








**St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School - WEEK at a GLANCE – January 29 – February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

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Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	Thursday 1	Friday 2
	<p><b>Electricity Safety Presentations to Classes</b></p>  <p><b>Grade 8 – Visit from Mrs McCartney @ 9AM</b></p>		<p><b>National Sweater Day!!!! Wear those sweaters!!!!</b></p> 	<p><b>PA Day – No School</b></p> 

**Please note the following safety reminders:**

1 – All visitors are asked to remember to come directly to the Office, when you visit the school. Please sign in and see Mrs. Thompson so that she can assist you with your visit. Please remember that parents are not to go directly to classrooms to pick up or drop off their children or meet with, without an appointment.

2 – Our Bell Rings at 8:20 each day and classes begin right away. Parents are asked to assist their children to be on-time each morning, in order to maximize their learning potential. If your child is eligible for busing and this is a new experience, please ask us at the office for their bus information.

3 – The Dismissal Bell rings each day at 2:50. Parents are asked to pick up their children promptly at 2:50 at the gate. If buses are cancelled, children must be picked up at the front doors at 2:50. Please assist us with this important request.

4 – There are a lot of illnesses and viruses around these days. If your child is too sick to participate in school activities, including recesses, they should stay at home in order to heal and feel better. Thank you for helping us to keep our school safe and healthy!

## **Looking for Donations to our Dance-a-Thon!**

Do you work for a business that could donate a prize for our Dance-a-Thon on February 16<sup>th</sup>? Do you have a gift card, which you are not using, that you could donate as a prize for a deserving young fundraiser?

We are looking for donations to use as prizes for our Dance-a-Thon in February. We may use these donations as individual prizes or put smaller items together into gift baskets. If you are able to help, please drop off your donation to the Main Office or send with your child by February 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you always for your support of our school!!!!



### **Looking Ahead...**

- February 5<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Day
- February 7<sup>th</sup> - Graduation Picture Day (Grade 8)
- February 19<sup>th</sup> - Family Day - No School
- February 20<sup>th</sup> - Head Lice checks for whole school
- February 20<sup>th</sup> - Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March Break - March 12 - March 16
- March 20<sup>th</sup> - Mass at School, Reconciliation to follow
- March 30<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday
- April 2 - Easter Monday
- April 5<sup>th</sup> - Cops for Cancer
- April 19<sup>th</sup> - Basketball at SMSS
- April 20<sup>th</sup> - Alt. for Basketball
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Confirmation at St. Michael Church
- April 27<sup>th</sup> - Head Lice Checks

## Mathematics and Reading

Reading stories can enhance your child's interest in and understanding of mathematics. Stories provide natural contexts for exploring ideas about number, space and shape. When children read and discuss math stories, they hone their mathematical reasoning and communication skills. When you read a mathematics story with your child, keep in mind the same strategies you use to read any story. Find a story that is interesting. Read with expression. Provide background information, as necessary. The best books have a mathematical or reasoning problem that needs to be addressed. They may require brainstorming and making predictions. Even books that are not specifically mathematical in context can be used to generate more mathematical ideas, make comparisons, and involve estimations.

For a plethora of excellent examples of math books for reading, visit the following two sites.

<http://www.dearteacher.com/math-books>

<http://www.whatdowedoallday.com/2015/02/math-picture-books.html>

## Mathematics and Online Sites

There are a number of mathematics activities available online. They are usually designed to appeal to a child's natural interest in animals, sports, toys, etc. As a parent, though, it is important to realize that the computer can become an isolating and static learning environment. Join your child on these sites. Make it an interactive experience. A parent's guidance and mutual interest will go a long way to making the activity on the computer a rich and rewarding learning experience.

For a great selection of examples of educational website, please use the follow link: <http://bit.ly/2zvKzsh>



## Supporting Your Teen with Planning and Transitions

It is important to have ongoing conversations with your teen about your teen's strengths, interests, and future goals. Prior to entering grade 9, choices will need to be made about which mathematics courses best match your teen's needs and goals. It is helpful for your teen to make a plan and adjust it as interests and goals change. Encourage your teen to discuss the plan with a mathematics teacher and guidance counselor so they can help your teen select the appropriate mathematics courses throughout secondary school.

For a comprehensive online tool kit for exploring choices for high school math courses, please visit the follow link: <http://www.mathpathontario.ca/home.php> .