



School Newsletter

J.J. O'Neill Catholic School



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Some Important Dates

Mar 2 Sr Boys Basketball

Mar 4 Sr Girls Basketball

Mar 4 Grade 8 Boys & Senior Kindergarten Grad Photos

Mar 5 School Closed to Students

Mar 6 Grade 8 Girls & Sibling Photos

Mar 9 Jr Boys Basketball

Mar 10 Jr Girls Basketball

Mar 10 Kinder & Grade 2 dental screening

Mar 11 School Council 6PM

Mar 11 Ms. Walsh's class goes to the H.R. Frink Centre

Mar 12 Ms. Roth & Ms. Walsh skating

Mar 16 - 20 March Break

Mar 24 Swim to Survive Grade 3

Mar 26 Swim to Survive Grade 3

March 26 Mr. McIntyre & Ms. Perreault to Symphony

March 28 Chuck a Puck Fundraiser

March 30 Safe Schools Drill

March 31 Swim to Survive Grade 3

April 3 PA Day

Important Dates are added to the school calendar on our website throughout the month.

Click or cut and paste these links into your browser for Parish Information

www.stpatricksnapanee.ca

www.facebook.com/stpatsnapanee/

Catholic School Council...



our school has been selected as the
Belleville SENS - CAA Chuck-a-Puck participant
and our fundraising game night is
Sat, March 28, 2020 @ 7pm vs Syracuse Crunch.



The CAA Chuck-a-Puck program involves the sale of numbered foam pucks before and up to the second intermission on March 28th, our fans are invited to throw these pucks onto the ice. The three fans who land their pucks closest to center ice will receive four tickets in the CAA suite, including bottomless popcorn and non-alcoholic beverages, for a future game. Each of these prizes is valued at about \$500!

As part of the fundraiser, we are responsible for selling a minimum of 100 tickets to the March 28th game. This link contains our CAA Chuck-a-Puck ticket package sales for all of us to share with our friends, families, sports teams, neighbours, coworkers etc.

[Tickets must be purchased through this link to go towards our school.](https://fevo.me/caa-chuck-a-puck-mar-28)

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Each ticket package includes a ticket at a reduced rate, 5 pucks to chuck and \$10 school donation for every ticket purchased, for \$31/ticket. Everyone who purchases through the link will be sat together in sections 108-110 and be emailed their tickets a few days before the game. You will then pick up your pucks from our table during the game. The more packages you sell in advance, the more money you raise for your children's school, so please SHARE! Let's sell as many tickets and pucks before the game as possible.

Most importantly, JJ O'Neill Catholic School keeps all of the money raised from the sale of these pucks. On top of that, CAA is also offering a bonus \$1,000 incentive when we sell the first 1,000 pucks. All of this money will go towards school sports equipment, new technology and class trips/busing all while having a fun family community night.

We are looking for volunteers on game night:

We need a minimum of 5 volunteers to sell pucks. You will start at 5:30 to get floats and get a quick orientation. Gates open at 6:00pm and we sell until the end of the second period. JJ will have one fixed location in the CAA Arena and at two satellite locations that start inside the gates and are mobile during the game. They supply all of the tools we need on the day of, but **the most successful groups are the ones who dress up, make some signs and come ready to be heard. Kids cheerleading and asking for people to buy pucks to support their school is encouraged to hit that \$5,000!**

Please text or call Beth Casselman if you can volunteer or have any questions. 613-929-2845

KFL&A Public Health Dental Screening

During the school year a dental hygienist and dental assistant from KFL&A Public Health will visit all elementary schools. They visit the schools for two reasons. First, they will screen children to identify dental problems that need to be seen by a dentist and to screen a few children who had dental concerns last year. The screening is a quick look in the mouth. Funding for necessary dental treatment may be provided to eligible children through the Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) program. In cases where treatment is needed, Public Health will keep a client record and may tell the dental office what was found.

Secondly, the dental screening helps us to monitor the oral health of children in this region. The monitoring allows KFL&A Public Health to identify the prevalence of dental disease and any new trends in dental disease. The information is used to plan programs and services that best meet the needs of children in our communities. Therefore, even if your child sees a dentist regularly, it is important that they have their teeth screened to that they are included in our monitoring of dental disease in our region.

