

# ST. JAMES NEWSLETTER



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Classes start 9:00 a.m.  
Lunch Hour: 11:45-12:45 p.m.  
Dismissal: 3:30 p.m.



## *In Flanders Fields John McCrae 1915*

*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.*

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## Principal's Message

During the month of November we will be focussing on the virtue of **PEACE** at St. James School. We celebrate this virtue specifically on November 11, as we remember those who fought for our freedom and continue to strive for peace around the world. Peace among nations starts with peace among us. Every person can work for peace by carefully considering how their words and actions make others feel. Be guided by the words of Paul to the Colossians – "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." On Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 10:30 am we had our Remembrance Day celebrations in the gym with Officer Eric Berridge and Master Seaman Dario Garcia.



CSPC (Catholic School Parent Council) elections have taken place and our new executive council consists of co-chairs: Debbie Hammond, (mother of Cameron, gr. 6) and Keli Jeziorski, (mother of Jordon , Gr. 1), Secretary: Lourdes Sousa, (mother of Alan gr. 3) and Treasurer: Trish Aurelio, (mother of Zoe , gr. 6). Thank you to our CSPC executive and parent council members who give freely of their time to provide learning opportunities for every student at St. James School. All parents are welcome to attend our CSPC meetings. The meeting usually take place on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be held on Thursday November 19, 2015 in Room 206, (instrumental music room) starting at 6:30 pm.

I close with the wise words of St. *Francis de Sales*

***Never be in a hurry, do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.***

K.Schneider

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## Appropriate Dress Code

Our school is special because it is a Catholic School and we have Christ as our example. This gives us the important responsibility of acting in a Christian manner at all times. What we wear speaks volumes and therefore we should all wear appropriate clothing to school. Clothing with narrow straps, crop tops or short shorts/skirts are not acceptable. Hats are **not** to be worn inside the building. The length of shorts should be just above the knee for all Gr. 4-8 students. If leggings are worn under a short skirt or shorts the skirt or shorts must be of an appropriate and acceptable length. **The appropriate length of shorts also applies to gym classes and all after school activities.**

**St. James also has a no makeup policy for all students.**

## Appropriate Dress Code (Navy Blue & white) JK – Grade 8

### **Tops:**

- White or navy golf/polo style shirt (collared, long or short/sleeve)
- White cotton blouse or shirt
  - White or navy turtle neck sweater
  - Navy sweater (with or without hood)
  - Navy sweat shirt
  - T-Shirt (white or navy)

### **Bottoms:**

- Navy trousers-**NO BLUE JEANS, DENIM OR JEGGINGS**
- Navy sweat pants
- Navy yoga style exercise pants
- Navy skirts/skort/shorts at the appropriate length, just above the knee

- White/navy dresses
- Navy cargo or capri style pants
- Leotards/tights will be white or navy
- Knee socks or tights in white or navy
- **no white bottoms from Grs 4-8**

Logos may not be larger than a thumbnail.

### **Shoes:**

- Non-marking running shoes, other soft-soled non-marking shoes, sandals etc.

## Late Arrival/Absence Notification

Important, exciting, interesting and serious learning occurs at St. James. Staff try diligently to ensure that time is not wasted. With this in mind, students who arrive late miss out on valuable experiences. We ask your assistance in the following ways: Our morning begins at 9:00 a.m. All students are to be lined up in their appropriate school yard areas for our entry routines.

Parents/guardians need to call the school as soon as possible to explain when the child will be away, or send a note the day before (e.g. regarding doctor or dentist appointments). You may also call in the evening or in the morning, preferably before 8:30 a.m. to report an absence. Please leave a message for our secretary on the school answering machine.

When changes to the normal after-school dismissal/pick-up arrangements for your child are made, it is always best to send a signed note ahead of time to inform the teacher. You can also inform staff by calling or coming to the school. Please leave enough time so

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that we can make everyone aware of the changes.

## **School Entry/Supervision**

Please be reminded that supervision (all school yards, bus loading zone) does not begin until 8:45 a.m.. This also applies to student access to the school building in the event of inclement weather. Parents, please do not send your child to the school before 8:45 am.

## **Allergy Alert**

Due to the large number of TCDSB students and families who may be affected by this situation, we want to inform you that a Canada-wide recall has been issued for all lots of the Allerject epinephrine auto-injectors manufactured by Sanofi Canada.

This recall has been initiated in consultation with Health Canada.

Allerject is used as an emergency treatment by patients who are at risk of serious allergic reactions such as anaphylaxis. This recall is due to issues that may potentially affect the delivery of the required amount of epinephrine.

Parents who have a child using this product, are asked to contact their health care provider or pharmacist for more information if they have specific questions about this recall.

The Sanofi Canada recall information is available here:

<http://sanoficanada.mediaroom.com/2015-10-28-Sanofi-Canada-Issues-Voluntary-Nationwide-Recall-of-Allerject-Due-to-Potential-Inaccurate-Dosage-Delivery>

## **School News**

On Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Pacheco's, Mrs. Bugeja, Ms. James, and Ms. Mazza's classes went to the Toronto Zoo! It was a beautiful day and we learned many interesting facts about the animals! It was an amazing and unique opportunity to get up close to these magnificent animals! Thank you to the Parent Council for funding for our school bus for the day.

