

September 2011



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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Hot lunch program begins | 15 | 16 Terry Fox kickoff | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Mass 1:15 p.m. in the gym. BBQ open house at 5:00 p.m. Moving Planet ECO Event | 23 P.A. Day | 24 |
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J.J. O'NEILL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Welcome Back!

I am very hopeful that everyone enjoyed their summer and that you took time to relax and refresh yourselves. I am very pleased to be back at J.J. O'Neill for my eighth year.

Welcome to all the returning students and parents, and a very special welcome to new students coming to J.J. O'Neill for the first time.

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time for students, teachers and the staff. Mrs. Craigen, Mrs. McDonald and I, were in the week prior to September 6th, preparing for the first day. Teachers have returned to their classrooms over the weeks before the beginning of school to prepare curriculum for the coming term. Mr. Pheiffer and Mrs. Warren have once again done a wonderful job of thoroughly cleaning the school in preparation for the return of students.

I join with the staff and students to extend a very warm welcome to new staff members, Mrs. Christine Carriere-Roth, Mr. Thomas Considine, Ms. Danielle Turkington, Ms. Cara Rautins, Mr. Ryan Borges, Ms. Teressa Krentz, Mrs. Brenda Ferguson, and Ms. Amanda Kain. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Kennedy as our Arts teacher this year. We are looking forward to another great year with the guidance of Father Rod.

At this time, I would like to encourage you to become a volunteer at J.J. O'Neill. Your contributions to our school through volunteering are immeasurable. It is very important that the children see volunteers at

our school, as it shows you think education is important and lets students know that their school is an important part of the Napanee community.

Please contact your child's teacher or the office at any time if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to provide the best environment possible so that each student feels safe and cared for, and thus ready to work and learn to the best of his/her capabilities.

This summer, Mrs. Kirby made the decision to retire from teaching. During her many years as a gifted teacher, Mrs. Kirby's kindness, patience, dedication and hard work has helped hundreds of students do their very best at school. She was always the first to arrive at the school and one of the last staff members to leave at the end of the day. Her love of literacy will have a lasting effect. We have been blessed to have Mrs. Kirby at J.J. O'Neill Catholic School for eleven years. As a school community we thank her for her many years of dedication. We wish Mrs. Kirby every happiness and good health as she begins this new phase of her life.

Mrs. Michalska has been the Child and Youth Worker at J.J. O'Neill and St. Patrick Catholic Schools since the fall of 1999. In her position, she met with a number of students both on a regular and spontaneous basis. Mrs. Michalska was the CUPE representative who attended School Council Meetings at J.J. This summer, Mrs. Michalska made the decision to retire from her position with the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. She will be missed by students and staff at both schools. We wish her the very best in her retirement and thank her for all the extra things she did for the students at J.J. and St. Pat's. Her quiet and kind manner will be greatly missed.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and with the parish over the course of the school year. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support, interest and involvement.

Sincerely,
Susan Sanders, Principal



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LITURGICAL UPDATE

Father Rod will celebrate our first school Mass in the gym on **September 22, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.** As always, we welcome parents and parishioners to come celebrate with us.



BBQ – MEET THE STAFF

We will be having an Open House at the school on Thursday, September 22nd. At **5:00 p.m.**, we welcome everyone with a short prayer, introduction of staff members, then classroom visits will begin at **5:15**. At **6:00** the BBQ will begin. The BBQ which will be from Papa's Kitchen will sell ¼ lb. burgers - \$3.00 each, 7" hotdogs - \$2.50 each and juice - \$1.50 each, with part of the proceeds going to our school. The School Community Council will be selling J.J. O'Neill T-shirts and cookbooks, as well. We look forward to seeing the students with their families.

SAFE ARRIVAL

As always, we rely on parents to advise us if your child will be absent from school by calling the school at **613-354-9500**. If you are calling prior to 8:30 a.m., please leave a message on our answering machine. Our Safe Arrival Program exists to ensure the safety of your child. Thank you for your participation which makes this program a success! If you have not telephoned the school to report an absence, Mrs. Craigen will contact you.



SAFE SCHOOLS TEAM

Once again this school year, J.J. O'Neill will have a Safe Schools Team consisting of Administration, Teaching and Non-teaching representation. As well, any parent interested in being on the Safe School Team is asked to let the office know by Friday, Sept. 23, 2011. There will be a minimum of one meeting a term and meetings will occur before or after school hours.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The first council meeting was held on **Thursday, Sept. 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the library**. If you are interested in joining the

council this year, please fill out the form attached and return it to the school by September 13th.

School Council Meeting Dates:

Sept. 8, Nov. 7, Jan. 9, Mar. 5, May 7 at 6:00 p.m.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE PACKAGE

An information brochure is attached. If interested, please send forms to Insurance Company – not the school.

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS

These sheets have been sent home earlier with your child. Please ensure they are returned along with the Freedom of Information sheet to the classroom teacher as soon as possible so that we have the most current information on your child.

BUS NOTES

Please review the expectations for the bus with your child. It can be found in the School Code of Conduct Section in the Agenda. The most common cause of bus confusion at the end of the day is undocumented changes to a student's regular transportation route. It is imperative that any variation from regular routes come in the form of a written note. When emergencies arise, please contact the school. Bus notes should contain the date(s) of change and where the student will get off the bus. Please include the bus number or driver's name in your note. Should a situation arise 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 there is not answer or a busy signal, call Tri-County Transportation at 613-354-1981 ext. 352.
3. Should this number be busy, call the following:

Stock Bus Lines – 613-384-0770

Martin Bus Lines – 613-354-7545

Please give your child's name, bus number and regular stop information.