Ontario Regulation 570 School Health Programs and Services, made under Health Protection and Promotion Act, requires dental screenings each year in all elementary schools. If you do not want your child to be screened this school year, please tell us in writing. This letter must include your child's full name, school and grade.

Mail the letter to:
KFL&A Public Health
221 Portsmouth Avenue
Kingston, ON
K7M 1V5

For more information call KFL&A Public Health at 613-549-1232 or 1-800-267-7875, ext. 1218



Chores for Change!

Help us raise funds for the Morningstar Mission!



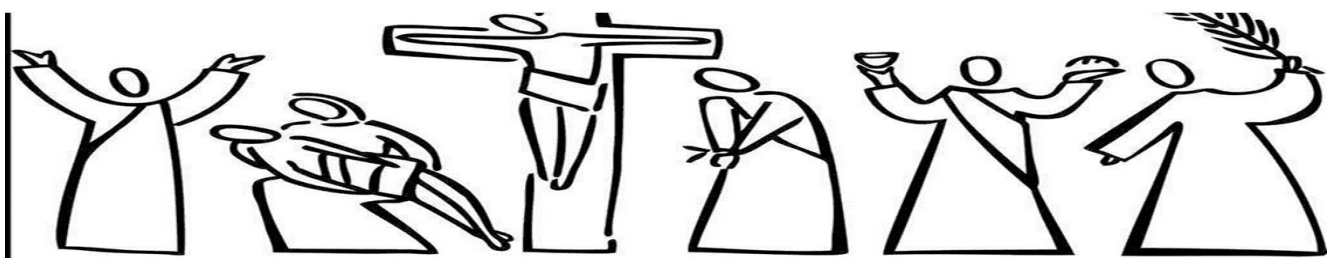
“No-one has ever become poor by giving.” Anne Frank

Lent 2020 Chores for Change!

This year we will be collecting change for the Morningstar Mission. The Morningstar Mission is a volunteer-based charity located in Greater Napanee. Morningstar provides routine access to healthy meals as well as other practical services designed to help vulnerable people in our community reach their potential.

Students are encouraged to use the attached chore cards that they will bring home, to earn money to donate to our Lenten jars. Each class will have a collection jar until Holy Thursday, when we tally our donations! We will also be collecting non-perishable food items during the Lenten season.

Thank you for your support!



Connecting with the JJ O’Neill Catholic School community at a glance....



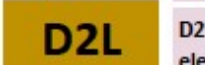
To receive news and information email from the school (flhpjjon@alcdsb.on.ca), enter your email address on our school website (www.alcdsb.on.ca/school/jjon).



To receive notifications and to purchase available items, such as milk or to pay for school trips, enroll with SchoolCashOnline. The link is on our school website (www.alcdsb.on.ca/school/jjon).



A requirement for all students in grades K-6. Parents have access to digital learning portfolios created and maintained using a platform called FreshGrade. To receive your FreshGrade invitation email, contact your classroom teacher. FreshGrade has many other excellent features that are not mandatory, and many teachers choose to use them. This includes a parent communication function. FreshGrade and D2L are the only school board approved and supported electronic parent communication ‘Apps’.



D2L (desire to learn) is a digital learning platform. Teachers of students in the intermediate grades, and sometimes junior, often elect to use it with their classes. It has a parent communication function. D2L and FreshGrade are the only school board approved and supported electronic parent communication ‘Apps’. To learn more about D2L, speak to the classroom teacher.



Student Agendas are issued to every student. These are a great way for students to keep themselves organized. Many teachers also choose to use them for two way communication with parents. Paper notices may also come home in the agenda.



Call 613-354-9500 - Leave a message for your classroom teacher or speak to someone in the office.



Parents of Dragons! Is a facebook group maintained by our parent council. Our very active and supportive parent group shares information, coordinates activities, and often rounds up volunteers here. This is not a primary source for school or class information, but sometimes information sent out from the school is reposted here.



Follow on twitter [@alcdsb_jjon](https://twitter.com/alcdsb_jjon) and on Facebook at JJ. O’Neill Catholic School (coming soon). We use these social media platforms to tell our Catholic School Story. These are not primary sources of school or class information, but sometimes information sent out from the school is reposted here.



