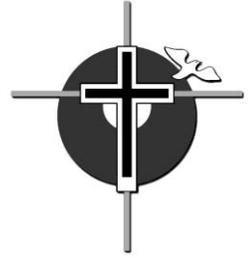


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome back and welcome to all our new students and families!

I trust you all had a wonderful, restful summer and that you are ready to start another school year! The **2017-2018** school year like all others, will be a year filled with various enriching learning experiences and opportunities based on our Catholic Faith and Gospel values for all children. We are so pleased to welcome you to the giving and caring community of St. Jude Catholic Elementary School.

We embrace for the third year our board-wide theme: **IGNITE THE LIGHT, WAKE UP THE WORLD**. This theme provides us all with the opportunity to be inspired and transformed within our intimate relationship with Jesus, and at the same time to move outside of ourselves to acts of mission where we will respond to the call to let Jesus inspire and transform others, through us.

Through the sub-themes of Gratitude, Belief, Love and Peace we will bring Christ's light into the world. The light of our fully human lives will show others how real God is to us personally; how real God is in our homes; and, how real God is in our schools. By being inspired and transformed personally, we will ignite the light of others and wake up the world to a new way of living in Christ.

I strongly believe that communication amongst all partners in education is the key to success. By working collaboratively, the home, school and the parish, we will achieve so much more. I look forward in seeing and meeting you on our **"Meet the Teacher/Welcome Back BBQ" on Thursday, September 14th** at 5:30 pm. There is a separate BBQ order form to help us better prepare ourselves for this event. Thank you for returning it to school if you plan on attending.

Lastly, best wishes for a great school year to everyone - may peace be with all of you.

Judith Boucher, Principal

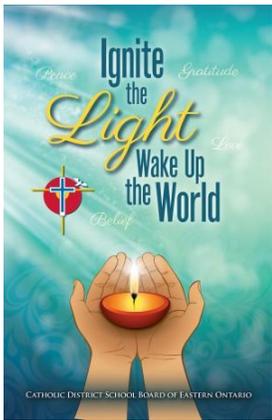


We want to welcome Mme Melanie Anne Conroy, Ms. Joanna Love, Ms. Kim Carr, Mme Andreanne Lafontaine, Ms. Ashley Loiseau and Ms. Sandra Croft for joining the St. Jude Staff!

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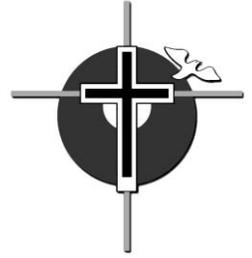
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FROM OUR PARISH, ST. JUDE'S



We are thrilled in welcoming Father Alexis Ruzibiza welcomes all of you to St. Jude Church in Hawkesbury. He is looking forward in celebrating mass/liturgies with us every month at the school. You are welcome to attend all of our masses. Date and time will be announced on our monthly calendar. Father Alexis can be reached at: 613-632-2464. Weekend masses are celebrated on Saturdays at 4:30 pm and on Sunday at 9:00am. You may wish to visit the following web site for further details: <http://www.stjudesparish.ca/>

FROM ST. JUDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

On behalf of St Jude Catholic School Council, I would like to welcome everyone back from a wonderful summer break.

Our last meeting for the 2016-2017 school year will be held Tuesday September 12th 2017 at 6:30pm in the school library. As always, we welcome and encourage all parents/guardians to attend our meetings. We value your input. We hope to see you there, should your schedule permit.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Welcome Back BBQ next Thursday, September 14th 2017. We will have volunteer sign-up sheets available so that you can be contacted throughout the school year to assist with school activities as well. Please remember that you do not need to be a member of CSC in order to volunteer at the school, and that you must have a current vulnerable sector check with the school's office.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for supporting and encouraging our fundraising efforts over the last year. Please know that your support is greatly appreciated!!!

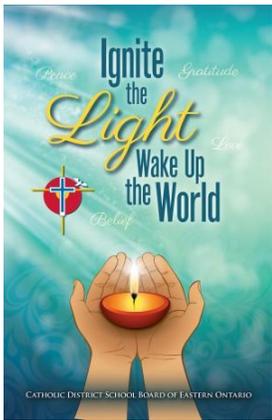
Have a great school year!

Lorraine Boyer
CSC Chair

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Kids Care Club: Social Justice Projects

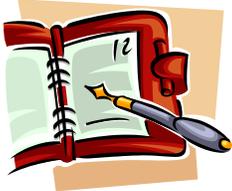
The St. Jude Kids Care Club will be starting off next week and is open to all students from Grade 3 to Grade 8. New members are welcome and we will meet at least once a week. The Kids Care Club is involved in social justice activities supporting various charities.



Students will continue to collect pop tabs, used stamps and milk bags. By being involved in the club, the Junior students from the Kids Care Club earn their ticket to attend the **WE DAY** in Kanata, which is always an enriching experience. The event is taking place on November 15th this year.

"Toonie for Terry" is our Annual fundraising in support of Cancer research. The students will be participating in the "National Terry Fox Run Day" on **Thursday, September 28th**. Don't forget to bring a toonie (\$2.00)!

NEW!! - SCHOOL AGENDA: St. Jude Catholic School agendas are in! The agenda will be given to each Grade 1 to 3 student only. As always, we welcome donations of \$5.00 per agenda. The school agenda serves as a handy reference throughout the school year. It plays an integral part of the organizational skills and study skills curriculum. They have also proved to be an effective means of daily home-school communication for parents and teachers.



