



The Cougar Column

ST. JOSEPH - NEWSLETTER

Feb. 1, 2019

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



FOCUS ON FAITH

We will celebrate Mass, led by Father Henri on Thurs., Feb. 14, at 9:30 am.

Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights and duties are responsibilities—to respect one another, our families and the larger society. A virtue is a habit that shows people and God that we are a good person. This month, we continue to review the importance of the virtues of **Respect and Responsibility**. God has called us to model the respect shown by Christ. As brothers and sisters who share one Spirit, we are all valuable to God and deserve to be shown courtesy, consideration, sensitivity and thoughtfulness—all ways of showing respect. We shall remind students that through prayer, we improve our ability to be Christ-filled people—respecting ourselves, others and our environment in which we live. We will also be celebrating responsibility. We will work with students to develop models that enable them to make good and conscientious decisions based on scriptural values. We will emphasize the importance of making decisions that do not harm themselves, others or the environment. We will also remind the students of the importance of being able to say “sorry” when they make mistakes and to act correctly, as Jesus would have, in these situations.

A Message from the Principal...

The calendar for February can be found with this newsletter. It outlines the activities we have planned for this month. Please note the swimming days for the Gr. 3's and 4's. Look carefully at the dates so you ensure your child has his/her bathing suit on the appropriate dates!



Mrs. Pichette

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019
at 6:00 pm
Everyone welcome!



USED BOOK AND GLASSES DRIVE

One of the schools in our Board is engaging in a used book and glasses drive for a School in Africa. Gently used books, from fiction to reference books, will be happily accepted. Used glasses will help many people with the gift of sight. We challenging our community to collect as many books or glasses as there are students and staff in the school. Let's show them what the "Little School on the Lake" can do and surpass that number!

Just a reminder that our Newsletter and monthly calendar(s) as well as pictures of events, can be viewed at the Board site at: <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca>
Just click on St. Joseph School to see past and present activities and events!

 **Find us on
Facebook**

Just go to Facebook – search St. Joseph School and you will find upcoming events and information.



"LOVE FOR LILY"









We will be having various fundraisers to help the family of our own little princess – Lily. We are kicking off February with "Loonies for Lily." The funds we raise will be to help the family offset the cost of many medical visits out of town. All donations welcome!



Our Director, is trying to increase her presence on Twitter. Her intent is to share good news stories from schools and students in our system. This strategy ties in with our multi-year strategic plan that has been shared with School Council and which can be found on our Board website. We continue to strive to *highlight, celebrate and communicate the unique nature of our Catholic school system and its learners.* You can find her @TriciaWeltz. Let's help her get more followers!



February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Activities throughout the Month: Recess – Crafts, Basketball, Floor Hockey, etc...						
3 Mass St. Joachim Parish 9:00 am	4 Loonies for Lily Fundraiser Begins Today 	5 Grade 3 & 4 Swim Program	6 Grade 3 & 4 Swim Program Milk & Pizza Day 	7 Grade 3 & 4 Swim Program Milk & Pizza Day 	8 South Porcupine Winter Carnival Spirit Day Dress in Black & Yellow	9 Mass St. Joachim Parish 4:30 pm South Porcupine Winter Carnival
10 Mass St. Joachim Parish 9:00 am South Porcupine Winter Carnival	11	12 Grade 3 & 4 Swim Program	13 REPORT CARDS GO HOME	14 Grade 3 & 4 Swim Program Milk & Pizza Day 	15 NATIONAL FLAG DAY 	16 Mass St. Joachim Parish 4:30 pm
17 Mass St. Joachim Parish 9:00 am	18 Family Day	19	20 D Chef	21 Milk & Pizza Day 	22 Yoga Kids 	23 Mass St. Joachim Parish 4:30 pm
24 Mass St. Joachim Parish 9:00 am	25	26 Pizza & Milk Orders due for the Months of March – April	27 IEP's Go Home PINK SHIRT DAY Anti-Bullying Day	28 Milk & Pizza Day 		

Love for Lilly!

Dear St. Joseph Families,

At St. Joseph School we have always prided ourselves in being a warm and welcoming environment in which all our children and staff feel like family. As a family, we celebrate each other's personal and academic growth and take care of each other during our times of need.



Currently, one of our Grade 1 students, Lillian Dredhart is travelling for medical appointments. These trips come at a great expense financially and emotionally and we would like to support Lilly and her family in any way that we can.

Please look for upcoming fundraising events and activities to support this endeavour. Our first event for Valentine's Day will be "Loonies for Lilly." We will be accepting any amounts or denominations.

Our St. Joseph community is truly one of a kind and we pull together in support of our children and their families. We thank you for your generosity!

Please keep Lilly and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. B. Pichette

Mrs. C. Cote

