



## October 8 2021

The Grade 6 class welcomed the new GaGa Ball pit! The GaGa Ball pit was funded by donations from the school/parish community and constructed by the Redgwell family. The students were thrilled with the “surprise” and it is certain to bring many hours of great fun to all grades. Although it was a short week for students, it was a FULL week for staff. All staff of the CISKD, along with Bishop Joseph, were led by Leah Perrault who facilitated our virtual Staff retreat from her home in Swiftcurrent Saskatchewan. The theme for the retreat was this year’s school theme: One Family, One Hope in Christ. We are grateful for the opportunity to come together as one CISKD family to share our faith and hope, and to journey together with our Lord Jesus Christ. A big thank you to you, the families of SJS, for supporting this time of enrichment for us so that we in turn may better serve you. Happy Thanksgiving!

## 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 11 - Oct 15 School events

- **October 11**
  - **NO School - Thanksgiving Day**
- **October 12**
  - 9:00am Uniform sale new and gently used
- **October 13**
  - Bishop Joseph visits SJS
  - Kindergarten Field trip to Davison Orchards
  - 3:00pm Boys Volleyball game(home) vs Ellison
- **October 14**
  - Scholastic Virtual Book Fair begins (Oct 14 - 22)
  - 3:00pm Girls Volleyball game(home) vs Kidston
- **October 15**
  - 12:30 - 1:00pm Boys/Girls Volleyball serving practise
  - 1:00pm School Photo Retakes

## One Family One Hope in Christ

May your Thanksgiving be amongst friends, family and neighbours.

## News from the Office:

**Photo Retakes:** Artona will be at the School on **Friday, October 15** to take any photographs of students that may have been away or would like to have their photo redone. Please advise your child's Teacher if you want your child's photo retaken.

**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.

**PARTY, PARTY PARTY who likes to PARTY? October 18 is party day!**

SJS library is hosting a party. Wear your fancy party dress, your finest shirt, do up your hair and get ready to PARTY. There will be hot dogs and cupcakes and so much fun to be had!

The Scholastic Book Fair runs October 18, 19 and 20

For your **viewing pleasure** there will be a virtual book fair starting on **October 14-21** where you can preview the books in the comfort of your home with your children, as well as order them (books will be shipped directly to the school with no shipping charges). To access this virtual book fair starting on October 14 go to

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5154098>



The in school book fair is **only open to children during their library times**. Please make sure to send money with them on their library days. Here is a schedule of the times your child will be able to purchase books:

Kindergarten: Monday October 18 - 10:30-11:05  
Grade One: Monday October 18 - 1:00-1:40  
Grade Two: Wednesday October 20 - 11:25-12:00  
Grade Three: - Wednesday October 20 - 10:30-11:05  
Grade Four - Tuesday October 19 - 9:25-10:00  
Grade Five - Tuesday October 19 - 10:30-11:05  
Grade Six - Wednesday October 20 - 9:25-10:00  
Grade Seven - Monday October 18 - 9:25-10:00

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Kelly in the Library. Any parent, grandparent, etc. can access the virtual book fair and purchase books as Christmas presents or birthday presents. The books will be shipped directly to St. James School. Our goal is to sell **\$3,000** worth of books. If we sell \$3000 our library will receive 60% in book rewards. This would work out to be **\$1800** worth of books for our library!! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year for our library and we thank you in advance for supporting St. James School Library.  
Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Monaghan

**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.

**Take Home Supper (THS):**

**October special** - please see order form for a sweet treat

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



**Upcoming events:**

October 18: Book fair Party day (non uniform day)

October 22: ProD day NO School

October 29: Haunted Trail

**Attachments**

Hot lunch October menu

Take Home Supper October menu

Criminal record check process

Sweet treat order form