SCHOOL CALENDARS

The school calendar for the 2011-2012 school year is now in the front of the student agendas.

VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers must have a police check – whether it is for a one day excursion or for regular volunteering. The OPP will do the check. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office and we will provide you with a form to obtain the necessary information. The police checks are valid for three years. Police checks can take up to four months to complete. Plan to submit your paperwork asap.

J.J. O'NEILL WEBSITE

We encourage parents to check out our website on a regular basis.
<http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/jjon>

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS

At the end of the day, if you are picking up your son/daughter, please come through the main office area, and wait for your child in the office area.

This applies to students in the portables as well. It is very important that children are able to organize homework and complete the work required at the end of each day without distractions or interruptions. If you are picking up your child during the day, we ask that you come to the office and we will have your child waiting there for you. Please be aware that yard supervision starts at **9:00 a.m.** We are unable to accept students prior to that time. Student safety requires that you do NOT use the circular driveway from **8:40 to 9:15 a.m. and 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.** as buses are dropping off and picking up students. Please use Simcoe Street when dropping off students during these times. It is best if you walk your child to the school.

PEDICULOSIS CHECKS

The entire school will continue to have pediculosis checks. Please check your children for head lice and contact the school if you suspect that your child has contracted it.

REMINDERS

NO aerosol sprays (deodorant, perfume, aftershaves) are to be brought to school due to safety concerns.

NO cell phones or other electronic devices are to be brought to school as well.

LUNCH HOUR

Please note the lunch hour times are **12:10 to 12:50 p.m.**

Students will go outside for the first 20 minutes (12:10 to 12:30) then come back in to eat from 12:30 to 12:50. The entrance at the Office is locked from 12:30 to 1:00 and the door bell is to be used at this time.

As indicated in the School Code of Behaviour: **“It is the school's expectation that all students, other than walkers, shall remain at school for lunch unless they are being picked up by their parent. The school is not responsible for students who are off school property during the lunch hour”.**



ST. PATRICK'S CWL

There will be a CWL Harvest Bazaar on Saturday, October 16th, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be refreshments, children's entertainment, a buffet luncheon at 11:30 to 1:30 and a great assortment of tables to browse for crafts, baking, and accessories. A silent auction will be held, and in the afternoon a “sing along”. Everyone is welcome to attend. – There is something for everyone at the Bazaar!

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Again this year, Poppa's Kitchen will be here each Wednesday. The students simply bring their money to the lunchroom and purchase a hot lunch item if desired. The items are as follows:

Whole Wheat Pizza slices - \$3.00 each (1 / 2 slice - \$1.50)

Whole Wheat Nachos & salsa - \$3.50 each

Veggie Wraps - \$3.00 each

Veggie Trays - \$3.00 each

Hot dogs on whole wheat buns - \$1.50

The hot lunch program will begin next Wednesday, September 14th.



MILK PROGRAM

We are continuing our milk program this year, and again we will be selling milk cards to students. The cost of the milk is \$1.00 each for both white and chocolate.

The students will purchase a milk card for either 10 or 20 milk by bringing in the cash or cheque made payable to J.J. O'Neill School. Cheques are preferred.

Each day, milk will be distributed to all students with milk cards.

Milk will NOT be sold unless the student has previously purchased a milk card.

When the milk card has been filled, the student will simply purchase a new card.



DAILY SCHEDULE

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| 9:15 | School begins |
| A.M. recess | 11:15 to 11:30 |
| Lunch | 12:10 – 12:50 |
| P.M. recess | 1:50 to 2:05 |
| Dismissal | 3:25 |



NEWSLETTERS

In keeping with our ECO school, we would like to encourage parents to read our monthly newsletter on the school website. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like a paper copy of the newsletter. If we do not have a response from you, we will assume you will be reading the letter from the website at alcdsb.on.ca/jjon

P.A. DAY – FRIDAY, SEPT. 23, 2011

School based for staff to focus upon 2011-2012 School Improvement Plan.

TERRY FOX RUN

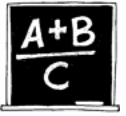
The kickoff for this year's event will be held on September 16th.

The walk will take place at our school on September 30th, 1:00 to 1:50 p.m.

BOTTLED WATER

As an ECO school, we discourage the use of bottled water. Please send your child with a reusable water bottle which can be filled up at the water fountain.

STAFF LIST



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| JK/SK | Maggie Drouillard |
| JK/SK | Christine Carriere- |
| Roth | |
| Gr. 1 | Tiffany Vye / Thomas Considine |
| Gr. 1/2 | Abby Gauthier/ Kerri Torres |
| Gr. 2 | Danielle Turkington |
| Gr. 3 | Marie Rodrigues |
| Gr. 4 | Fran Forster / Tracy Hegan |
| Gr. 4/5 | Amanda Graham/ Cara Rautins |
| Gr. 5/6 | Yves Lalonde |
| Gr. 6 | Ryan Borges |
| Gr. 7 / 8 | Jessica Mulhall / Teresa Krentz |
| Gr. 7/ 8 | Laurie Day |
| FSL | Laura Gowsell/Amanda Kain Allyson Adams |
| Spec. Ed. | Cathy Culhane |
| Library | Mary Frances McGuire |
| E.A. | Eileen Cain, Patti Garrett, Jane Perry, Brenda Ferguson |
| E.C.E. | Julie Windover, Jody Uddenberg |
| Arts Teacher | Steven Kennedy |
| Youth | |
| Worker | to be announced |
| Custodial | Mike Pheiffer / Barb Warren |
| Secretary | Donna Craigen |
| V.P. | Lisa McDonald |
| Principal | Susan Sanders |