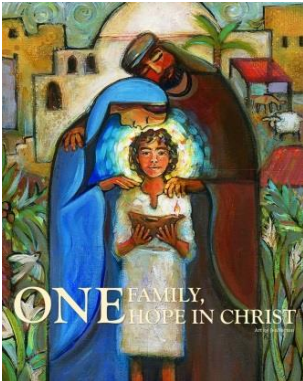


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One Family in Service

"Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what He was saying." (Luke 10:38-39)

Dear Parents,

This year, our February began with the celebration of the Lunar New Year, so may I wish a Happy New Year to all of you who celebrate the festival! It is unfortunate that our celebrations were curtailed once again this year due to the pandemic but, hopefully, we could still celebrate within our families. I wish you

peace and prosperity in this Year of the Tiger.

This month, we also will enjoy Valentine's Day, with its necessary chocolate treats as well as Catholic Schools Week, during which we thank God for our wonderful school and the gift of spending our days at St. Joseph's.

We have much to celebrate this month and we need to take

time to mark these occasions in our families and our community. It is the love of family and our faith that will keep us going through the ongoing uncertainty of these days. I pray that all of us will remain safe and healthy at this time.

Thank you!

Thank you to all of you who supported our Pyjama and Popcorn Day last week. Together, we raised \$620 for the Archdiocesan Charities! As you know, our fundraising will be combined with that of other Catholic schools to be presented to Archbishop Miller as one large donation from the students and families of our Catholic schools. It is wonderful to be part of this larger movement and we thank you for your support.

Open House

We will host our second Open House for families who are interested in applying to St. Joseph's on Wednesday, February 9 from 9:00am until 1:00pm. During that time, families may visit our school to see all of the great things that we are doing. If you know of someone who is looking for a school for their children, please pass on this information. Families need to make an appointment to come, so please ask them to contact our school office in order to do so. Please be reminded that you will receive a \$300 tuition credit for next year for a successful referral. Please spread the word about our school!

Also, we are asking for families to submit Google reviews for our school. Everyone who posts a positive review between now and February 14 will be entered into a draw for a great Valentine's Day prize!

Important Dates:

Feb. 14-18– Catholic Schools' Week

Feb 15 -Progress Reports sent home

Feb. 14 – Red Day for Holy Childhood

Feb. 17 & 18 – Catholic Educator's Conference - **No School for students**

Feb. 21 – Family Day - **No School**

Feb. 23 – Anti-Bullying Day



Catholic School Week

We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week between February 14 and 18. During that week, we will celebrate St. Joseph's in a variety of ways throughout the school. We had planned to treat you to tea this year but, unfortunately, we will not be able to do so because of health restrictions. However, please know that we are so grateful that you have entrusted your children's education to us. We take that responsibility very seriously and we will continue to devote ourselves to helping your children to follow God's plan and to walk in His ways. Thank you for all that you do for us and for our school.

Catholic Educators' Conference & Family Day

Please be reminded that the school will be **CLOSED** on *Thursday and Friday, February 17 and 18*, as the staff will attend the Catholic Educators' Conference. The provincial holiday, Family Day, will be on *Monday, February 21*. The school will be **CLOSED** on that day.

Colour Day

To celebrate Valentine's Day, we will have Red Day on Monday, February 14. On that day, with a minimum donation of \$2.00, the students may wear Valentine colours (red, pink, purple, white) instead of their uniforms. We will donate the money we raise to the Holy Childhood Association which supports the education of children in developing nations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Anti-Bullying Day!

On February 23, the St. Joseph's School community will stand up against bullying, as part of the province-wide initiative. The students will wear pink clothes to indicate their willingness to prevent bullying from entering our school. We hope that all students will choose to participate in this important day by wearing pink; however, if they choose not to wear pink, they must wear their school uniforms. Clothing that is not pink is not acceptable. There is no charge for this day.

Re-Registration Packages and Kindergarten Registration has begun!

Re-registration packages have been sent home and **MUST be returned before February 25th**.

NOTE: Completed Re-Registration packages will only be accepted with the accompanying \$60 Activity Fee, Registration Fees (for Kindergarten siblings) and payment information. Please be sure to sign the bottom of the Demographic page and initial the Anaphylaxis and Earthquake Forms.

If you have family or friends wishing to register their children in St. Joseph's School for the 2022/2023 school year please encourage them to contact the school office as soon as possible. Children born in 2017 are old enough to begin kindergarten in September. Registration time is always a busy time each year. If you need an Application Form for family/friends, they are available in the school office and on our website.

Income Tax

The office has sent home Income Tax receipts for tuition expenses paid during 2021 with your youngest child along with your Re-registration package.

Our school system has been able to issue Income Tax receipts for tuition paid since 1998. This income tax receipt is to be claimed as a **charitable donation** on your income tax return. In order to do so, please enter the amount of the tax receipt on line 34900 (Charitable Donations) of your income tax return.

A Prayer for Catholic Schools



Loving God, we thank you for our Catholic school community where we can journey in faith together. Watch over and bless all in our community. Help us to accompany one another in our learning as we grow, living as joyful disciples of Jesus and bringing good news to the world. Amen.