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**JAMES CULNAN
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL PARENT
COUNCIL**

**NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 3RD
AT 7:00P.M.**

**ALL ARE
WELCOME TO
ATTEND!**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As noted in February's school calendar, February is indeed an eventful month filled with many important activities and celebrations. We extend our sincerest appreciation to all staff members, parents, volunteers and student leaders who continue to work diligently for the betterment of our school community and all its members.

During the Month of February, we recognize and celebrate the virtue of Love and we remember that love not only inspires the practice of all other virtues, but it is also the form and completion of all the other virtues. No other virtue can be genuinely manifested without love.

Student success continues to be a priority for staff. We are completing Report Cards for Term 1 and look forward to sharing them with you on Tuesday, February 9th. Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for February 11th and 12th. The date and time for your scheduled interview will be sent home with the report card.

We appreciate the ongoing support of the James Culnan community! Together we foster a love for learning and collectively, we develop a strong and caring connection between home, school and church for the benefit of all our learners. On behalf the entire staff at James Culnan School, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a love-filled Valentine's Day, and a very safe and enjoyable Family Day weekend!

Regards,

Stephen Dempsey
Principal

Leonor Goncalves
Vice Principal



Kid's Kitchen is very pleased to have begun hot lunch service at James Culnan Catholic School every Monday and Wednesday

For more information visit www.kidskitchen.ca or call 905-

Appropriate Winter Clothing

All students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. As the temperature drops, students should be wearing coats, hats, gloves/mitts, scarves, boots, etc. As well, we ask that students keep an additional pair of shoes at school for indoor purposes.



Conditions Warranting Indoor Recess

Children need daily opportunities for exercise and free play outdoors. However, extreme weather conditions sometimes warrant indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods.

When the temperature, including wind-chill, falls below -18°C , time outside



E-MAIL COMMUNICATION

In March, James Culnan will begin sending the monthly newsletter, calendar, and other occasional correspondence to parents by e-mail. We will be using e-mail addresses provided by families early in the school and from our school database. Those who wish to be removed from the school distribution list will have the option to opt out.

If you do not receive the newsletter and calendar by e-mail in March, please contact the school to ensure we have an up-to-date address.

The newsletters and calendars will also continue to be posted on the school Web site:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/jamesculnan/news/Pages/Newsletters.aspx>

Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC) PANCAKE SUPPER - FEBRUARY 9, 6-8pm

Socialize with families from our school community and enjoy some pancakes and sausages in honour of Shrove Tuesday.

-Donations appreciated-



Board-Wide Civvies Day

February 8th to 12th is “Believe in Angels Week” in support of the Angel Foundation for Learning. The Angel Foundation for Learning is the charitable organization that serves the needs of students in the TCDSB, by offering supports that focus on nurturing the body, mind and soul through nutritional, educational, and spiritual programs.

In support of their efforts, students at James Culnan are encouraged to participate in a TCDSB Board-Wide Civvies Day on Wednesday, February 10th.

All participating students from across the board are being asked to donate \$2.00, with the money going directly to support the Angel Foundation for Learning.



Kindergarten Registration

Since kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year began on Wednesday, January 13th, James Culnan has received a high volume of applications to both our French and English programs.

If you have a child who will be enrolling in Kindergarten and have not already done so, be sure apply on-line using the “Student On-line Admission and Registration” platform known as S.O.A.R. (found at the

National Sweater Day

National Sweater Day is a fun way to learn about the importance of saving energy and to inspire people to use less heat all winter. Heating accounts for 80% of residential energy use in Canada and is a significant source of emissions. If all Canadians lowered their thermostats by just 2 degrees Celsius this winter, it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 4 megatons – that’s equivalent to shutting down a 600 mega watt coal-fired power station or taking nearly 700,000 cars off the road!

In support of this national event, on February 4th, James Culnan will reduce the temperature in the school by 2 degrees. Students are asked to wear a sweater of their choosing to keep them warm and comfortable.

Many thanks to our recently-established Eco Team, under the leadership of Mme Calcada and Mme Van

Royal Canadian Legion

Each year, The Royal Canadian Legion sponsors an annual Remembrance Day Poster and Literacy Contest that is open to all Canadian school children. The primary goal of this contest is to continue the tradition of commemorating Remembrance amongst Canadians. This year James Culnan Catholic Elementary school entered many posters and poems in various categories. The following is a list of student winners:

Intermediate Category (Mr. Pedrosa and Monsieur Prieur - Grade 8 Class)

Emily O. – 2nd place - Poetry
Hailey V. – 3rd Place - Colour Poster
Mariam C. – 3rd Place - Black and White Poster

Junior Category (Mme Allen - grade 6)

Sophia C. – 3rd place - Colour Poster
Mia V. – 2nd place - Colour Poster
Sophia H. – 1st place - Black and White

Junior Category (Ms. Pedro - Grade 4/5)

George H. – 3rd place - Black and White Poster

An award ceremony will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion hall at Dundas/Jane mid- February.

Junior Soccer

Congratulations to our boys and girls soccer teams who represented James Culnan at the divisional meets on January 26th and 27th. Both teams did a great job displaying both skill and sportsmanship. Many thanks to our coaches: Mr. Astorino, Ms. Pedro, and Ms. Domagala for volunteering their time to prepare the students.

CARDBOARD BOAT RACES

For over 20 years, Skills Ontario has been hosting Cardboard Boat Races across Ontario, testing the student's ability to build a floating structure that will outperform all others in speed and weight challenges. Teams are provided all the necessary materials to build a boat in just two hours. Students must bring their problem-solving, teamwork and design skills as they create a seaworthy structure out of two sheets of 4' by 8' corrugated cardboard and some duct tape.



After finishing 2nd place in their divisional competition in November, James Culnan qualified for and competed in an exclusive competition in Markham, Ontario on January 26th. Over thirty schools were represented and our students performed very well, scoring a race time of 52.25 seconds and holding 225 lbs. of weight.

Congratulations to Matthew O., Emily O., Selena S., and Christian B. for an outstanding performance. Much thanks to Mr. Neri and Mr. Pedrosa for organizing and coaching.