

J.J. O'NEILL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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*When we count our many blessings,
It isn't hard to see
That what we value most in life,
Are the treasures that are free.*

*For it's not the things that we possess,
That signify our wealth,
But the blessings that are precious,
Like our family, friends, and
health.*



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

A MESSAGE FROM SUSAN SANDERS, PRINCIPAL

We have been off to a good start at J. J. O'Neill Catholic School. At the beginning of the school year we had sixty-three kindergarten students in two classes. The Board decided to add a third classroom and is now in the process of hiring a contract teacher to permanently take over the Early Learning Kindergarten Program. Thank you to the parents and students who were affected by this change. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

LITURGICAL UPDATE

Father Rod will be celebrating Mass with us on **October 6, 2011 in the gym at 1:15 p.m.** We invite parents and parishioners to join us.

PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION

There is a parent meeting for all Grade Seven students being confirmed in November on **Thursday, October 13th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church.** If your child is in Grade Seven and you wish your child to receive this Sacrament, **you must attend or call Father Rod at 613-354-5354.**

OPEN HOUSE



We are pleased that so many were able to join us at the Open House BBQ on September 22nd. It was great to see all the students and meet their parents.

CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Students and coaches have been practising over the past few weeks for the Cross Country Meet which will take place on **Wednesday, October 12th,** at Fort Henry Hill in Kingston. Parents are welcome to attend. More information will be sent home with the students involved.



REMINDER

Student safety requires that you **DO NOT** use the circular driveway from **8:40 to 9:05 a.m. and 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.**, as busses are in this area. Please use Simcoe Street at these times and walk with your child to the school.



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STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS were sent home with the students in the first few days of school. Several have not been returned as of this date. Please ensure that this form is filled out where necessary and returned to your child's teacher ASAP. These sheets are very important in order that we have up to date information on health issues, emergency numbers, etc. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

TERRY FOX WALK

The annual Terry Fox School Walk was held on September 30th. Thank you to everyone for your generous support of this wonderful cause. A special thanks to Mlle Adams and Ms. Turkington for coordinating the event this year! The amount raised exceeded last year's total. Approximately \$3500.00 was raised.



ST. PATRICK CWL HARVEST BAZAAR

The CWL will be hosting the annual bazaar at the school on Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a "Goodwill" coffee break from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., followed by a buffet luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the bake and craft tables, silent auction, and ticket draws. A Euchre party will be held at J.J. O'Neill Catholic School starting at 7:00 p.m.



MILK PROGRAM

The milk card program is working very well. Just a reminder that students can purchase a milk card (\$10.00 for 10 milk, or \$20.00 for 20 milk). Please send the money (**cheque preferred**) to the teacher, and we will ensure that your child receives his/her milk. When the card is full, we will send it home to notify you that your child requires a new card.

J.J. O'NEILL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Congratulations to our 2011-2012 Catholic School Council Members:

Chair: Mrs. Denise Hinch
Vice-Chair: Mrs. Marsha Murphy
Secretary: Mrs. Lisa MacDonald-Holtz
Treasurer: Mrs. Karin Grunenfelder

Thank you to all the members of our past council for your hard work and dedication over the last school year. We welcome new faces and invite all parents to join us at the next meeting on, **November 7th, at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.**

THANK YOU TO THE TD (Toronto Dominion) FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

for the generous donation of 45 trees. We have a mix of species that are native to this area. The students helped to plant the trees, which will supply much needed shade for the children in our school community for generations to come.

The TD Friends of the Environment have also donated the services of an arborist to tend to the trees and ensure their survival for the next five years.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, October 10th is Thanksgiving Day. School will resume on Tuesday, October 11th
- Monday, October 24th is a Professional Development Day. All staff will be involved in a Faith Development Day.



VOLUNTEERS are needed to help catalogue books in the library using the computer. If you are interested, please contact the school.

Goal setting is a worthwhile life skill and everyone should engage in the practice.

CANADIAN AUTHOR

We are excited to announce that a Canadian Author, Eric Walters, is coming to J.J. on November 11th at 1:00 p.m.

