



ST. JOHN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**



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WARMEST THANKS TO OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY

Well the playground is up and running and the children are very happy. It is so nice to look outside and see them all engaged in active play. The number of people who have contributed to this project is astounding. The presence of so many parents, staff, parish members and community members on Build Day was a true testament to the community spirit at St. John Elementary and is a powerful example to the children about how they can make a positive difference in their communities. Again I would like to thank our playground committee members: Melanie O'Neill, Julie Barr-Dowdall, Brenda Noonan, Beth McNally, Diane Jackson, Louise Bron, Donna Poole and Erin Crain. Without their passion, perseverance and hard work, this project would not have been possible.

MASC

Our primary students enjoyed a Bboyism dance presentation by Yvon Soglo during Catholic Education Week. This presentation was brought to our school through MASC with the help of a grant from TD Canada Trust. The high energy performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

LIFETEEN

Attention all grade 8 students! You are cordially invited to LIFETEEN on Sunday, June 13 and Sunday, June 27. Lifeteen is a youth group for teens in grades 9 to 12. Come and check us out!

Time: Youth Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by Lifeteen from 7:30 – 9:00

Place: St. Francis Church, Smiths Falls

ENJOY A NIGHT OF GAMES, TALKS, SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS, SONGS, PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

Grade 8 Graduation

Our grade 8 Graduation will take place on Monday June 28 at 7:00 pm in the Church followed by a reception and dance in the school gym.



Grade 6 and 7 Celebration

On Friday June 25 we will have a celebration to recognize our grade 6 and 7 students. There will be a brief ceremony at 12:45 followed by a reception in the gym at 1:15. Students will have a Sock Hop from 1:45-2:45.

HEALTH UNIT NEWS

Sun Safety Tips:

- Protect your child from the sun with comfortable long shirts and pants to cover most of your child's body, wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses
- Choose a sunscreen that protects against UVA and UVB, with SPF30 or higher. Apply sunscreens liberally to your child's skin at least 15-30 minutes before going outside. Use waterproof sunscreen when swimming.
- Try to avoid the sun from 11 am to 4 pm.

PARENTS - TEACH BY EXAMPLE

WILD PARSNIP is a weed creating a serious health hazard in Leeds and Grenville. It is found in roadside ditches, sports fields and playgrounds throughout the county.

Skin contact often leads to severe burns and blisters on the torso, arms and legs and if sap from the plant gets into the eyes it may lead to temporary or permanent blindness. Burns from the sap of this plant may cause scarring that lasts from several months to several years. It is important to monitor where your children are playing especially near weeds. If you are clearing weeds be sure to wear gloves, eye protection, long-sleeved shirts and pants. Anyone having information on specific locations where this weed is posing a public risk should call 613 342-3840 Ext. 2413. For more information check online at www.weedinfo.ca.

Final School Mass

Our June school mass takes place on Thursday, June 24 at 12:45. It will be hosted by our grade 8 classes. It is also the Feast of St. John the Baptist.