

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL

January 2018

Happy New Year!

On behalf of our school community, we would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year. Welcome back to all staff and students!

Early French Immersion Kindergarten Night

Parents and guardians interested in learning more about French Immersion for their child entering JK or SK in September 2018 are invited to attend an information session.

For North Bay families: **Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis School, 68 Gertrude St. East, North Bay.**

For Callander and area families: **Wednesday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Theresa School, 1475 Main Street North, Callander.**

Free childcare and refreshments provided! Kindly RSVP to 705-472-1201 x 2213.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Junior Kindergarten and new Senior Kindergarten students for the 2018-2019 school year are now being taken. Junior Kindergarten students must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2018 and Senior Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2018. Children that are already in school need not re-register for Senior Kindergarten.



Visitor Sign-In

*To ensure the safety and security of our students, we ask all visitors to adhere to the sign-in protocol. Please stop by the office upon arrival and sign yourself into our **Visitor Registry Book**, don't forget to sign out on your departure.*

Save the Dates

- **January 23** - Madagascar
- **January 24** - EFI Parent Information Night at St. Theresa
- **January 25** - EFI Parent Information Night at St. Francis
- **January 27** - Family Literacy Day



Inclement Weather

If the buses have been cancelled due to inclement weather and you bring your child to school, please ensure that there is a teacher staff member at the school to receive your child. If sent by taxi, please instruct the taxi driver to check that there is someone to receive your child or you can call the school before sending them. If the weather is severe, the teachers may be delayed in arriving at school as well. The staff will make every effort to ensure the safety of your child. As always, if the buses are not running and you send your child to school, you must make arrangements to pick them up at 3:00 p.m.

Grade 8 Orientation to St. Joseph-Scollard Hall (SJSH)

A number of orientation activities will take place over the course of the next several months to assist our Grade 8 students with the transition to SJSH. These activities will include visits to SJSH by grade 8 students and SJSH staff visiting to the school.



Family Literacy Day—January 27

This nationally celebrated day aims to increase awareness on the value of reading and engaging in literacy-related activities as a family. Families are encouraged to take time each day to engage in literacy-related activities – even just 15 minutes a day can dramatically improve the literacy skills of both children and parents.

Catholic School Advisory Council

Our next Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) will be held on January 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Winter is here!



The weather has certainly been unpredictable but it is essential that the students come to school dressed for outdoor play. The children are outside for all recesses and they should be dressed appropriately. It is a great idea for your child to have an extra pair of mitts and socks as these do get wet! Neck warmers or very short scarves are preferable to long ones that have to be tied. Please write your child's name on his/her coat, pants, mitts and boots. When there is an extreme wind chill factor, the students are kept indoors and provided with alternate activities.

Virtue of the Month

The Virtue of the Month of January is Peace. Please watch for further details for our Virtue Celebration.

Allergies

A friendly reminder, that there are children in our school with severe, life threatening allergies to peanuts and nuts. We maintain a peanut and nut aware school community, **peanut and nut products are not permitted.**

Medication

We cannot dispense medication to a student unless it is prescribed by a physician. If your child requires medication during the school year, please have your physician complete the "Request for Administration of Oral Medication" form that has been sent home with your child and you can obtain one at the office any time. All medication must be kept at the office with written instructions.

Together in Faith

The Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association (OCSTA) is launching a new campaign to strengthen the support for Catholic Education in Ontario. The campaign is called Together in Faith. The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board invites you to learn more about this campaign at www.togetherinfaith.ca and consider signing your name to show your support.