## **On the Tour**



## **Headed Home!**



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The Giant Panda Exhibit



## Olympic Speed Skater

The grade 6 and 7 class were treated to a presentation from an Olympic silver medalist and Speed skater. On November 2, Amanda Overland dropped by the school to tell the kids about her experience in the sport. She even brought her Olympic Silver Medal.



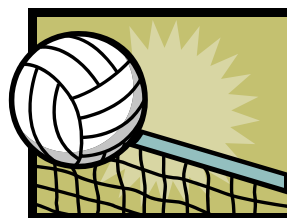
## Cross Country

Congratulations go out to all cross country runners who participated in the Divisional, Regional and City meets. Seven runners represented St. James at the Regional event on October 21<sup>st</sup> and Kallon moved on to the City wide meet on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all our runners who worked hard to prepare for

the meets. A special thanks to Mr. Barber and Mrs. Constanzo for coaching our teams.

## Volleyball

The Intermediate volleyball teams have been selected and the season is underway. The boys and girls teams participated in a tournament on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Archbishop Romero Secondary School and the divisional tournament at St. Luke. The teams played with enthusiasm, dedication, sportsmanship, and great teamwork. They represented St. James proudly. After some hard fought battles the girls finished first at both tournaments. The boys placed first at the divisional. Congratulations to the athletes and we wish them good luck at the upcoming regional tournament at St. Mary's High School on November 18/19<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to our coaches, Mr. DosSantos and Mr. Barber. We could not have done it without you!



## Me to We

It has been a busy month for the Me to We Committee. During Thanksgiving the team challenged the school to bring in canned goods for donation to the Good Shepherd Centre. Over 10 bags of food were donated to the

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centre. Thank you to the St. James community for their generosity. On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the team organized a dance for the school. The students danced away to some of their favourite music and dressed in costume. The team raised over 316.00

## Halloween Pictures



Mrs. Ludkowski-Scace and the grade 8 girls.



Who are these guys?



Dancing with the primary grades!



## Saying Goodbye!

Ms. Tara Teicht's (gr. 6 teacher) last day as an LTP (long term occasional teacher) will be this Friday, November 13. We thank her for all her work with our students and wish her all the best in her future endeavors. We extend a warm welcome back to Ms. Rita Pietrangelo!

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## PALS Program

This term we will begin the PALS (Playground Activity Leaders in Schools) program. The program is a playground leadership program offered by Toronto Public Health in collaboration with the Toronto Catholic District School Board that encourages all children to participate in activities regardless of their gender, size, or ability. The program will begin this month, weather permitting.

The objectives of the P.A.L.S. program are to:

- Increase physical activity
- Provide leadership opportunity for students
- Decrease conflict and reduce incidence of playground bullying

Student volunteers from grades 4-6 promote the P.A.L.S. through P. A. Announcements with cheers, poems and reminders. We will also have a very visible bulletin board in the main hallway that will include the names of the P.A.L.S. team and the groupings, including a team leader; in the main hall of the school. Designated play space in the yard will be marked with florescent cones and leaders are encouraged to invite students to join in the fun, and participate in the games.

## P.A.L.S. Chant

We're P.A.L.S. leaders and we're here to say,

We offer fun and games most every day.

When we're out you'll always know,

By our bright red pinnies that almost glow!

Out on the playground, we're meeting new friends.

The fun never stops and the games never end.

So come out and meet us, we're always around.

We'll be out at recess, all over the playground.

It is sure to be a fun activity for all.

Ms. DeMonte-Bahr

## Student Achievements

Daniela Sacco one of our Grade 8 students won the Serra Club award for Altar Servers. Daniela serves at St. James Catholic Church. Congratulations!



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## Email Distribution List

The response to our email distribution list request has been well received. The list has been set up and we have started distribution. We will be sending home reminders, announcements, and the monthly newsletter and calendar. If you are not on the email distribution list please call the school office.



## Progress Reports

Progress Reports were sent home on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on: Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30 pm and on November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 am. November 13<sup>th</sup> is a P.A. Day for the students. **There will be no school on this day.**

## Upcoming Events

- Bullying Awareness Week Nov 16-20
- Parent Teacher Interviews Nov 12/13
- Girls in Government Nov 12
- Grade 7/8 Royal Winter Fair Nov 12
- Nov 12 Pizza Lunch
- Book Fair Nov 10-13
- Immunization Clinic Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Grade 7/8
- CSPC meeting Nov 17 at 6:30
- Little Red Theatre (JK-Grade 4) Nov 16<sup>th</sup>
- Skills Canada Presentation Nov 16<sup>th</sup>
- Nov 18 Regional Volleyball Boys
- Nov 19 Regional Volleyball Girls
- Grade 1/2 Loblaws Field Trip Nov 19
- Nov 20 Pita Pit Lunch
- Nov 25 School Mass 9:45 am
- Nov 27 Civvies Day
- Nov 27 Grade 8 Artist Visit



Remembrance Day Ceremony

