



**ST. JAMES
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
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Message from the Office

We are very excited to begin another school year at St. James. On behalf of the staff, I would like to welcome all parents, students and especially welcome all of the new additions to our school community. This year the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board's theme is "Our Story - Our Journey".

You will see this theme reflected throughout our school. We will be planning events and activities throughout the year to help celebrate our story.

Our staff is deeply committed to creating and maintaining a nurturing environment in which all feel supported. Students are encouraged to develop physically, academically, socially, and spiritually. They are challenged to become critical thinkers and effective problem solvers. These skills are essential for our leaders of tomorrow.

I know with all of us working together, our many achievements will be joyously celebrated and any challenges will be overcome.

Looking forward to an exceptional school year,
Ms. Monteiro-Almeida



OUR STORY - OUR JOURNEY

From our Director, Mr. Brian Beal: "As Christians, stories are an important way for us to communicate who we are and what we believe. The stories passed on through our Catholic faith tradition remind us of God's love and our responsibility to share that love with others. These stories are the foundation for Catholic education in our province and on our region. We know Catholic education is a special gift to be cherished and protected. We are on a journey in Catholic education to share our sacred stories through the faith-filled work we do in our schools.

This year's theme is especially fitting as our country celebrates its 150th anniversary. Our nation's story is one filled with the journeys of so many different cultures, races and religions. Our faith calls us to learn from these diverse journeys as we continue to grow together as one nation."

September 2017

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PARISH NEWS



Mass Schedule

St. James

Sunday - 10:30 am
- 12 noon

St. Francis

Saturday - 5:30 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am

St. Mary's

Sunday - 9:00 am

Confessions

St. James

Friday 3:30 - 6:30 pm

St. Francis

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Our staff list for this year is as follows:

IMPORTANT DATES:

Catholic School Community
Council Meeting
September 14, at 6:30p.m.

Chocolate Fundraiser Kick-
Off
September 21, 2017

Open House/BBQ
September 21, 2017 5pm
to 7pm

School Terry Fox Run
September 28, 2017

P.A. Day
September 29, 2017

Boys Int. Soccer
Tournament
October 4, 2017

Girls Int. Soccer
Tournament
October 5, 2017

Cross Country Running
October 11, 2017

Jr. Soccer Tournament
October 19, 2017



Ms. Schneider	Office Administrator
Ms. Carney	Year 1/Year 2 (JK/SK)
Ms. Taddeo	D.E.C.E.
Ms. Harrison	Year 2/Grade 1 (SK/Gr.1)
Ms. Vitale	Grade 1/2
Mr. Nicol	Grade 2
Ms. Pellegrino	Grade 2/3
Ms. Skinner	Grade 3/4
Ms. Kavanagh	Grade 4/5
Mr. Lucente	Grade 5/6
Ms. Bourgon	Grade 6/7
Ms. Traverse	Grade 7/8
Mr. Butterworth	French/Library
Mr. Compeau	Special Ed./Prep.
Ms. Eccles	Special Ed./Prep./Library
Ms. Herring	Special Education
Ms. Cubello	Educational Assistant
Ms. Albanese	Educational Assistant
Ms. Jacklin	Educational Assistant
Mr. Parton	Head Custodian
Mr. Burke	Custodian
Ms. Monteiro-Almeida	Principal

Please note that our Board is in the process of reviewing our school enrollment so our final staffing is not yet confirmed. Any changes, if deemed necessary, will be in place and communicated by the end of this week.

SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child will be late or absent from school, please leave a message at the school anytime (905-936-4191), with your child's name (first and last), the date of the absence, his/her teacher's name, grade, and reason for absence. You can also report your child's absence using your computer or mobile device by going to our website and clicking on "Safe Arrival Form" under the Quick Links icon. If your child is absent and we have not heard from you, you will be called. Your cooperation and participation in this program is greatly appreciated.

If your child is arriving late to school, please complete a late slip, located in the office, and have Ms. Schneider sign it.

If alternate arrangements for after school transportation are required, please be sure to send a note in your child's agenda.



