



Cougar News

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER

October 2010

A GREAT START TO THE NEW YEAR!

It's hard to believe that the first month of the 2010-2011 school year is already over. The students have done a tremendous job adjusting to the routines of school and are settling in nicely. We can all look forward to a great new month of learning and playing together at St. Joseph School.



PROJECT SENEGAL

In January of 2011, Mrs. Linda Audette, one of our Educational Assistants at St. Joseph school will travel to Senegal in Africa to participate in the grand opening of a convent for the Carmelite Missions which will also have a medical dispensary and a school on site. We will be assisting her in her efforts in small ways between now and the end of December to help construct a clean water system for the school as the children must walk 3km to access water. **Coming Soon:** Loonie Fundraising Fridays.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Students will have a chance to make rosaries using beads in the colour of their choice for \$5.00. Mrs. Audette will work with students this week over the lunch recess to make the rosaries so they will be ready in time for Thanksgiving. After Thanksgiving students may make Rosary Decade bracelets for \$3.00. All proceeds go to Project Senegal. Once a week during the month of October, the Grade 5/6 students will visit each class and pray for the less fortunate in Africa. They will learn the Mysteries of the Rosary.



The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world."

- Pope John XXIII

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER: **Gratitude**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that all school photo orders must be returned to the office by **Thursday, Oct. 7th.**



Total money raised for the Terry Fox Walk: **\$150.86**
Thank you for your donations!



HARVEST CELEBRATION

We will once again be celebrating Thanksgiving together on **Thursday, October 7th, 2010 at 9:30am.** Please join us after mass in the basement of St. Joachim's for a Harvest Celebration of fruits and veggies. As a Thanksgiving donation to the South Porcupine Food Bank we are asking students to donate loose change or a non-perishable food item. There are many who continue to need our help. **We do need a volunteer cleanup crew to help us. If you have some time on Thursday, please give the office a call.**



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you very much to the parents and guardians who have volunteered to be Catholic School council Members for the 2010-2011 year. We need to have at least **two** more names of individuals who would be willing to sit on this council for the benefit of the students at St. Joseph School. **Please call the office if you are interested in participating.**

FIRE SAFETY

October is Fire Safety month and we will be practicing our primary and secondary fire exit plans to make sure that all of the students know what to do in case we must exit the school in an emergency.



ELECTRONIC DEVICES

In this age of technology more and more students are arriving at school with a variety of devices such as cellphones, ipods, and/or Nintendo DSIs. These costly items can, too easily become lost or stolen despite our best efforts to reduce these incidents. If your child decides to bring an electronic device to school please remind him/her to bring it to the office where it will remain until the end of the day.



HALLOWEEN

On **Friday, Oct. 29th,** students may wear orange and black. At **1:00pm** parents are invited to join us for a **Halloween Parade** to be followed with special activities in the classroom. No violent or overtly gory costumes will be permitted (no weapons please).

