



# ST. JOHN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### Justice

Our virtue this month during Lent is Justice. Justice is the acting out of love for the good of all.

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus, one who called us to live justly. Let us see our neighbours as ourselves and to respond to their needs with a joyful heart. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.*

### Public Speaking Winners

We congratulate all of our students for the wonderful work on speeches last month. Our divisional winners were Anna Imeson in Primary, Javier Mullaly in Junior and Emma Bornheimer and Madison Meech from the Intermediate division.

### St. John Olympics!

We thank all staff and students for the great spirit and participation shown at our St. John Olympics. Check out the pictures in the main hallway.

### SJCHS Registration

Please ensure that all option sheets for grade 8's registering at St. John Catholic High School are in to the grade 8 teachers by March 5. If you require assistance or have any questions regarding high school registration, please call Mrs. Brady or the Student Services department at the High School.

### Open Doors For Lanark Children Parent Seminars

*"When Your Child is Anxious – What Parents Can Do to Help Worry Prone Kids Thrive".*

Location: The Stewart School  
When: Monday, April 19  
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

For more information or to register, call 283-8260.

### Parent Meeting for First Eucharist

There will be a meeting for parents of all grade 2 children who are celebrating First Eucharist this year. It will take place on **Tuesday, March 9 at 7 pm** in our school gym.

### Still Going Green!

During first term as an environmental initiative, the school has begun collecting batteries. To this date we have collected 1043 batteries which will be taken to the Hazardous Waste Depot in Carleton Place. This has removed hazardous waste from entering our landfill sites. Great job St. John's, for being Caretakers of our Earth. If you would like to send in any old batteries with your child, these will be added to our collection and disposed of properly.

### School Mass – Friday, March 26 at 12:45

### Grade 8 Graduation Photos – March 30

### Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be re-enacted by Mrs. McKinnon's grade 8 class, during Holy Week on April 1 at 2:00.

### Bus Behaviour

Students traveling to and from school on a bus (and students going on field trips) must observe all established safety rules and must be courteous and cooperative. Expectations have been explained to all students. School bus transportation is a privilege. Bus riding privileges may be suspended for misconduct. Students who live in busing areas must ride the bus home every day unless we have been informed in writing by the parents. Since our buses are operating at near capacity on most runs, and for liability reasons, we cannot allow children to take a different bus.

### Rules for Safe School Bus Riding\_–

- Take your seat promptly and sit properly, facing forward at all times
- Keep the aisle of the school bus clear at all times.
- Always keep your head, hands and arms inside the school bus.
- Never throw objects inside or outside of the school bus.
- Talk quietly. The driver needs to concentrate to safely drive the bus.
- Be absolutely quiet when approaching a railroad crossing
- Eating and drinking is not allowed on school buses at any time. This rule protects students/staff that have food allergies and anaphylaxis, prevents choking and maintains school bus cleanliness
- Always follow the school bus driver's instructions.