



# November Newsletter 2024

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***In Flanders Fields***

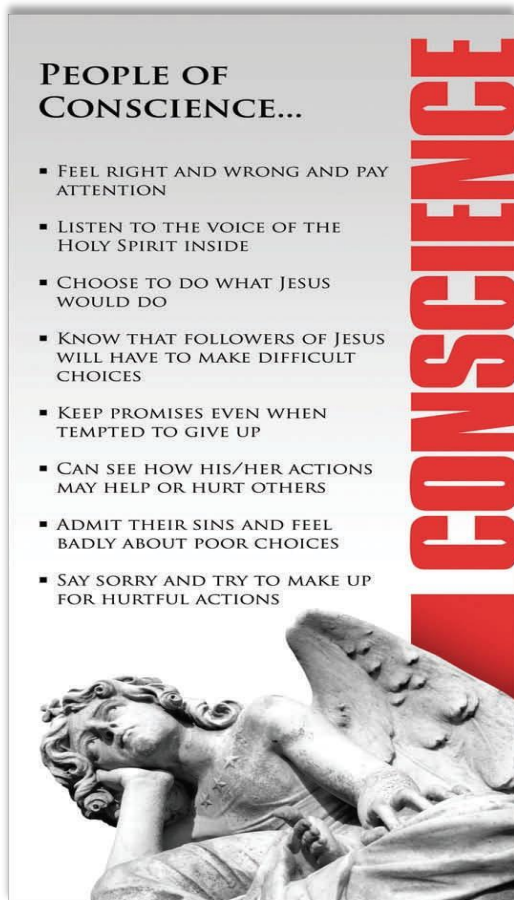
***In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.***

***We are the Dead: Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders Fields.***

***Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders Fields.***

***~ Lieutenant Colonel John McRae***

## Virtue of the Month



### *Lest We Forget*

We would like to extend a warm invitation to all members of our community to join us in prayer and remembrance on **Monday, November 11, 10:45 am**, as we honour the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country.



## Catholic School Advisory Council 2024-2025

The first meeting of this year's Catholic School Advisory Council (parent council) was held Wed., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



Thank you to the parents who have joined our Catholic School Council and continue to give their time and energy to make St. John of the Cross Catholic School the best school it can be. Congratulations to the following members of St. John of the Cross Catholic School Advisory Council.

<b>Chair</b>	Anthony Cardamone
<b>Secretary</b>	Amanda Boyd
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kinga Krawczuk
<b>OAPCE Rep.</b>	Anthony Cardamone
<b>Parish Rep.</b>	Kelly Derlago
<b>Catholic School Council Members</b>	Valerie Giorgi Josie Reece Aleksandra Hucman Justyna Kochman Giovanna Melo Lyndsay Kawamoto Irida Koco
<b>Teacher Reps.</b>	Mrs. Tomazela & Mrs. Germain
<b>Principal</b>	Ms. Del Grosso-Milek

All parents are always invited and encouraged to participate in the Catholic School Council. Our next scheduled meeting is on **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** which will begin at 6:00pm in our school library. Parents are also welcome to join us via the Zoom link provided.  
<https://zoom.us/j/99055080128>

## ***Progress Reports Sent to Student Emails Tues. Nov. 12, 2024***

Progress Report Cards will be *sent digitally to student emails on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.*

A paper copy of the Progress Report Card will not be distributed. The Progress Report provides initial information, early in the school year, about a student's progress. It is designed to show a student's development of learning skills and work habits, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the achievement of curriculum expectations.

Please be aware, the *Progress Report* is not a formal *Report Card*. As a result, an interview with parents is not mandatory during the *Progress Report* period. If your child does not appear to be experiencing challenges with the curriculum and/or the teacher does not have any concerns, the teacher will not be requesting an interview at this time. **All parents are invited to an interview in February**, at the release of the *Term 1 Report Card*.

Friday, November 22, 2024  
is a PA Day.

There is no school for students on this day.

## ***Student Monitors***

Formerly referred to as Lunch Room Supervisors, these employees are now called Student Monitors. This year we thank K. Carnovale, J. Gillis, M. Ciuffini, and K. Furlong-Colon, who will be supervising students in the office, their classrooms and out in the schoolyard.

## ***Anti-Bullying Week November***



Ontario has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday of November as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment.

During Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week, students, school staff and parents of SJC are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being.

*Here are some of the ways that we will be supporting this initiative at SJC, not only this week, but throughout the school year:*

- Yearly review in September of the Catholic Code of Conduct with all students.
- Morning prayers-Virtue of the month.
- Monthly Virtue reflections displayed and shared throughout the school.
- Painted playground activities/games to encourage cooperative play.
- Extra-curricular activities and clubs.
- PALS program.
- Peel Police Youth Education Programs Anti-Bullying Presentations.



Last spring, an assessment of reading, writing and mathematics was conducted in all grades 3 and 6 classes in Ontario by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). This assessment is considered a “snapshot” of the children’s performance based on their respective grade level expectations. Individual student results have been sent home with our grade 4 and 7 students. The following are the results of testing for St. John of the Cross School.

<b>Students at or above Level 3, 4</b>	Reading	Writing	Math
<b>Grade 3</b>			
<b>School</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>75</b>
Board	76	68	62
Province	71	64	61
<b>Grade 6</b>			
<b>School</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>71</b>
Board	85	85	47
Province	82	80	50

A detailed outline of our current results can be accessed at

<https://www.eqao.com/results/>

## Cross Country



A shout out goes to the 40+ students that represented St. John of the Cross School at the Family level Cross country meet at Erindale Park. Every participant gave their all and did an amazing job! Special recognition goes to Daniel M., Vivi T., Jayden H., Dysen L., Jackson B., Jack M., Owen D., Ayden D. and Marley H. who advanced to the Board Level Competition at Centennial Park. Go mustangs go!

## Junior Boys Volleyball



The Junior Boys Volleyball Team had a fantastic season, advancing to the Family Tournament through hard work and determination. While they didn’t clinch the win, they played with heart and proudly represented our school with true sportsmanship. We’re proud of their accomplishments and can’t wait to see what they achieve next season. Well done, team!

## Junior Girls Volleyball



We would like to congratulate the Junior Girls' Volleyball Team for a great season. They played with determination, enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. Thank you for all your hard work, we are very proud of you.

## Angel on the Tree



Our yearly Angel on the Tree initiative in support of families identified through the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John of the Cross Church continues this year. We are accepting **gift card donations** from Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> which will be accepted until Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. *Details to follow.*



On *Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm*, the students of St. John of the Cross Catholic Elementary School will be performing in a Christmas Concert. *More details to follow!*

## Advent Mass



On *Tuesday, December 17, at 11:00am*, our school community will be celebrating our Advent Mass at our school in the gymnasium. We *invite all our families to join us. Looking forward to seeing everyone there to celebrate the Advent season.*

*Please see Attachments:*

1. **Trustee Corbet's Newsletter**
2. **Thrive in Community November 2024**