Eco-team

Send in your used batteries!



Our Eco-team has been busy collecting used batteries for the recycling challenge. The goal is to recycle an average of 1.36 kilograms for every student and staff enrolled at JJ O’Neill. 1.36 kilograms is what the average Canadian household accumulates in one year. So far, we have reached 65% of our pledge amount! If we can reach 100% by April 22nd (Earth Day), we will be eligible for a percentage of the prize money. Please help us reach our goal by collecting used batteries from your friends and family and sending them in!

Paid Supervisors!

We need regular and occasional help for lunchtime supervision! If you can help between 12:10 and 1:10 any day of the week please call the office!

Volunteers!

We love our volunteers! If you have some time during school hours to read with primary age students please call the office!

613 354 9500

School Information & Reminders...

Bus Loading Safety Zone - For student safety - As posted, only buses and staff vehicles may enter the parking lot area between 900Am and 920AM or between 3:10PM and 3:30PM as posted. Nothing is more important to us than the safety of your children.

Student Accident Insurance

The link to <http://www.insuremykids.com/en/Default.aspx> is in the drop-down list under the Parents/Community tab on the Board website.

Volunteers

To be eligible to help supervise a class trip or event, or volunteer in classrooms, adults must have a current vulnerable sector screening check on file at the school. These can take some time for the police to process, so please don't wait. Ask for the forms at the office or have your child bring one home. The screening is free for school volunteers.

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

It is important to check your children's hair for head lice and nits (eggs) as part of your weekly routine. If all families take the time to check and treat as required, it will minimize the number of cases. Also please remind children to avoid sharing combs, brushes or hats.

Safe Arrival & Departure

Students arriving or departing by personal motor vehicle during posted bus loading/unloading times can be dropped off on Simcoe St. to avoid congestion in the parking lot and bus loop. Parents may choose to walk with children to the school yard. Please call the school to report an absence of any kind.

Need your High School Diploma?

Loyola School of Adult and Continuing Education offers many options to support you in achieving your goals including high school credit courses, an accredited Personal Support Worker program and English as a Second Language classes. If you are over 18 years old and ready to take the next step in achieving your future, visit our website for more information: www.learningatloyola.ca

Bus Delays & Cancellations

Search for notices or sign up to be notified by email if your bus is running late or has been cancelled at <http://triboard.ca/>

Unscheduled Student Pickup

The end of the school day is a very busy time. If you are picking up your child, please send a note to the classroom teacher or do your best to call the school in advance.

Attendance calls

Please leave a message with the office if your child will be absent from school.

Anaphylaxis - Nut free school

We currently have students in our school who have severe nut allergies. Do not send food items to school that contain nuts. Many foods contain peanuts or other nuts. These ingredients may not be obvious so it is very important to read labels. Even if the food is to be consumed only by your child.

Sharing Home Baked Goods

Occasionally, some classrooms have special events or celebrations, and parents are invited to send in food items to be shared. Food to be shared within the school community must be prepared in a commercial setting or our school kitchen and nut free. Unfortunately, for student safety, this means we may not bring in home baked goods to share with classmates. When bringing in a commercially produced item to share, such as a tray of squares from No Frills, be sure to consult with the classroom teacher well in advance.

Sacramental Preparation

Our Staff work with Fr. Marek and our Parish partners to prepare our students for First Communion/Reconciliation (usually in grade 2), and Confirmation (usually in grade 7). Children must have a Baptismal certificate on file at the Parish in order to receive the Sacraments. Please ensure that we have this by the end of September. Contact the school or Parish office if you wish your child to receive Baptism, or if you have any questions regarding your child's eligibility to receive the Sacraments. If your child has missed a Sacrament due to a residential move etc. please contact the Parish of school as well. The Rite of Christian initiation for adults may also be offered through the Parish.

Sign in & Out

Please remember to check in at the office when visiting the school. This is a safe schools policy.

SchoolCashOnline

Sign up through our website, for SchoolCashOnline to receive instant notifications when items become available for purchase like school excursions, hot lunches, milk, or school fundraisers. Cash is not accepted by teachers as a regular practice.

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