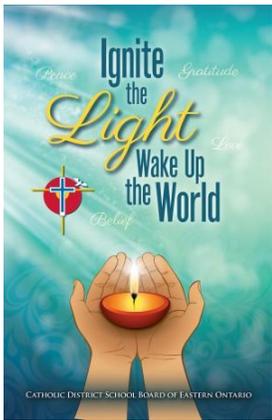
We encourage the **grades 4 to 8 students** to get their own agenda or any other means to organize their homework, assignment due dates, reminders, etc.

The reference section about St. Jude School can be accessed on our website: www.stjude.cdsbeo.on.ca under the tab "About Us" – School Agenda.

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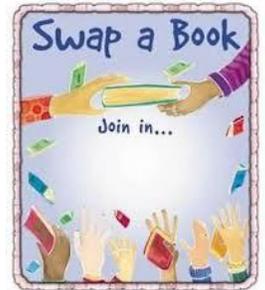
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BOOK SWAP IS BACK in October!! ... details will be going home soon!

Home reading programme this year for students in **Grades 1-3** is "**Reading Around the World**". Duo-tangs will go home at the beginning of October. Students are encouraged to read 10 minutes nightly, get their duo-tang signed and return it on the first of every month. A monthly celebration will take place and students will get a ribbon. All students are encouraged to participate in this programme as it helps to build reading fluency, reading expression and comprehension.



St. Jude Spirit Wear: We are pleased to offer every student the opportunity to purchase school spirit wear items this year! Samples are on display in the front lobby of the school. Order forms will be sent home with your child. He/she can wear these pieces of clothing for either Physical Education classes or to come to school. Purchases are on a voluntary basis only.



Safety comes First!

In accordance with the Safe Schools Act, 2000 and with our School Board policies, all parents and visitors must report to the office upon arrival and sign in. Parents picking up their child(ren) must come in the school and sign in. By signing the visitors book, you are letting us know of the coming and going of you child(ren) and ensure his/her safety.

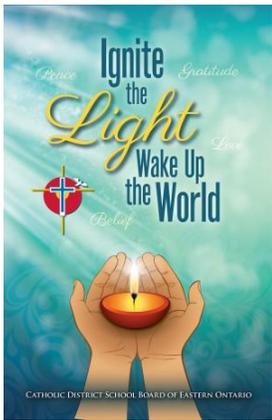
If you are dropping off forgotten items such as lunches, mittens, shoes, we will have it delivered to your child's classroom. If you need to discuss a matter with a teacher, please leave a message with our school secretary, Mrs. MacPhee. The teacher will return the call.

If you are **picking up your child(ren)**, please contact the school either with a note in the agenda or by calling the school **before 2:00pm**. We thank you for your collaboration.

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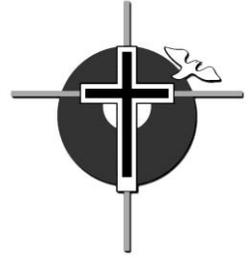




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FROM YOUR LOCAL HEALTH UNIT:



Protect Your Family from Lyme Disease and West Nile Virus

As the summer comes to an end and kids head back to school, ticks and mosquitoes may not be the topics at the top of your mind. However, these insects remain active throughout late summer and the fall, which means they can still transmit Lyme disease and West Nile Virus to humans.

Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by the bite of an infected blacklegged tick. Ticks are present across the five eastern counties, but not all of them are infected with Lyme disease.

Lyme disease can cause flu-like symptoms and an expanding rash within 3 to 30 days of being bitten by a tick. Left untreated, it can affect the heart, nervous system or joints. However, if it's caught early Lyme disease can generally be treated successfully. That's why it's important to contact your healthcare provider if you believe a tick was attached for more than 24 hours.

To learn more about ticks and Lyme disease, visit www.eohu.ca/lyme.

West Nile Virus

West Nile virus is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. For most people, the risk of illness from West Nile virus is low. However, it can cause serious illness in others.

It's important to take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and your family, such as using personal insect repellents that contain DEET and avoiding the outdoors at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are the most active.

For more information about West Nile Virus, go to www.eohu.ca and click on the Community Health section.

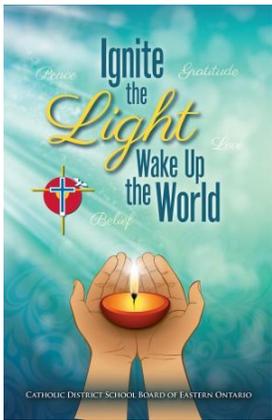
Please visit the **Student Transportation of Eastern Ontario** website <http://www.steo.ca/> or call: 1-855-925-0022 for information or if you have questions about school transportation.



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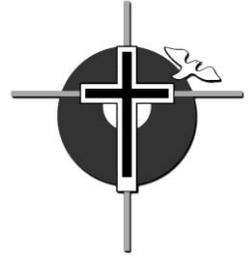
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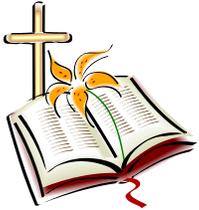


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Prayer for a New School Year



Good and Gracious God, as a new school year begins, fill the hearts of our students with an eagerness to learn about the world you have created, about themselves and, most of all, about you. Bless our teachers with the gifts of wisdom and patience that they may help students find the truth. Give our parents generous hearts to encourage and support their sons and daughters. Help us all work, together to form a professional learning community that teaches not only skills for material success, but all that we need to live our faith in this world. Amen.

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