

J.J. O'NEILL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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February 2012 Newsletter

Especially on Valentine's Day
may God's blessing from above
fill your hearts with special joy

and
bring you a day that's filled
with love.

May you find His presence near
you,

may He answer every prayer
and

may each day be just like
Valentine's Day
for you throughout the year.

God bless you and your family
on Valentine's Day

and
always.

Liturgical Update

Father Rod will celebrate Mass with us
on Wednesday, February 22, at the
school at 1:15 p.m. Feb. 22nd is also
Ash Wednesday, so there will be a
distribution of ashes. All parents and
parishioners are welcome to join us.



Professional Activity Day

Friday, February 3rd, is a P.A. day.

Teachers and Early Childhood Educators
will be preparing to write report cards.

Education Assistants, Mrs. Cain, Mrs.
Garrett, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Ferguson and
Mrs. McGuire, the Library Resource
Technician, will be attending workshops
at Holy Cross Secondary School.

Family Day Statutory Holiday

All Catholic schools and school board

sites in the Algonquin & Lakeshore

Catholic District School Board will be

closed on Monday, February 20th, 2012.

March Break

For all you lucky people

planning a "get away"

for March break – the

break will be the week

of March 11th. We will return to school on

Monday, March 19th.



Report cards for Term 1 will go home

on February 21, 2012.

Basketball Tournaments

The Basketball tournaments will

be held as follows:

Jr. Girls – Feb. 27 @ Queen's

Jr. Boys – Feb. 24 @ Queen's

Sr. Girls – March 1 @ Holy Cross

Sr. Boys – Feb. 29 @ Regi

More information will be sent home with
the students on the teams.



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Safe Schools

At J.J. O'Neill Catholic School, we continue to provide students with an opportunity to learn and develop in a safe and respectful Catholic community. Our school's bullying prevention program provides:

- A connection to the Catholic virtues;
- A key message for students and parents for each month of the school year;
- A grade-specific lesson for each month (K-8);
- A key message that is used throughout the school for other activities; and
- The same focus in all grades each month.

The focus for the month of February is **Learning to Get Help by Reporting Bullying**. The key message is "Telling an adult about bullying is not tattling." Through class discussion and group activities, students will learn the difference between telling and tattling, and will understand how to effectively report bullying to obtain adult help. Safe School Team Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 27th, @ 3:45 p.m.



School Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Holy Cross Open House

Will be hosting a parent information night on Feb. 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Grade 8 Open House at NDSS

Thursday, Feb. 23rd, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Registration

We encourage parents to register for Junior and Senior Kindergarten as soon as possible. Please bring a copy of your child's:

- Baptismal Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record

Early registration helps us to determine staff requirements. **NOTE:** If your child is already attending the Junior Program at J.J. O'Neill, he/she is automatically enrolled in the Senior Program for next year.

Congratulations to our Terrific Kids for the month of January

We are pleased to announce the Terrific Kids for the month of January which took place in our assembly on January 24th.



Annika, Greer, Kaitlyn
Nathan, Tyler, Marshal, Abby, Mark
Jaclyn, Sammy, Summer, Abby, Rachel
Riley, Jacob and Mr. Tinline

Next Good News Assembly takes place @ 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27th.

VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME.....

Did you know that.....

- * J.J. O'Neill has a variety of special events to make our children's school experience memorable.*
- * If you, as a parent/guardian or grandparent, volunteered for as little as 2 hours a year, this would greatly enhance school events.*
- * You can volunteer during the day or in the evening, for as much or as little time as you can share.*
- * Volunteering in your child's school benefits the entire school community.*
- * Volunteering gives you a sense of accomplishment and makes our school shine with community involvement.*
- * If you are involved in your children's educational life, they will become more involved as well.*
- * We have many different ways for you to contribute.*
- * Our children really need your support.*



Please volunteer your time – your children need you.

A letter was received from The Salvation Army thanking our School staff, students and parents for the generous food donations made to the Food Bank from the Jingle Bell Run.

