



February Newsletter 2019



Upcoming Events

- ❖ Feb 20- Dental Screening
- ❖ Feb 12- Graduation Photos
- ❖ Feb 12, 19 - registration Dates for JK/SK
- ❖ Feb 21- Mass
- ❖ March 1 - PD Day
- ❖ Feb 7 - Turn Down the Heat Sweater day
- ❖ Feb 6 - Winter Walk to School Day
- ❖ Feb 11 - Kenilworth Library Trip Gr. 6
- ❖ Feb 26- Water Presentation
- ❖ Feb 27 - National Pink Shirt Day - Anti-Bullying Day

Principal's News

Even though February is the shortest month of the year, we have many things going on!

It is the international month of friendship and kindness, which we will honor with discussions, stories, and encouragement on how to show love and kindness to friends.

It is National Children's Dental Health Month, so our JK/SK and Grade 2 students will be having dental screening on February 20th. Notes will follow regarding this process.

We have a celebration planned for Valentine's Day. Student Council will be running a cake raffle, selling Valentine Candy-grams, and so many more fun activities. Please refer to the

CAKE RAFFLE and VALENTINE CANDY-GRAMS

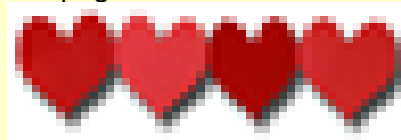
The Student Council is organizing a Valentine's Day Cake Raffle which will be held on Thursday, February 14th, 2019. The cake raffle will involve students from JK- Grade 8.

We are asking parents to support this event by donating the cakes to be raffled. **Tickets will be \$0.50 each or 3 for \$1.00** and will go on sale **February 6th until February 14th**. Student Council representatives will be responsible for selling the tickets in the classroom. We will limit the cake winnings to one cake per student. Please help us make this a successful event! The more cakes we

attached calendar on our website for these events.

We encourage parents to read books that speak of kindness and love to their children. Some wonderful authors such as Shel Silverstein's "The Giving Tree", and Sam McBratney's "Guess How Much I Love You" are great books to start with.

This month is a busy month but a short month. Stay in-touch through our TWITTER account, school webpage and newsletter.



"There is only one happiness in life: to love and be loved." – George Sand

have, the more winners we can guarantee. Last year we had numerous donations. Due to the severe allergies in the school, we are only accepting **store bought cakes or cupcakes that are peanut free**. Also, Student Council will be selling **Valentine Candy-grams (lollipops)**. The cost will be \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1.00. Student Council will be selling Candy-grams every morning from February 5th- 8th. Students will be able to send out these special Valentine Candy-grams to their friends in other classrooms. Thank you again for your continued support in all we do.





Healthy Action Team Presents: 28 Days of Kindness

The Healthy Action team is a group of students in grades 6, 7 and 8 who meet monthly and discuss issues dealing with student wellness. This year our HAT Team would like to present the 28 Days of Kindness Calendar. We challenge you to complete each activity on the calendar during school hours or home. It is our way to promote kindness and love throughout the month of February. See the attached calendar for details.

**KINDNESS
IS FREE
SPRINKLE
THAT
STUFF
EVERYWHERE**



PINK SHIRT DAY

Anti-Bullying Day is a day when students wear a pink shirt to symbolize a stand against bullying. It is celebrated on February 27, 2019. We ask that students wear their pink shirts this day, to create an awareness of Bullying and its effects on mental health and wellness.

If you would like to order a pink shirt, we will have them available on a first come first served basis beginning February 18th. We will pre-order shirts for our school. Information will follow soon.

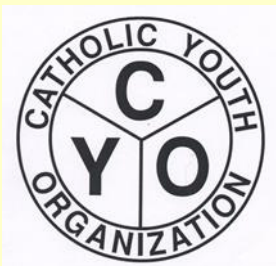
#LETSMAKEADIFFERENCE
#CHOOSEKINDNESS

*“Kindness:
One size fits all.”*

C.Y.O Newsletter

CYO sports are up and running strong. Magic Athletes have been representing our school well with sportsmanship, skills and enthusiasm. Junior boys' basketball playoffs begin February 9th and 10th, at Cathedral High school. A Schedule will follow. Let's wish

our teams luck as they venture out to playoffs. Go Magic Go!



