



October Newsletter 2024

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**Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; His love endures forever.
- Psalm 118:1**



Thank you to those families that were able to join us for our Open House, BBQ and Book Fair in September! What a great start to the new school year. As always, it is a pleasure to have the families join us here at the school, as we work together in support of your child's education.

I am extremely grateful for the many ways that the students, teachers, and parents participate in and support the faith life, special events and programs at our school.

Happy Thanksgiving,

E. Del Grosso-Milek

Principal

Virtue of the Month

PEOPLE OF EMPATHY...

- CAN UNDERSTAND AND NAME THEIR FEELINGS
- CARE ABOUT OTHER'S FEELINGS
- LISTEN CAREFULLY TO OTHERS
- LISTEN FOR CLUES IN TONE OF VOICE
- WATCH EXPRESSIONS AND BODY GESTURES FOR MESSAGES
- NOTICE WHEN SOMEONE IS UPSET
- CAN SEE AND RESPECT HOW OTHERS LOOK AT THINGS
- KNOW THAT OTHERS MAY FEEL DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THINGS THAN THEY DO
- RESPOND GENEROUSLY TO HELP OTHERS



EMPATHY

NEW School Hours

8:45 – Supervision in the Yard and Kiss and Ride
9:00 – School begins
10:20 – 10:35 – Recess
11:55 – 12:15 – Lunch
12:15 – 12:55 – Lunch Recess
12:55 – Classes Resume
2:15 – 2:30 – Recess
3:30 – Dismissal



Monday, October 14th is Thanksgiving Day. Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Opening School Mass

Our opening school mass will take place on **Thursday, October 10, at 11:00 am**, in our school gymnasium. All are welcome to attend!



Professional Activity Day

Friday, October 11, will be a Professional Activity Day for Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context. There is no school for students on that day.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The St. John of the Cross Catholic Equity & Well Being Ambassadors have organized a Thanksgiving food drive supporting St. Vincent de Paul. We will be collecting non-perishable food items until Tues., Oct. 15. Please help St. John of the Cross Catholic School make a difference in our community.



***The Amazing Staff of
St. John of the Cross Catholic School
2024-2025***

JK/SK A	M. Perruzza
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Grade 2/3 B	C. Woltran
Grade 4	M. Hogan
Grade 4/5	J. Currie
Grade 5/6	C. Mahoney LTO E. Doucette
Grade 6/7	S. Chadha/J. Pakulski
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Grade 8	D. Germain
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ERW	E. Joseph
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Catholic School Council

A reminder of our next upcoming Catholic School Council Meeting which will be taking place on Wed. Oct. 9, at 6:00pm in our school library. All are welcome to join us, in person, or virtually by following the zoom link below.

<https://zoom.us/j/99380748922>

***Rosary Apostolate Program in
the Schools***

Volunteers from the “Rosary Apostolate in the Schools” program will be providing the opportunity for our students to pray and learn more about the



importance of the rosary. Volunteers from the organization visit each of our classrooms once a month to guide our students and pray the rosary. This will conclude in May with a Marion celebration during Catholic Education week.

Terry Fox Marathon of Hope

On Friday, September 20th the students and staff of SJC participated in the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope, and SJC was on the Move! Our entire school gathered in the gymnasium to begin with morning prayers, a Land Acknowledgement, some information about Terry and a warm up, before we walked through the neighbourhoods as a show of our support for everyone who’s life has been affected by cancer. We were honoured to have Trustee Corbet and many parents join us for this important event. Thank you to the students and their families for their very generous contributions. We were able to raise \$735.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Catholic Code of Conduct

The Catholic Code of Conduct has been reviewed with the students. This information can be found attached, as the Elementary Student Handbook. We kindly ask that you review these policies with your child(ren) to ensure consistent expectations between home and school. Thank you!

ECO Schools

We are a Platinum ECO School. Please see the Waste-Free Lunch tips from Ontario ECO Schools. Unfortunately, we have quite a few students who come to the office asking for cutlery. Please ensure students bring cutlery with them from home.

Please see Attachments:

1. **Trustee Corbet's Newsletter**
2. **Duty to Report**
3. **Thrive in Community 2024**
4. **Peel Public Health Letter to Families**
5. **Elementary Student Handbook**



*Copy: Brea Corbet, Catholic School Trustee,
Wards 9 & 10*