Thank you to all our school community for your continued support!

Easter Seals Free Family Skate

Sunday, February 26th, 2012

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

at the K-Rock Centre.

A fun-filled day in support of children with physical disabilities. There will be live entertainment throughout the entire day!

Family Skate and Easter Seals Telethon will air on TV COGECO and CKWS Sunday, April 1st, 2012 from 12:00 noon – 6 p.m.

For more information contact Megan Bomberry at 1-888-667-0043.



February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 P.A. Day	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Holy Cross Grade 8 Open House 7:00 p.m.	16	17	18
19	20 FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY	21 Report Cards go home today!	22 Ash Wednesday Mass in the gym at 1:15	23 NDSS Gr. 8 Open House 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	24 Jr. Boys Basketball @ Queens	25
26	27 Jr. Girls Basketball @ Queens	28 Good News Assembly 11:30 to 12:10	29 Sr. Boys Basketball @ Regi			



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Recently your son or daughter had a representative of the school's ECO Committee come and speak to their class about the boomerang lunch program. J.J. O'Neill is a certified Ontario ECO School, and for the past several years – along with many schools across Ontario – we have used a boomerang lunch program as a way to make a difference for our environment. We are re-launching the program for 2012 and would kindly ask for your participation in this program. A “boomerang lunch” means that all non-recyclable lunchbox waste will be sent back home in the students' lunch pail. In order to keep lunch pails clean, we recommend that students place any waste back in a reusable container for the return trip. Rather than simply transferring the disposal of lunch waste from school to home, the purpose of the boomerang lunch program is to encourage the review and re-thinking of the way that lunches are packed in the first place, to result in less garbage being produced over all. For tips on packing a “boomerang” lunch please visit <http://www.ecosuperior.org/upload/documents/boomeranglunch.pdf>, or ask your son or daughter! We thank-you for helping us to be Stewards of God's Creation!

Sincerely,

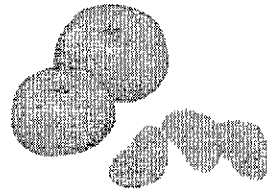
The ECO Committee





Nature's fast food

Stock your fridge with cleaned, fresh vegetables and keep a bowl of washed fruit on the table. That way nature's fast food is ready for children to grab when hunger strikes.



Tip:

Involve children in developing a list and purchasing healthy snack choices. This way, they are more likely to enjoy their snacks at school and at home.

Avoid the lunch slump

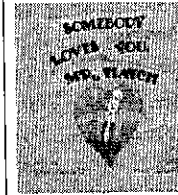
Healthy school lunches fuel children so they can concentrate, perform better at school, and have more energy to be active throughout the day. Involve children in planning and preparing lunch, they are usually more willing to eat their own creations. Include their favourite foods and add interest by combining new foods with old favourites.



- ☞ Be creative with sandwiches and use cookie cutters to make different shapes.
- ☞ Tuck in surprises like a riddle, sticker, or a cartoon.
- ☞ Instead of expensive store bought, pre-packaged lunch kits, make your own with re-usable plastic containers with separate compartments and fill each compartment with high fibre crackers, lean lunch meats, and fruit.

Check out "The Lunch Planner" at www.kflapublichealth.ca

Somebody loves you!



February brings thoughts of hearts, love, and all things warm and snugly. A perfect time to cozy up with a good book. In the lovely and endearing picture book

Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch (Eileen Spinelli), the message of love and friendship is strong. Children learn that to receive love, you only need to give it. This story will warm the hearts of youngsters and adults alike all year long!

Did you know that speaking and listening are the foundational skills for reading and writing? Read aloud! Even 15 minutes a day can make a difference!

"Reading floats on a sea of talk" - James Britton

More Stories of Love for 4-8 year olds:



- ♥ *Love You Forever* (Robert Munsch)
- ♥ *The Runaway Hug* (Nick Bland)
- ♥ *I Love You Stinky Face* (Lisa McCourt)

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