

J.J. O'NEILL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear God,

bless our school

family and all it's

members and friends;

bind us together by Your love.

Give us kindness and patience to

support each other; and wisdom in all

we do. Let the gift of Your peace come

into our hearts and remain with us.

May we rejoice in Your blessings for
all our days.

Amen.

On behalf of the staff at J.J. O'Neill, I
wish you a very Merry Christmas and
health and happiness in 2012.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Saturday, December 24th - 5:00 p.m.,
7:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th - 10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S

Saturday, December 31st, - 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st, 2012 9:00 a.m. and
10:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be held at the Church on
Sunday, December 18th, at 3:00 p.m.

ADVENT MASS/CELEBRATION

We invite all families to join us for the Advent
Mass/Celebration on Wednesday, December
7th at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym.

THE GIFT OF GIVING

Staff have requested that any gifts that may
be offered to them (Christmas, end of the
year) be in the form of a donation to local
community supports. Saint Vincent de Paul
and/or Interval House are the suggested
organizations. Staff do appreciate the gifts,
but they would love to help out those in need
with your contributions. These gifts may be
placed under the Giving Tree in the school's
front foyer.

SCHOOL, PARISH & FAMILY CONNECTION

Keepsake Nativities will be shared and
blessed on Sunday, Dec. 11th. Mr. Vella,
former ALCDSB volunteer of the year winner
will also have his Nativity collection on
display for all to see.



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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Just a reminder that the Scholastic Book Fair "Futuristic Theme" will be held on December 6, 7 & 8. Drop into our school library on the dates and times to find books for everyone in your family.

Dec. 6 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Dec. 7 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
& 5:00 to 6:00**

Dec. 8 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Book Sale



JINGLE BELL WALK

On Friday, December 3rd, students, staff and any interested parents are invited to participate in the "Jingle Bell" neighbourhood walk. We will begin at 2:15 p.m. in the gym. We are asking students to bring a non-perishable food item to put under the giving tree.



JUST A REMINDER

Now that we are in the "hat and toque" season, we remind students and parents to continue to check for pediculosis on a regular basis. It is also very important that students do not share brushes, combs or hats. If you find pediculosis in your child's hair, please report it to the school.



CHRISTMAS ELF SHOPPING

The primary children will be shopping for their parents on **Monday, December 12th** and **Tuesday, December 13th**. If you have any items to donate, please send them in as soon as possible. The children will purchase a gift for Mom and Dad (step-parents or guardians) at **\$1.00 each**. Donations of gift bags, wrap and tape would be greatly appreciated. It is so wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces as they choose their gifts. All proceeds will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Our thanks to Iris Berry who coordinates this event each year. If you can volunteer to help, please call Iris at 613-354-1714.

INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

On inclement weather days, parents are reminded to listen to the radio for bus cancellations. **88.7 (Napanee Station)** is very good at updating cancellations as well as any school closures. When buses are cancelled and schools remain open, parents must provide transportation to and from school. We also need to have a phone number where you can be reached, should the school close during the day. When there are no regular classes, students will have inclement weather work packages to do.

Please note: Students may not be dropped off at the school prior to 9:00 a.m. on any school day. 9:00 a.m. is when supervision begins.

BUS CHANGES

Teachers are concerned that instructional time is often interrupted because of last minute changes to students' home time bussing. **Bus changes must be written in**

NOTE FORM and sent with the child in the morning. We will NOT interrupt

the classroom unless it is an **emergency.** Should a situation happen where your child does not get off the bus at his/her regular stop, the following procedure should be followed:

1. Call the school at 613-354-9500.
2. If after 4:00 p.m. and there is no answer at the school, then call the Tri-County Transportation Office at 613-354-1981, ext. 317.
3. If this number is busy, call the applicable bus line:

Stock Bus Lines 613-384-0770

(Bus # 131, 135, 146, 153, 158, 750)

Martin's Bus Lines 613-354-7545

(Bus # 144, 267, 527, 528, 774)



TERRIFIC KIDS FOR NOVEMBER

Congratulations to our terrific kids for November:



**Georgia, Sam, Kaitlyn, Aidan
Carter, Nikki, Natalie, Evann, Jacob
Brook, Curtis, Brendan, Ethan, Jacob &
Mr. Tinline.**

**THANKYOU!!! THANKYOU!!!
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Thanks to your wonderful support, we had another successful fundraiser. Although our total profit has not been worked out as of yet, we sold \$3013.00 in Poinsettias, 285 pieces of cheese and \$5150 in Norcard. Yahoo!!!!

Christmas is fast approaching. Do you know if you were naughty or nice this year? Our Advent Celebration will be December 7th at 6:30, with Mass and some performances from some of Napanee's finest performers. Once again I would like to call on all those Betty Crockers out there. If you could help us stock our refreshment table with cookies. Cookies only please! Please remember **NO PEANUTS!** Cookies can be brought to the school anytime during that day or when you come that night.

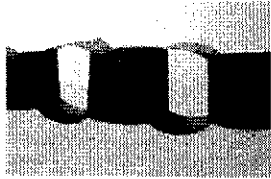
On behalf of the J.J. O'Neill Catholic School Council I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year 2012! You could always start the New Year off right by joining our council meeting on January 9th at 6p.m.

God Bless

Denise Hinch

Catholic Council Chair

Holiday Countdown



Time can be hard for young children to understand, especially when anticipating holidays like Christmas or Hanukkah.

Create a visual understanding of time by making a holiday chain with your child. Use this same chain to help your child learn numbers, number order, and patterns too!

Create a Holiday Chain with Your Child

Use two colours of construction paper. Cut into strips that are about 20 by 5 cm. Cut one strip for each day from now until the special day.

With your child decide on a colour pattern for the chain. The pattern might be one green strip, one red, one green etc. It might be one yellow, two blue, one yellow, two blue etc., or something different.

After creating your pattern, print one number on each paper strip to show the number of sleeps to the big day. Interlock and staple all strips in order to create a chain.

Have your child cut off one chain each day to see time shorten as the special day draws closer.

Provided by: *Ontario Early Years Literacy Specialists*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Scholastic Book Fair	7 Scholastic Book Fair 6:30 p.m. Advent Celebration	8 Scholastic Book Fair	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Teens Trashing Tobacco Program Good News Assembly 11:30	21	22	23 Last school day for this year!	24
25 Merry Christmas Have a safe, and happy holiday.	26	27	28	29	30	31