

May 12, 2017

Dear Families,

Happy Mother's Day! I am writing this letter to inform you of the latest news at St. James Parochial School. You may also find this letter on our St. James Website.

- The Safety Committee met on Friday, May 5, 2017, which comprises the following members: Linda Joyal, Chuck Sczuroski, Linda Lewis, Jennifer Litke, Gayle Olivio, Eileen Eldridge, Seth DeAngelis. Throughout the year we completed the following: school signs for a school zone were added and given to us by the town, staff names were on doors inside the building, emergency binders were created for all faculty members including the 911 Dispatch Center, an anti-terror walk through was done on September 28<sup>th</sup>, fire alarms were fixed according to ADA Code, classrooms have new maps, walkie talkies were donated by Seth, Green Guy for street was added in front of the pedestrian walkway, church basement keys were given to Julie Fauxbel and Devon Montigny in case of an evacuation, picture ID's for all faculty and staff were done by Mr. Montville, whole building was rekeyed and a list of who has keys is in the main office, and an updated School Safety Plan are now in place. We have accomplished a lot of ground this past year concerning the safety of our building. We have additional items that we'll be working on during the summer months and for next year. A special thanks to all who served on the committee!!
- We had a 3 year Asbestos Review last week. Hygenix Environmental Laboratory and Counseling Service reviewed our Management Plan Update. I have received the report but the cost was \$700.00 for their services. We are mandated to have this asbestos reviewed every 3 years in our building.
- The National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at St. James Church. The following students were inducted into the NJHS: Sophia Moore, Olivia Riley, Morgan Beaudreault, Christopher Dooley, Payton Duquette, Alexander Litke, Julianna Morrissette, Keegan McLeod, Olivia Sczuroski, Maya Summiel and Kaia Torrente. In addition, the following students were reinstated into the NJHS: Ethan Aspiras, Callista Bibeau, Evan Despathy, Isabella Gonzalez, Juila Hopkins, Olivia Lamoureux, Hunter MacDuff, Conner McLeod, Charlotte Morrissette, Rose-Michaela Nsubuga, Meaghan O'Brien and Olivia Pambuku. Congratulations to all the National Junior Honor Society students for adhering to the 5 pillars of the organization which are Scholarship, Citizenship, Service, Leadership and Character. A special thanks to Mrs. LaPointe and Mrs. Hanley for organizing the ceremony.
- The results of the Elks 'Just Say No' Poetry and Essay Contest winners are as follows: Grade 3 Emily Peckaitis (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Gabby Nsubuga (4<sup>th</sup>). Grade 4 Gianna Papvasiliou (1<sup>st</sup>), Olivia Wood (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Lila Betram (4<sup>th</sup>). Grade 5 Logan Bertram (3<sup>rd</sup>), and Annina Desabota (4<sup>th</sup>). Grade 6 Maddison Zachow (1<sup>st</sup>), Donovan Hendricks (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Abby Morin (4<sup>th</sup>). Grade 7 Kia Torrente (1<sup>st</sup>), and Sophia Moore (3<sup>rd</sup>). Grade 8 Meghan O'Brien (1<sup>st</sup>), Olivia Pambuku (2<sup>nd</sup>), Olivia Riley (3<sup>rd</sup>), and Charlotte Morrissette (4<sup>th</sup>). Congratulations to all the winners!

- The First Holy Communion Mass was celebrated on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 4:30 P. M. The students who received their First Holy Communion are as follows: MaryKate Barnwell, Lillian Bertram, Logan Brooks, Caroline Costa, Nicholas Demarco, Felicia Desabota, Ryan Desjardins, Maddux Duquette, Christian Hart, Henrietta Hayes, Brett Knight, Esme Miller, Ava Pereira, Lucien Robertson, Brooke Roireau, Avery Schaefer, Stella Seney, Presley Waterman, Jacob Whiteley, Claire Zachow, Braden and Jack Anderson (special guests). A special thanks to Julie Fauxbel, Kelly Salvas, Ann Aulerich, Kim Barrette, Laurie Barrette, and Jane Lafleche. A job well done!!!
- Mr. Barrows from Seamless Roofing Systems will be repairing another section of our roof especially the front entrance foyer, nurse's office section and side of the gym beginning next week. During the torrential rains last Friday, we had water pouring from the front entrance area.
- The Wine Tasting Event made a profit of \$8,700.30. A special thanks to the following volunteers for making the event a success: Tiffany Beach, Tracy Caffrey, Lindsey Colligan, Leigh Anderson, Cherie and Serge Riabtsev, Fran Rose and Melissa Bauer. Donations were given by the following: The Pool Source, Mr. Labbe, Brooks Association, Klier Family, Archambault Insurance, Foster Corporation and Capital Bankcard. Thank You.
- A special thanks to the Saint James Parent Group for providing Breakfast and Sweets during Teacher Appreciation Week. Students in Grade 1 and K won the Bingo Cupcake Party. Sue Bertram and Melissa Barnwell arranged to have a 'Spa' Massage for Faculty on Thursday. Faculty appreciated all the beautiful flowers given to them by their students on Tuesday. Mrs. Markley received flowers on Wednesday for Nurse's Appreciation Day. More information will follow next week concerning Teacher Appreciation Week.
- The Grade 7 students will be providing a paper luncheon for Grade 8 students on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a joint band concert with St. Joseph's School in North Grosvenordale at 6 P.M. Hope you can attend the concert.
- Father Greg Galvin will be speaking on vocations to students in Grades 7 & 8 on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 A.M. in our school gym.
- Students in Grade 8 will have a retreat with Father John on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the A.M. He has guest speakers planned for the students. The retreat will take place at St. James Church.
- Reminder: a surprise celebration for Father John on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in honor of his 55 years as a priest. We have a school-wide assembly planned with the children singing 2 songs. A reception will follow the presentation of gifts by each class. The assembly begins at 1:30 in our school gym.
- Mrs. Despathy will be running The Scholastic Book Fair the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> in the gym. Buy one book and get the second book for FREE!!!! Great deal. Students will have the opportunity to view books during the school day.
- We had a generous donation from a gentleman in Moosup. He gave us a check for \$1,500 to be used for technology. He wishes to remain anonymous. In addition, another donation of \$50.00 came in on Thursday which will be given to a teacher's wish list. Thank You.

If you have any questions or concerns, please notify the main office. Have a great weekend!!!

Sincerely,

Linda Marie Joyal/Principal