











St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School - WEEK at a GLANCE – February 12th – 16th

During the month of February, we will be learning and praying about the Fruits of the Holy Spirit called – “Kindness”

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Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16
<p>Money and pledge forms due for Dance a thon!!!!</p>  <p>DANCE-A-THON!</p> <p>Payment for the Ski Day on March 6th at Brimacombe opens today online</p> <p>Catholic School Council Mtg. 11:30</p> <p>Hot Lunch Orders due tomorrow – Feb. 13th Online</p>	<p>Shrove Tuesday – all students and staff will receive pancakes in their classroom</p>  <p><i>Shrove Tuesday</i></p> <p>Thank You to Our Fabulous Breakfast Program Volunteers!!!!</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday Prayer service 9 AM- Gym</p>  <p>Valentine’s Day</p>  <p>Students are encouraged to wear red or pink today!</p>	<p>Dress Down Day for Special Olympics!!!!!!</p>  <p>Special Olympics</p> <p>Students are asked to bring in loose change donations for Special Olympics Ontario</p> 	<p>Dance a thon!!!!</p>  <p>Grade 8 students to St. Mary Secondary School 10 AM – Noon</p> 

REMINDER!

All Dance a Thon Pledge Forms are Due on Monday!!!!!! Students will be given prize draw tickets on Friday!!!!!!

Dance-a-Thon Prizes:

**A ¾ Guitar from Long and McQuade
Toys and Lego from Legacy Toys (Donated by Sandi Banhini)
Pizza Hut Gift Certificates
Let's Talk Books Store Gift Certificates
Family Passes to Cobourg Cougars Game
Indigo Book Card
Build a Bear Gift Card
Sport Chek Gift Card
Family Pass for Lakeshore Bowl for Bowling
Mr. Sub Gift Certificates
\$20 Gift Card from Dairy Queen (Donated by Mirri-Henshall)
Cineplex Child Movie Pass and Snack Gift Card
D Star Nails \$20 Gift Certificate
Dress Mr. Richardson for the Day
Song writing from Mr. Mellon
Lunch with 2 Friends from Mrs. Brodie
Movie and Ice Cream Afternoon with 5 Friends with Mrs. Kendrick**

Top Three Winners.....Pie in the Face for Mrs. Brodie!!!!

Principal's Message:

Hello Everyone,

This week is a very important week for our Catholic School Community and within our Faith. This week we start our Lenten Journey. Our fabulous Breakfast Program Volunteers will provide our children with a Pancake Breakfast on Shrove Tuesday! Pancakes and Fruit will be provided and students will eat in their classrooms. Therefore, the Breakfast Program is closed before school for their preparation!

On Ash Wednesday, Father Gerardus will bring Ashes to our students. Ash Wednesday is a sacred day, which begins the season of Lent. Lent is the 40 days before Easter where we are called to fast, repent and prepare our hearts for the Celebration of Easter!

Thursday is PVNC's Special Olympics Dress Down Day! Students are welcome to "dress down or cozy" for the day. Students are asked to bring in loose change as a donation towards the Special Olympics that are being hosted by our Board, this year! Please dig into those piggy banks and change purses and send even small amounts of change, with your child on Thursday! Thank you for your support of this wonderful initiative!!!

Our Annual Dance-a-Thon is next Friday! Our fabulous Catholic School Council has worked very hard to bring this wonderful fundraising event to our students. Mr. Visconti will again donate his DJ Services for the day and our students, who bring in pledges and donations, will Dance with their classmates, within their divisions throughout the day. During last period, we will hold our draws of each of the many, many prizes that our Dance a Thon is offering this year!!!!

Parking Reminder:

Parents and Guardians are reminded that Custom Plastics has a Private Parking Lot. Please remember to drop your children off, carefully within our parking lot and escort young ones across the parking lot and into the yard. We want to avoid tickets being given to our families.



Parent/Teacher Conferences -

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday February 22nd, from 3:00 - 6:30 pm. Your child's teacher may request a conference, or if you have already met, you may feel that a conference is not needed at this time. However, if you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact Mrs. Thompson, in the Office at 905-372-6879, to schedule a conference. Conferences will be 10 minutes in length.

Looking Ahead...

- February 19th - Family Day - No School
- February 20th - Head Lice checks for whole school
- February 20th - Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home
- February 22nd - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 3:00 - 6:30 PM
- March Break - March 12 - March 16
- March 20th - Mass at School, Reconciliation to follow
- March 30th - Good Friday
- April 2 - Easter Monday
- April 5th - Cops for Cancer Event at St. Joseph CES
- April 19th - Basketball at SMSS
- April 20th - Alt. for Basketball
- April 22nd - Confirmation at St. Michael Church
- April 27th - Head Lice Checks