



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary School

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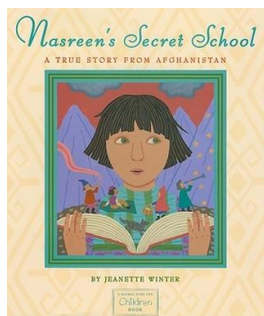
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## OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

During the month of October students will pray a decade of the rosary, either on the announcements or in their classrooms. Please visit this link: [October is Rosary Month: Why Pray the Rosary?](#)

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The virtue of focus for the month of October will be the Cardinal Virtue of **Justice**. When we practise justice, we respect others' rights and we strive for equity among all people by meeting them where they are at (i.e., meeting their specific needs).

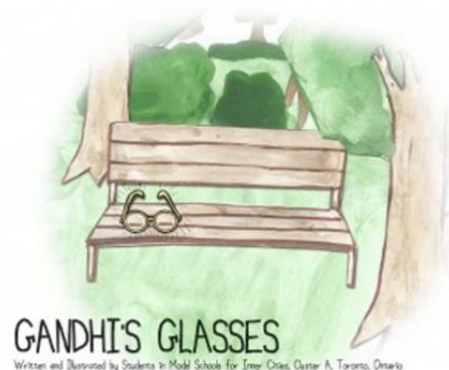


The Learning Goal for the month of October is:

- **I can be more just.**

The Success Criteria for justice are:

- **I can respect others' rights.**
- **I can meet people's needs. (i.e., I can be equitable by meeting them where they are at.)**



Being just also involves being fair, helping the poor, those in need, and standing up for what is right which are all parts of being a responsible citizen which is one of our Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.

Families are encouraged to discuss the virtue of justice with their children. Books are available, for loan, at the school to support these discussions and they include "Nasreen's Secret School" and "Ghandi's Glasses." Please feel free to contact the school for further information on borrowing these items.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL (CSC)

Congratulations are extended to our 2017 – 2018 Catholic School Council.

Congratulations to our executive including:

- Mrs. C. Underhill and Mrs. K. Renzella were elected as Co-Chairpersons
- Mrs. J. O'Donnell was elected as Secretary
- Mrs. R. Cabral was elected as Treasurer

Congratulations to our councillors including:

- Mrs. D. Burke
- Mrs. E. Dunnett
- Mrs. J. McCormick
- Mrs. D. O'Brien
- Mr. C. Renzella
- Mrs. H. Skulnick
- Mrs. J. Sodergard

Sub-committees will be formed at future meetings and all parents are welcome. Please see the school website for CSC meeting minutes from September as they will be posted soon. Thanks are also extended to Mr. J. Savelli, Father Laszlo Amaszka and Mr. Brennan for participating as CSC members. Please join us for our next meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. as all parents are welcome. Bring your children.

A big thank you is extended to the Catholic School Council for hosting our *Meet the Teacher BBQ*. The efforts of council members combined to raise approximately \$800 for council initiatives and provide a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere. Honourable mention to our cooks, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Savelli.

We are grateful for the donation of the buns at the CSC BBQ by the Knights of Columbus. CSC has pledged to make donations to the Emerson and Ispas families that have lost their mothers recently to support and comfort them. A note will be sent home in the near future, to help organize meals being delivered to the Emerson family.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2017-2018**

We have an excellent group of motivated intermediate students that will comprise our Executive Student Council Body for this, our 2017 – 2018 year. We are very proud to have: Sophie M., Paige M., Angela M., Ethan D., Amaya A.N., and Isabel S. take on leadership roles for the SJB student body. All members submitted impressive letters of intent to Mr. Brennan and Mr. Biagetti (our Student Council Advisors) and were enthusiastically accepted to serve as members of our leadership team. We are proud of all candidates' efforts and we commend them for having the courage to take on these leadership roles.

### **WE TEAM NEWS**

The St. John the Baptist school community is proud, once again, to form a WE Team. This group of grade 7 and 8 students (listed below) will be meeting regularly and planning school wide initiatives. Their mission is to help create positive change in the world. This group of students will be creating and leading initiatives that will have both local and global impacts. On Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup>, the St. John the Baptist WE Team along with Mr. Biagetti attended **WE Day Toronto** at the Air Canada Centre. Our students were fortunate to attend this star studded, exclusive event and have been motivated and inspired to create change in our local and global communities.

Stay tuned for more information regarding our WE Team initiatives, such as WE Scare Hunger in the upcoming weeks.

Amaya A.-N.	Paige M.	Angela M.	Sophie M.
Sierra M.	Isabel S.	Kaitlyn S.	Kailyn W.

### **SJB RAISES AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR TERRY FOX**

We are pleased to report that our SJB Magic community raised over \$400 for cancer research by participating in our annual Terry Fox Run last month. We learned to be **“prudent”** through our participation in this act of service and we learned about **Terry's mission** to help alleviate the suffering of those affected by cancer. A great time was had by all and Mr. Brennan's Gr. 7 and 8 students did an admiral job in leading this charge for change and charity!

