

November 22, 2018

Opening Prayer

Christmas Fair

- Our Christmas Fair will be on December the 7th and our committee is working hard to bring all the events together.
- We are asking Council Members to donate any new item to our Christmas Raffle Baskets. These donations are asked to be handed into the office by Monday December 3rd.
- During the meeting, members had suggested that we sell a basket of alcohol and this was approved by Mrs. Harvey. Raffle tickets can be sold for One for \$2, 3 for \$5 and an arms length for \$10. If you are donating a bottle of alcohol please ensure that you provide them to either Jovie or Colleen so that they can be put into the raffle basket and not left in the office.
- Unfortunately we do not have a Santa to be at our fair. If you are interested please let your child's teacher know. A Photo booth has been generously donated by a council member. The photo booth will allow people to take their own Christmas photos.
- We will be having a Deluxe Coffee station at the Christmas fair and most items have been donated. Proceeds will go to cover the expenses of the evening and then to the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation.
- There will be a small Christmas Market in the Library. The proceeds from the table rental will also be donated

Mental health and awareness

- Student wellness group will be creating positive messages on bulletin boards throughout the school and on the bathroom walls. Karen from the council has offered to help paint inspiring messages on the walls.
- Working with public health nurse and Notre Dame and sharing ideas with them about the wellness group
- Wellness Wednesday – play calming music and promote positive messages
- Staff are learning about Mindfulness, how to encourage students to focus on their breathing techniques to manage their frustration and pain that they may be feeling. Newsletter has all the school goals with links to access information
- Mrs. Harvey is going to give parents some techniques to use at home and to understand what is being used in school
- February we will be having a speaker Asante Haughton. He is a relatable speaker who is going to speak to the 6,7 and 8s to talk about his challenging upbringing and how he overcame difficulties and how he continues to manage. This will be open to parents to attend if they wish.
- *Please ensure that your email is updated at the office

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week (Nov 19-23)

- Announcements there has been quotes from the bible and written by Paul Dwyer students a prayer and a challenge. Each student is given a simple challenge, for instance if you see someone who is lonely invite them to play.
- Children grades 4-8 were given a survey about bullying, parents were also given the survey, the link is on the website.
- We have a handbook that has 5 different lessons, social skills, internet safety, cyber bullying, each lesson is geared towards the grade level. The language is the same, don't be a bystander be an up stander.
- Monday, we have a speaker coming called Power of One at 1pm k-3 2:15 (4-8)

Healthy Hunger

- has been successful since we began in October.
- Our speciality lunches Wok Box and Boston Pizza have been averaging 100-120 orders. Council members would like the speciality lunches to continue and would like to see a lunch from McDonalds or Burger King added as a special lunch. Boston Pizza will be increased to once a month.
- When ordering sandwiches/pitas please note that toppings need to be added as desired. Subway and extreme Pita are low orders
- Healthy Hunger lunches will be posted from January to March

Parish News

- Confirmation enrollment is this weekend where passports will be collected and they will be given a cross.
- Holy Communion enrollment is the December 8th and 9th weekend. Passports will be collected at the mass and the children will be given their cross.

Principal's Update

- Christmas bulletin is going out to the students the week of November 26th. The bulletin will explain the schools plan for the month of December. SJB will be adopting families within our school community as well as some families in Oshawa. Each class will be given a family and the list of the needs for that family.
- The kindergartens will be having a Christmas concert again this year. Some parents would like to see a primary concert. However, the school does not have any plans to host a Christmas concert.
- Parents would like to know more about what the school is providing for the students as extra curricular activities. The clubs listed below are based on the teacher's schedule which change daily
 - Competitive sports open to grades 4-8
 - Cross Country open to grades 3-8
 - Intramurals will begin in the new year
 - Games club which happens during lunch recess and is open to grades 3-8

- Lego Club open to grades 1-2
- Art Club open to grades 3-8
- Chess Club open to grades 4-8
- Budget handed out – Chocolate Fundraiser raised approximately \$23,732.30. As of today the money has gone to the FDK awning, technology equipment, basketball nets for the primary yards and sports equipment. Approximately \$7900 remaining.
 - **Not mentioned but asked afterwards: The sales of almonds versus Laura Secord mixed boxed were almost exactly the same. Our school sold 296 almond boxes and 293 Laura Secord boxes.**
- Council member asked for instructions on the new signing in system in the office. Mrs. Vickery offered to go over it with him. The new system does not require you to sign your child out for lunch if they are returning, since the classes take attendance after lunch.

Closed with Our Father