



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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September 2018

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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

Message from the Office

Dear Parents,

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.

We have grown again this year and have added one class. This means we will be adding an additional portable. This is an exciting time for our little school and we look forward to serving the school community of St. James.

This year the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board's theme is "Called To Be Our Story".

I have given you an example, so that you also should do just as I have done. (John 13:15)

From our Director, Brian Beal: "This year we will go deeper to understand how we are called to be people of faith, and beacons of hope for everyone entrusted to our care. We will place particular emphasis on the verb "Be" in our theme -- and help our students grow in their understanding of the many ways to put our faith into action as we serve our brothers and sisters in our human family."

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



**CALLED TO BE
OUR STORY**

OUR STAFF FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Ms. Schneider Office Administrator

Ms. Carney Year 1/Year 2 (JK/SK)

Ms. Taddeo D.E.C.E.

Ms. Sledz Year 1/Year 2 (JK/SK)

Ms. Prentice Temporary D.E.C.E. (Ms. Prentice will be with us until a permanent D.E.C.E. is hired for this class.)

Ms. Vitale Grade 1

Ms. Harrison Grade 1/ 2

Ms. Pallotta Grade 2/3 (Ms. Pallotta will be with us until a permanent teacher is hired for this class.)

Ms. Pellegrino Grade 3

Ms. Enright Grade 4

Ms. Kavanagh Grade 4/5

Mr. Lucente Grade 5/6

Ms. Bourgon Grade 7

Ms. Traverse Grade 8

Ms. Druska French/Library

Mr. Costa Special Ed./Prep.

Mr. Nicol Reading Recovery./Prep./Library

Ms. Herring Special Education

Ms. Cubello Educational Assistant

Ms. Albanese Educational Assistant

Ms. Jacklin Educational Assistant

Ms. Plante Educational Assistant

Mr. Parton Head Custodian

Mr. Burke Custodian

Ms. Monteiro-Almeida Principal

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.

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.

END OF THE DAY AND 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.** We noticed that a number of calls were being made into classrooms in the afternoons for early pick-ups. These calls pull our teachers away from their teaching and interrupt the learning of the students. We are asking for your cooperation and understanding in limiting the number of interruptions to our classes, especially at the end of the day. If you are picking up your child at 3:40 pm and he/she is in Grade 1 to 8, please meet him/her under the St. James School sign on the wall.



If your child normally takes the bus home and is not on any given day, please be sure to send a note in your child's agenda. In the event of an emergency, it is crucial that we know which students are on the bus going home and which have been picked-up at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation and support in informing the office.

AGENDAS

Students from Grades 1 to 8 are required to have an agenda for recording 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 27, 2018 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.

ALLERGIES and BIRTHDAY TREATS

We like to celebrate birthdays and other special events as they come up during the school year, in an equitable way for all children. We have a number of students with a variety of food allergies who may feel “left out” when birthday treats are brought to school; other students may feel awkward because their families may not be able to provide special treats. As well, the preparation and distribution of these food treats interrupt valuable learning time. **We kindly ask that no food items be sent in (e.g. birthday cakes, cupcakes, etc.).** Each child celebrating a birthday has his or her name announced during morning exercises and receives a Birthday Prize from the office.

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 18, 2018 in our school gymnasium. Retakes will take place on Wednesday, November 14, 2018.



TERRY FOX

Our Jaguars will be participating in the TERRY FOX RUN during the afternoon on Thursday, September 27, 2018. More information about this great event and cause will be coming home soon.

FIRST COMMUNION

For those students who will be making their First Communion this year, there will be a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 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 9.



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 8, 2018 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 8.

NEWSLETTERS 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 and updates.

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

We are looking forward to an amazing year!!!
Together in Catholic Education,
Ms. C. Monteiro-Almeida
Principal

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e-Blasts and Newsletters

All future newsletters and e-Blasts will be sent to you via e-mail and posted on our school website at:

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

Please list your e-mail below if you are not already receiving our Weekly Updates and/or newsletters.

Parent e-mail 1. _____

Parent e-mail 2. _____

STUDENT NAME: _____(2018-2019)