ROUTINES/DAILY SCHEUDLE

9:00 - 9:15	- Supervision Begins
9:15 - 11:15	- Learning Block #1
11:15 - 11:30	- First Recess
11:30 - 12:50	- Learning Block #2
12:50 - 1:10	- Lunch
1:10 - 1:50	- Lunch Recess
1:50 - 3:30	- Learning Block #3
3:30 - 3:40	- Last Recess
3:40	- School Dismissal

For safety reasons, please do not send your child to school before supervision starts. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

DISMISSAL

Just a reminder that our school day ends at **3:40 pm**. Unless for an appointment, or other extenuating circumstances, students are not to be picked up at the beginning of recess (3:30pm). Should you need to pick up your child early, please send a note in to your child's teacher. If you are picking up your child at 3:40 pm and he/she is in Grade 1 to 8, please meet him/her at the top of the stairs to the left of the ramp. Thank you for your cooperation.



YOU ARE INVITED

Parents who are interested in joining the Catholic School Community Council for St. James are invited to come to our first meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017 in the library at 6:30 pm. All parents are welcome to attend. If you are wishing to be on council and/or want to know more about our group please join us. Nomination forms were sent home with each child this past week. Nomination forms can also be found on our website under the council section. Council meetings are open to all parents.

The main focus of the Catholic School Community Council is to be a voice in Catholic education. Members are actively involved in fundraising and supporting our school.

AGENDAS

Students from Grades 1 to 8 are required to have an agenda for recoding homework and for communication between home and school. We are asking for a \$6.00 donation for each student agenda. Please send your donation to the school as soon as possible.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Our school Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. Come out and meet your child's teacher and the rest of our educational team. Come for a tour of the school! More information will follow in the next coming days.





MEDICATION

Medication can only be given at school when a permission form has been completed and signed by a parent. For safety reasons, all medications are kept in the office, except for students with severe allergies who may be required to carry an Epi-pen or an inhaler on them at all times. Medication forms are available at the office.

ANAPHYLAXIS

Please avoid sending peanut/nut products to school. There are students and staff who have a potentially life threatening allergy (Anaphylaxis) to these foods. We feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students and/or staff members is to respectfully ask for the cooperation of the parents/guardians within our school community to avoid sending peanut butter or products with nuts in the ingredients. As it is hard to monitor, WOW Butter is not to be sent to school. Your cooperation and understanding is much appreciated.

MILK PROGRAM/HOT LUNCH

Our milk and hot lunch program will start some time in October. Further information and order forms will be going home later on this month.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE SCHOOL

We are very appreciative of any volunteer support that parents are able to offer. All parent volunteers at the school must have a Criminal Background Check (CBC) with Vulnerable Sector Screening. The original CBC must be submitted to the office. You will need to pick up a volunteer form from the school office. The letter will indicate that the individual has been selected to work as a volunteer at our school. Letters can be obtained at the front office.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Our students will have their pictures taken on Thursday, October 5, 2017 in our school gymnasium. Retakes will take place on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

TERRY FOX

Our Jaguars will be participating in the TERRY FOX RUN during the afternoon on Thursday, September 28, 2017. More information about this great event and cause will be coming home soon.

NEWLETTERS ONLINE

We encourage parents to read the newsletter on our website – this reduces the amount of paper we are using. Our school website is up and running. Please check it for all the latest Jaguar news, updates, and monthly calendar.

<http://sja.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/>



FIRST COMMUNION

For those students who will be making their First Communion this year, there will be a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm, in St. James Church. Please pick up the registration package after Mass on Sunday. This will be needed for the meeting on October 3.

CONFIRMATION

For our young adults who are beginning preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, there will be a very important and mandatory meeting for all parents and candidates on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:30 pm, in St. James Church. Please pick up the registration package after Mass on Sunday. This will be needed for the meeting on October 2.

We are looking forward to an amazing year!!!

Together in Catholic Education,

Ms. C. Monteiro-Almeida
Principal



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