



The Cougar Column

ST. JOSEPH - NEWSLETTER

Dec. 1, 2019

A Message from the Principal...

It is hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us. I hope you are all planning wonderful Christmas activities with your families. Christmas can be a very spiritual time for parents and children to continue on their faith journey together. Please take this time to remember the true meaning of the Christmas season which is to rejoice in the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our monthly virtue is LOVE – Jesus was our greatest teacher of love!

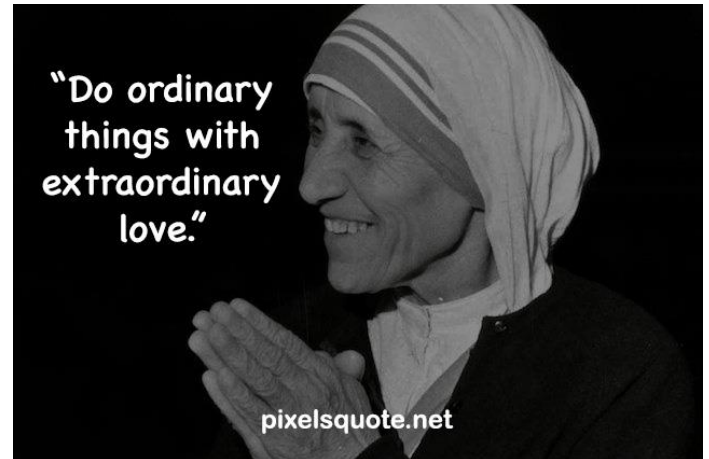
The calendar for December can be found with this newsletter. It outlines the many activities we have planned for this month. Of particular importance is our Christmas Concert, which will be taking place on Thursday, December 12th at St. Joachim Church at 6 pm. Doors will open at 5:30. We wish to invite you to attend and enjoy the concert with us.

On the flip side of the Calendar is a "Random Acts of Kindness Christmas Calendar." These are excellent Advent activities to engage in with your child(ren) to help them understand that Christmas is also about Love and Giving.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Pichette



FOCUS ON FAITH

Our monthly mass will be celebrated on Dec. 12th at 9:30 at St. Joachim Church. Our virtue for November and December is Love.

Students continue working toward their Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion with the Parish this year.

Reconciliation

Celebration of Reconciliation: Sunday, December 1st at 2:00 pm - Parish hall

Eucharist

Sunday, Feb. 16th at 6:30 pm - Parish hall

Sunday, Mar. 22nd at 6:30 pm – St. Joseph school

Sunday, April 5th at 6:30 pm - Parish Hall
(Palm Sunday – Re-enactment of Last Supper)

Celebration of Eucharist

Sunday, April 19th at 10:30 am Mass

FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE



Surely 1 or 2 days absent a week doesn't seem much but this is how it is..

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If your child is late 10 minutes a day - surely that won't matter or affect my child..

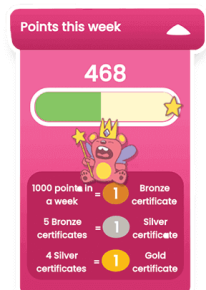
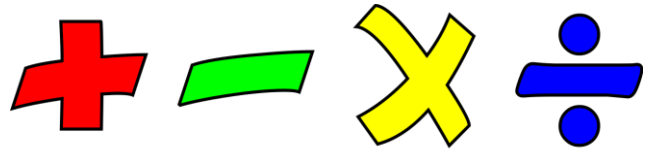
Only missing just..	That equals..	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

With all of the Activities during December, school council will not be meeting this month. The next meeting will be in January – stay tuned!



FOCUS ON INSTRUCTION



We are working on improving our math abilities as part of our school improvement plan. You can help your child(ren) at home by having fun with them using Mathletics. Mathletics is built on a foundation of solid curriculum-led content. It complements and reinforces schoolwork and classroom learning, while blending intrinsic (internal) and extrinsic (external) rewards with fun and creative adventures for students. Join them and enjoy!

