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What a week we have had! Staff engaged in an excellent day of professional development focusing on primary literacy and wellness resources. We then spent two days focusing on Truth and Reconciliation where students explored what it means to take responsibility for our actions, seek forgiveness, and then do our part to make it right. And then after taking a day off to honour the new national day of Truth and Reconciliation within our families, staff and students ended the week with a Terry Fox Run at Polson Park. The weather was spectacular as the runners, walkers, and mossiers made their way around the Polson Oval. Thank you to all our volunteers who made this event a success.

COVID-19 Update

As many of you are aware, there have been cases of COVID-19 exposures at SJS advertised in local media and on the IH website. Please be advised that Interior Health has been in communication with those directly affected and that if you have not been directly contacted, there is nothing you need to do, beyond the usual expectations and protocols. Thank you for continuing to keep sick children at home and following the BCCDC guidelines via their self-assessment web page and/or app.

Also, the Ministry of Education announced today that as of Monday all students K-12 are required to wear masks when indoors and on busses. St. James School will be in compliance with this order. Please ensure that your child has a mask to wear on Monday. As always, should your child not be able to tolerate wearing a mask, please contact the school to let us know. Again, no child at SJS will be excluded or made to feel uncomfortable about not wearing a mask. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Oct 4 - Oct 8 School events

- **October 4**
 - Volleyball Gr 6/7 girls 2:45pm - 3:45pm
- **October 5**
 - CGL Girls Gr 6/7 with Mrs Kelly 2:45 - 4:00pm
- **October 6**
 - **NOON dismissal (Supervision until 12:30 pm)**
- **October 7**
 - **NO School - Staff retreat**
- **October 8**
 - **No School - Staff retreat**

One Family One Hope in Christ

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me

News from the Office:

Lost and Found: Please have your child look for any of their missing belongings.

Saints of Service - Parent Participation Program

SOS was created to engage and build relationships amongst our SJ families. The opportunities to volunteer are many and quite diverse. Whether you have time to come into the school or prefer to assist from home, you will find areas of interest. Whether you are a gardener, a fixer-upper or have a creative side, there will be lots of opportunities to share your many gifts.

SOS will publish any volunteer opportunities with an email from SignupGenius.

SignupGenius is a software tool for volunteer management. SignupGenius will identify the opportunity, the date, time and how many volunteers are required.

SOS can be contacted directly at [**saintsofservice.sjs@gmail.com**](mailto:saintsofservice.sjs@gmail.com)

Your time is valued and appreciated. There are many areas that we could use your gifts and talents. To ensure safety and that required protocols are followed each of our volunteers if coming into the School, are required to complete the Health and Safety protocols and provide a criminal record check.

If you have yet to apply for a Criminal record check, the process is attached.

CWL - OLOV Fellowship Event:

Calling all Ladies 18+ (CWL membership is not required)

Come and join us for a walk along the Rail Trail on Sunday, October 17 @ 2pm

Rain or shine. Park at the designated Rail Trail parking lot at the bottom of Kickwillie Loop.

Young moms, bring your little ones in their strollers. No sitter? Bring the kids and their bikes.

Come out and enjoy a stroll along the beautiful Rail Trail, with your fellow sisters in faith.

Hot lunch (HL) October payment is due - October menu attached

Take Home Supper (THS): October menu attached

Please place your **order** by **Monday, noon** for THS that Wednesday.

PICK UP TIME: Wed, 2:30 - 4:00pm outside door of the Kitchen by the gym/Parish Centre.

Upcoming events:

October 11: Thanksgiving Day - NO School

October 12: Uniform Sale 9:00am

October 14: Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

October 15: Photo retakes

October 22: ProD day NO School

Attachments

Hot lunch October menu

Take Home Supper October menu

Criminal record check process