PARKING ISSUES

Parking continues to be an issue at the school. We have numerous amounts of cars that are being parked and left idling on both London Street and Edgemont Street. This is problematic and needs to be corrected.

morning on London Street. This is strictly a bus zone. Do not park in this area. It becomes a safety issue for drivers turning on the street when cars are parked illegally.

We have contacted the city for the Idle Free Signs and they have been posted on the Edgemont side of the school. Please adhere to this signage. Also, “No parking signs” have been put out in the

If the problem persists, By-law will be contacted to administer tickets.



Report Cards

Term one has officially finished. Report cards will be sent home on February 12, 2019. Please ensure you sign and return the parent portion and the envelope to the school. If you would like an interview, please check off the box on the envelope indicating this choice.

Students have been working very hard. It is important if your child is struggling that you are in communication with the classroom teacher to set up a meeting

and discuss the needs of your child. It is important that all parties are on the same page with expectations and next steps for your child. We are all working towards success for the students in our care.

"You only fail when you stop trying."

Snuggle Up and Read Day

Thank you to the many families who donated books to our First Annual Book Swap. The students enjoyed sharing their books and taking new reads home. Thank you to the many parents who took the time out of their busy day to assist us with delivering hot chocolate to the students. We greatly appreciated your help.

Lastly, thank you to Ms. Kocel, Mr. Augustus and Ms. Rabcaniak for organizing a fun and enjoyable day, where students were able to share their

love of reading with one another. The guest author, Penny Beevor, shared her story about her love of reading and we strongly encourage parents to do the same.

Good books to read:

Primary Authors: Robert Munsche, Mercer Meyer, Shel Silversten

Junior books: Gordon Corman, RJ Palacio

Intermediate books: Eric Walters

Privacy Permission

Please find attached our policy about privacy. We are asking parents to fill out and sign the forms allowing us to post your child's picture on the school/board website, and/or Twitter account. If you agree to this, then you are giving us permission to use their picture, if we are tweeting/post about various activities. If you choose the "no" option, you have said no to any pictures of your child being taken within

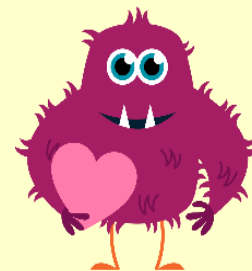
the school. This includes awards assemblies, any assembly, activities, or school trips that your child may participate in. We ask that you return this form as soon as possible so we have a current up-to-date list of the students with or without permission.

Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

JK/SK Registrations for September

We will be setting aside two days for JK/SK registrations for September on February 12th, and 19th. Parents are asked to come in on either day to register their child for September 2019-2020 school year. If you know of any family or friends that wish to register, please share the dates with

them. You are required to bring a baptismal certificate, birth certificate, immunization form, proof of residency in your home (utility bill), and if you are new to the country, please bring in proof such as passport etc. We look forward to meeting everyone.



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 Jesus, we succeed.*



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Mardi Gras Games Night
 Parishes of St. John the Baptist and St. Eugene will be hosting a Mardi Gras Games Night on Thursday February 28 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Queenston Rd. Admission is \$30 and is restricted to those 19 years of age or older. For more information, visit stjohnthebaptisthamilton.com. This will be a fun evening of casino style games, bingo, horse races, penny sale, food and much more! Casino games are for prizes

only. Tickets are available through the Parish office.

MASS TIMES

Please join us for Mass Saturdays at 5:15 pm and Sundays at 9:30 am at St. John the Baptist Parish. On Sundays during Mass, children are invited to attend Children's Liturgy. Children sit with their parents in the Church until they are invited by Father Andrew to join the teachers downstairs after the beginning of Mass. They will return during Offertory. No registration is necessary.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Your voice is important, we want to hear your ideas, concerns, or questions. Please join us on February 7th, 2019 at 6pm in the school library. Children are welcome.



Fundraising Ideas

If you have any ideas for fundraising, please share them with council.

