

St. James Flames Monthly Newsletter

October 2016

Good and gracious God, this time of year we think of all the things we should be thankful for. We take a moment today to give thanks for the blessings you have given us. Thank you for our friends, our families, for laughter, for sunshine, for the gentle rains and the beautiful skies. May we always see the blessings in our lives and take time to appreciate them. Amen.

After School Clubs

Our first session of After School Clubs will begin the week of October 3rd. Club confirmation forms were sent home last week. Please remember that your child will need to be picked up at 3:45pm. There will be numerous sessions scheduled to run throughout the school year.

As in years past, a separate permission form will be sent home to those Grade 3 students interested in our After School Sports Club. Please look for this in your child's agenda as Volleyball will be beginning at the end of the month.

New and past St. James Choir participants will be meeting during school this year for practices. Students in Grades 2 and 3 are welcome to sign up. Our school welcomes Ms. Lesser who will be running our choir Mondays at school.

Thank You! Over \$1100.00 Raised!

-To families who contributed to Toonies for Terry and joined us in our Terry Fox Run for Cancer research. Special thanks go to Mrs. Seward, Mme. Jordan, Mrs. Peladeau and those students on "Team Terry" for coordinating the event and Mr. Brus for wearing the tutu for the walk! We raised over \$1100.00.

-To everyone who attended our Meet the Staff BBQ. A big thank you goes to our Staff, Country Diner Restaurant and Volunteers who coordinated the BBQ. As well, Parents donated \$430.00 which will be put towards new outdoor play equipment.

CAS Snowsuit Fund

Once again, we are pleased to assist with the Lanark County Snowsuit Campaign. The goal of the campaign is to ensure that no child is cold this winter. Please donate your clean, gently used snowsuits and winter coats to our donation box in the foyer until October 21st. For more information or to inquire about distribution dates, please call the office.



St. James Food Drive

As part of the St. James community involvement initiative and in conjunction with the Smiths Falls Police "Stuff A Cruiser" campaign, we are participating in a food drive for the needy again this Thanksgiving. Beginning October 3rd - October 7th, we are asking students and staff to bring in a non-perishable food item. On Friday, October 7th, Mrs. Kinch's & Mme. Jordan's classes will deliver the food to the volunteers from the local foodbank accompanied by our local SF Police Officers. The "Turkey Train" will be leaving the school around 11:00 a.m.

Mon. Oct.3rd : Soup & Crackers
Tues. Oct.4th : Canned Fruit & Canned Veggies
Wed. Oct 5th : Cereal & Rice
Thurs. Oct 6th : Canned Meat, Fish & baby Food
Fri. Oct 7th : Pasta & Sauce



St. James Website Coming Soon!

We are happy to announce that our St. James Website is under construction and will soon be available for all of our families to utilize. We will be using the calendar option (which can be synced directly to your phone) to replace our "traditional" paper calendars.

We are becoming even more tech-savvy at St. James by adding our own Facebook page...stay tuned for more information!



SJCHS Guatemala Yard Sale

St. John Catholic High School in Perth is once again participating in the CDSBEO Exposure Trip to the **Dominican Republic**. They will be holding a Yard Sale to help raise funds for the 7 students and 2 teachers who will be traveling to Guatemala over March Break 2016. THE TRAVELERS NEED YOUR HELP! Donations of Yard Sale Items are welcome in advance of the sale day. Drop off dates are Oct. 1, Oct. 8th and Oct. 15th from 9 am to 12 Noon at the trailers across from Town & Country (Chrysler) in Smiths Falls. The **Yard Sale** will be held on **Saturday, October 22** from 7am to 3pm at the Crystal Palace in Perth.

