



## *St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School*

### ***Newsletter December 16, 2016***



Dear School Families,

As the Christmas break begins, I take time to reflect on the whirlwind that has been 'life at St. Joseph' the past four months. It has been unbelievable in so many ways. From the opening of our new classrooms, to the reveal of the long awaited atrium, and the soon to be open new office "WELCOME WINDOW" (set for January 3<sup>rd</sup> – fingers crossed), your positive support and many prayers have been so needed and so welcome. Our school continues to fill me with joy and I am reminded again and again how lucky I am, we all are, to be a part of such a wonderful community. Our students, families and staff continue to reach out to others in the true spirit of God in so many ways and for this, we are truly blessed.

As we journey into this Christmas season of celebration and faith, we thank God for the many blessings we have, and ask God to grant comfort, strength, hope and healing to all who are in need. We would also like to thank and ask Christmas blessings on the amazing construction crew that have been on site these past many months. They have become (whether they like it or not!) a part of our family!

Thank you for the love, energy and time you put into supporting your child and our school. On behalf of the whole St. Joseph staff, enjoy family time, laughter and many hugs over the Christmas break and blessings to you all.

Yours in Christ,

Lynn Fleck



### **I'm Dreaming of a "Green" Christmas - Project GROW**

Thank you St. Joseph students, staff and families for your support with the 'I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas' Sale. We raised \$500! That is enough to provide Project Grow with a donkey and 2 goats to help families in Ghana!

A special thank you to the Phelan family for helping to relocate thrift store donations.

Have a very Merry Christmas! Grade 6B and 6P

### **School uniforms and new logo**

The Christmas break is the perfect time for you to take a look at the condition of your child's uniform and make sure it is in great shape for the new year. Please remember that we are proud wearers of our uniform and as such, the uniforms should always been in tip top shape, making sure this includes shoes. Two of the main areas that need attention are uniforms with holes, missing buttons and hanging hems and making sure the proper socks are being worn. Please see your child's agenda if you are unsure.

As previously mentioned, our new logo is up and ready and will be used on all newly ordered uniforms. However, Cambridge still has some pieces with our current logo on and you can choose that route and you will receive a discount off of the order. Please use the phone call option when ordering if you wish to order with the old logo. We will have a 3 year grandfather clause in place for the current logo as we transition into the new one.

We are so excited for our new look!!!



### **THANK YOU, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Thank you to the families and friends in the St. Joseph Elementary school community for the help and support of PSG programs throughout the year. Wishing your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### **Colts Cafe is Here! – PLEASE SUBMIT ORDERS BY **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>****

Please find order planning instructions for the Colts Café winter session enclosed. Colts is **open today** – please visit [www.stjoseph.hotlunches.net](http://www.stjoseph.hotlunches.net) . Please submit orders by **January 1<sup>st</sup> at midnight**. Thank you!

### **PSG Meeting** **meeting**

The first PSG meeting of the New Year is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30p.m. in the school - all parents welcome!



***Rooted in Faith: Praying for our Catholic Schools***

Join us Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the IRHS Chapel  
Prayer focus will be Dina Douville's grade 10A class.

**Attachments**

- Colts Ordering information

Our mission is to foster the development of the total child in spirit, mind and body. Through Jesus, we encourage the pursuit of excellence in a community of love and respect.

Virtue for December is  
**JOYFULNESS**

How do we practise it:

- Being filled with happiness
- Peaceful sense of well-being
- Doing what is right, laughing and see the humour in things

"The Virtues Project™"