### **HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES**

Students will have the opportunity to celebrate by dancing in the gym for part of the day. Students will be asked to bring a canned-good to the gym. They may also wear costumes or black and/or orange on that day. Please remember to send students in costumes appropriate for an elementary school setting.

### **CYO NEWS: JUNIOR AND SENIOR FLAG FOOTBALL**

With the leadership of Mr. Docherty and Mr. Biagetti, the Junior and Senior Flag Football teams have been busy preparing for another season. After 2 weeks of games, the Junior team is undefeated, and the Senior team has one win and one loss. Coaches and parents are very proud thus far of the hard work the boys and girls have put forward. Keep up the great work Magic!!!

### **MILK PROGRAM**

Forms have gone home and the deadline for orders is October 4<sup>th</sup>. Cash Online Orders are being encouraged.

### **NUTRITION PROGRAM**

The Knights of Columbus have generously pledged to donate \$50 per month to our breakfast program. We thank them for their ongoing support.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS**

Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, is INTERNATIONAL YELLOW WALK TO SCHOOL DAY. Students are encouraged to wear a yellow top with their uniform pants as they walk to school on this day. The Green Team reminds everyone to walk to school everyday, if possible, or to ride a bike and make use of the bike racks.

Please support our BAG2SCHOOL activity by donating unwanted clothing, shoes, purses, belts, bedding, and soft toys. Place these unwanted items in a bag or box and send to school by October 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Green Team is established for 2017-18 and does their best to sort, recycle and maintain their status as a GOLD Eco School.

## **SAFE ARRIVAL**



Our student absence reporting system makes it easier for you to report your child's absence and easier for staff to respond to unaccounted student absences. It also reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance and help ensure that all students are safe. To register, select the Safe Arrival icon (link above or on our school website). Please contact the school, if you need assistance or have concerns. Report before 9:00 a.m. to avoid being contacted.

## **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**



The school and the HWCDSB continue to promote the use of School Cash Online. To enjoy the convenience of online payments, select the School Cash Online icon (link above or on our school website).

## **EMAIL UPDATES**



Our school website [stjh.hwcdsb.ca](http://stjh.hwcdsb.ca) can automatically email you newsletters and special announcements. To keep informed select the "Follow us" link (above or on our school website).

## **HEALTHY SMILES ONTARIO**

Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-dental-care-or-call1-844-296-6306> for the possibility of free dental care.

## **STUDENT AWARDS: SEPTEMBER**

	Class:	PRUDENCE	ACADEMIC/LEARNING SKILL: (e.g., Math or Self-Regulation)
KA	Miss Frank/Mrs. Viscoso	Harrison S.	Charlotte D. (Printing)
KB	Mrs. Rivero /Mrs. Bajus-Harrison	Sophia R.	Cayden M. (Printing)
1A	Miss Kollarich	Joseph S.	Rose Trimmer (Independent Work)
1/2A	Mrs. Persaud	Ava E.	Joshua F. (Math & Language)
2A	Miss Curciarello	Isabella C.	Amalia K. (Positive Attitude)
3A	Mrs. Petrina-Mus	Memphis C.	Aliya F. (Responsibility)
3B	Mrs. Villabroza	Shelby N.	Jaxin G. (Independent Work)
4A	Mrs. De Tina	Lucas G.	Sadie S. (Independent Work)
4/5A	Mr. Docherty	Ava S.	Lucas S. (Responsibility)
5A	Mr. Bolger	Carmela C.	Aidan S. (Organization)
6A	Mrs. Innes	Abby S.	Violet D., Alexander V.-L. (Learning Skills)
7/8A	Mr. Brennan	Dylan M.	Joshua R. (Responsibility)
8A	Mr. Biagetti	Logan S.	Asher C. ( Academics Skills)



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## KINDERGARTEN YOGA!

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3 Cross Country Gr. 2-8 at Marydale Park	4 Walk to School Day: Yellow shirts. Girls basketball season begins	5	6 Pizza Day Spirit Wear	7
8	9 Thanksgiving	10 School Mass at 9:25 a.m.	11 Bomb Threat Practice 11:15	12	13 Pizza Day Spirit Wear	14
15 HWCDSB Pilgrimage	16 Bag2School: Final Return Date	17	18	19	20 Pizza Day Spirit Wear	21
22	23 Lockdown Practice 11:00 a.m.	24	25 CSC Meeting: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	26	27 Pizza Day Picture Day: No Spirit Wear	28
29	30	31 Costumes or Black & Orange. Hallowe'en Dance in afternoon				

### ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

- Snack Program (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at morning recess)
- Daily Breakfast Program (8:50 – 9:05 a.m. on the yard or after entry on indoor days)
- Kindergarten Observations
- Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – PA Day
- Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> (8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) - PARENT CONFERENCE at BR
- Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – School Mass at 9:25 a.m.
- Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – CSC Meeting (6:00 – 7:30 p.m.)
- Friday and Saturday, November 17-18<sup>th</sup> – Church Bazaar and Hotdog Day (Friday)
- Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – Picture Re-take Day
- Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Concert and Advent Night. CSC Hosted.