Eric will be sharing his love of reading and writing by conducting workshops for the students on the afternoon of Nov. 11th. We have a unique opportunity to order his books and have them personalized to our students. These novels are being ordered directly from the author and the prices listed are at a discount as no taxes are charged. The library has a posting of all novels and their prices. You can find out more about the novels by going to www.ericwalters.net. If interested, complete an order form at the library and make cheques payable to Eric Walters. **The orders need to be placed by Wed. Oct. 26th.** Please contact Ms. McGuire in the school library if you require any further information.



TERRIFIC KIDS



Once again this year, The Kiwanis Club is providing Terrific Kids medals for the monthly Good News Assemblies.




The Terrific Kids award program recognizes students for working to the best of their ability to achieve a class goal which is established by the class at the beginning of each month. Class goals may focus upon discipleship, stewardship, work ethic, participate, class behaviour, and/or social skills. Each class chooses a goal that reflects particular needs for improvement and/or development. Often, the goals are generated around a Virtue (e.g., Compassion) or Catholic Graduate Expectation (e.g., responsibility).

Parent(s) and/or guests of each nominated student are informed and invited to attend the presentation. Guests are asked to keep the information a surprise until the Good News Assembly!

A group photograph of the monthly winners is published in the school newsletter.



Sign up for Fall Activities in Napanee!

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	FEE
Babysitting Course Ages 11-14 	Saturday, October 29 or Saturday, November 19 9:00 to 4:00 pm If you are a youth who babysits or stays home on your own, this course can help you to learn important skills: home and fire safety, child care, meal preparation, basic first aid, handling babysitting challenges and more! Instructor: Sherry Sheffield	\$35.00
Badminton Club Ages 15 & Up 	Mondays and/or Thursdays, January to March 7:00 to 9:30 pm (10 weeks) Beginner and Experienced Players Welcome! Co-ordinator: Kevin Alkenbrack	\$25.00
To register, or for more information, contact Karen 613-354-0828.		 LIMESTONE COMMUNITY EDUCATION <i>Leaders in Training and Development</i>

Tongue Twister Talk



Tongue twisters can tickle children's funny bone.

Tongue twisters can also help children develop phonemic awareness - the ability to hear the smallest units of sound in words.

Tongue Twisters cause children to pay attention to the first sound in words. Playful repetition of initial word sounds through tongue twisters helps children begin to connect sounds with letters.

A terrific tongue twister tale to tell...

Betty Botter had some butter. "But," she said, "this butter's bitter. If I bake this bitter butter, it would make my batter bitter. But a bit of better butter-- *that* would make my batter better."

So she bought a bit of butter, better than her bitter butter, and she baked it in her batter, and the batter was not bitter.

So 'twas better Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter.

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Build Vocabulary

You can help your child learn new words using their favourite picture books! Use these strategies when reading new words:

- **Explain it with a short phrase or sentence**
"A puppy is a baby dog."
- **Use the pictures to explain it**
"Look at the tunnel."
- **Use your voice expressively**
Think: "How would Robert Munsch read this?"
- **Use dramatic gestures**
Hold your index finger to your lips when reading, "The mouse was very quiet."

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Come Walk in my Moccasins

Aboriginal teachings through story, feast and fun



A **free** event open to young children with their families, early learning and child care professionals.
Limited spaces.

Date: Thursday October 13th 2011

Time: 5:30 p.m. Dinner (provided)
6:00—7:30 p.m. Storytelling & Activities

Location: LARC OEYC
1178 County Road #8, Napanee

Register: call **(613) 354-6318** by October 7th


This event has been developed by the Aboriginal Family Literacy Circle and sponsored by the KFL&A Child Youth Services Steering Committee.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Picture Day	6 Picture Day Mass at 1:15 p.m.	7 Hep. B – Gr. 7 HPV – Gr. 8 girls	8
9	10  Happy Thanksgiving	11	12  Cross Country	13 Parent meeting Confirmation 7:00 St. Patrick Church	14 Cross Country Raindate	15 CWL Bazaar
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23	24	25	26	27 Safe Schools Committee Mtg.	28	29
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