



# J.J. O'Neill Catholic School



Principal: Kevin Dorey

Catholic School Council Chair: Michelle Hannah

Secretary: Denise Clement

Parish Priest: Fr. Marek Chochrek

Superintendent of School Effectiveness: Karen Shannon

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School Website: [www.alcdsb.on.ca/School/jjon](http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/School/jjon)



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## Grade 7/8 student leaders are organizing some Hallowe'en activities for Oct 31st!

Parents are reminded that students are encouraged to wear black and orange. Elaborate costumes or masks that could be lost, damaged, or become unsafe in a school environment should be kept home.

### Some Important Dates

- Oct 3 Witness Faith Day - grade 6
- Oct 8 School Mass All welcome
- Oct 9 Parent Council Meeting 6PM
- Oct 10 Picture Day
- Oct 14 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct 24 Parent Council Hallowe'en Dance
- Oct 30 Retakes and Sibling Photos
- Oct 31 Hallowe'en - black and orange day
- Nov 1 PA day

Please sign up through our website, for **SchoolCashOnline**. Our cashless school phase in period is over and classroom teachers will no longer be accepting cash as a regular practice.



Supporting Healthy Schools



## Early Expressions Speech and Language Program

**The referral deadline is November 1, 2019.**

Children in junior kindergarten (born 2015) living in Kingston, Frontenac, and Lennox & Addington are eligible for speech and language services with Early Expressions.

Our team at Early Expressions helps young children with speech and language concerns. There is no cost for our program. We provide an assessment along with specific suggestions for home and school.

Once children are eligible for senior kindergarten, speech and language services are provided through the school boards.

### Does your child need a referral?

Review the speech and language milestones to help you decide if your child needs a referral to our program.

[kflaph.ca/CommunicationMilestones](http://kflaph.ca/CommunicationMilestones)

### How to refer your child

**Online**

[kflaph.ca/EarlyExpressionsReferral](http://kflaph.ca/EarlyExpressionsReferral)

**By phone**

613-546-3854, ext. 1105

1-800-267-7875, ext. 1105

[kflaph.ca](http://kflaph.ca)

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Early Expressions  
Preschool Speech and Language Program



Cut and paste these links into your browser for Parish Information  
[www.stpatricksnapanee.ca](http://www.stpatricksnapanee.ca)      [www.facebook.com/stpatsnapanee/](http://www.facebook.com/stpatsnapanee/)

# School Council

Your Catholic School Council will meet next on October 9th at 6PM. Plans are also in the works to have another Hallowe'en family dance this year in the evening on October 24th. More details to come. Results of elections from the last meeting:

**Chair:** Michelle Hannah

**Secretary:** Laura Clair

**Co-Treasurers:** Cindy Huyck/Ashley Baldwin

**Teacher Rep:** to be announced

**Parish Rep:** to be announced

**Divisional Parent Reps:** Kindergarten: Jodi Redick, Primary: Beth Casselman,  
Junior: Tammy Bowen, Intermediate: Jess Hewitt/Stacey Dowling

GET INVOLVED  
MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE



## DEAR PARENTS,

Your child's school has signed up for the Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge (OSBRC) by Raw Materials Company. The Challenge officially starts on October 21, 2019 (Waste Reduction Week) and runs until April 22, 2020 (Earth Day). The Challenge is bigger and better than ever, and every school has a chance to walk away with a prize!

## WHAT IS THE OSBRC?

The OSBRC is a recycling competition between 200 elementary and secondary schools across Ontario. Its purpose is to teach children and their families about the proper way to handle, store and recycle batteries at home and at school. Since 2014, OSBRC schools have recycled more than 8 million single-use batteries. The OSBRC prize pool has paid out more than \$80,000 to winning schools and every year, 10% is donated to the SickKids Children's Hospital.

## STUDENT MISSIONS

With your consent, your child can sign up for Student Missions. If they complete 3 missions they will be entered into a draw for one of ten \$50 VISA Gift Cards. If they complete all 5 missions by Family Day, they'll have a chance to win a family trip to Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls! We also added three bonus missions this year to give students extra chances to win! For more information and to register, please visit:

[www.rawmaterials.com/ontario-school-recycling-challenge/student/](http://www.rawmaterials.com/ontario-school-recycling-challenge/student/)

## YOU CAN HELP!

Collect single-use alkaline batteries from your home, family, friends and work. Before you send them to school, please tape the terminals on all 6V, 9V and button cell batteries. To learn more about how to store batteries in your home and how to prepare them for recycling, please visit:

[www.rawmaterials.com/page/education/prepare-batteries/](http://www.rawmaterials.com/page/education/prepare-batteries/)

Primary single-use alkaline batteries only. Alkaline batteries come in common sizes including AA, AAA, C, D, 6V, 9V and button cell. Primary "lithium" and rechargeable batteries are not part of this program. To recycle them and all other types, please visit [makethedrop.ca](http://makethedrop.ca)

Sincerely,

Sarah Lacharity

School Program Coordinator

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# School Information & Reminders...

## **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.

## **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](http://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. 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.