



# The Cougar Column

ST. JOSEPH - NEWSLETTER

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## A Message from the Principal...

I hope you all had a wonderfully relaxing and restful summer, and are raring to jump into a new school year!

To those of you returning to our school, welcome back! To those families who have recently joined the St. Joseph Catholic School Community, you have made a wise choice. I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you. Our staff is committed to the intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual development of each student. Our students come first and every child matters to us. In addition to excellent classroom programs, we have fantastic support staff available to those students who require extra help. We welcome Mr. Rosso as our Gr. 5/6 teacher, Ms. Guenette as our new French/Itinerant teacher, Mrs. Boucher as a full time educational assistant, Ms. Tambeau as our ECE and Mrs. Brazeau as our CYW. She will be working 10 hours per week. As you may have noticed or heard from your children, our school is under construction. We are moving the offices to the "back" door so that our entrance is near the parking lot entrance. This will allow our guests and those utilizing the handicapped parking to have access to this door and not have to walk around to the "front". We wait for this welcome change with anticipation! Please continue to drop off/pick up your children off at the top of the hill – cars backing up and turning around in the parking lot when children are biking or walking to/from the playground is a safety concern.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pichette



## SCHOOL HOURS

Morning Entry.....8:35 a.m.  
School begins/announcements.....8:50 a.m.  
Morning Recess..... 10:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
Lunch..... 11:35 - 12:35 p.m.  
Afternoon Recess.....3:05 – 3:20 p.m.  
Dismissal.....3:20 p.m.

## SCHOOL STAFF

JK/SK – Mrs. Vaillancourt, Ms. Tambeau  
Essential skills class - Mrs. Cote  
Gr. 1/2 – Ms. Lachance  
Gr. 3 - Mrs. Meehan  
Gr. 4/5 - Mrs. McCord  
Gr. 5/6 - Mr. Rosso  
Resource Teacher - Ms. O'Neil  
French/Preparation Release - Ms. Guenette  
Child & Youth Worker – Mrs. Brazeau  
School Secretary - Ms. Lefebvre  
Custodian - Mr. Bedard  
Educational Assistants – Mrs. Royer, Mrs. George and Mrs. Boucher  
Lunch Monitors: Ms. Sasseville, Ms. Bromilow, Ms. Galloway

## SCHOOL SUPERVISION/SAFETY

Please be aware that our school is **NOT supervised until 8:35 am**. If your child walks or bikes to school, be sure not to send him/her too early. Also, there is NO supervision of the school yard after school, and thus, students are expected to go directly home.

## SECRETARIAL HOURS

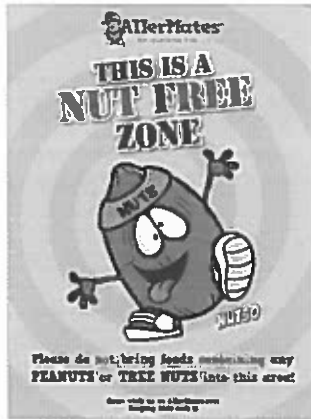
The school secretary is generally available during the following times:

8:00 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.  
12:35 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



## LUNCH PROCEDURES

Students eat from 11:35 – 12:05 and go outside from 12:05 to 12:35.



Please note that we have children with severe/life threatening allergies to nuts. We request that you find nut free alternatives to pack in your children's lunches.

## ATTENDANCE



Regular and punctual attendance is directly related to success in school. Most of our classrooms have Mathematics and/or Language classes scheduled first thing in the morning. It is important that you ensure that students arrive at school on time. Absent students should be reported before the start of the school day whenever possible. For those new to the school, we ask that you call before 9 am to report a child's absence and by 2:30 for early pickups.

## **FAITH**

(F) FORWARDING  
(A) ALL  
(I) ISSUES  
(T) TO  
(H) HEAVEN

The Virtue for the next 2 months is Faith.



## TECHNOLOGY

Students in Gr. 1-3 will have a hard copy sent home regarding responsible use of computers requiring a parent signature. Gr. 4-12, Board-wide will do so online.



In honour of the memory of Rowan Stringer, "Rowan's Law Day" is commemorated on the last Wednesday in September to raise awareness about concussions in sport. We will be wearing purple on Wednesday, September 25.



We have a busy day on Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> as we wear Orange shirts in recognition of the harm done to generations of children through the residential school system. It is an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that every child matters. Orange shirt day not only recognizes our commitment to reconciliation but also to anti-racism and bullying in general.

In addition, we will also be participating in our annual Terry Fox walk/run. Donations to this worthy cause will be accepted up to this day.





# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3 Professional Activity Day	4 WELCOME BACK!	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 School Council Nomination Forms Go Home	18 Pizza Forms Go Home	19 Cross Country Hersey Lake	20 Fire Safety Presentation with South Porcupine Fire Dept.	21
22	23	24 School Council Nomination Forms due today	25 Rowans Law-Dress Purple	26 Terry Fox Walk Cross Country Irquois Falls Pizza Orders Due	27 Orange Shirt Day -- Every Child Matters  yoga Kids	28
29	30 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY					