



The Council Connection
January 2012
Happy New Year!

Welcome to another edition of the St. Joseph's School Council update. Just a reminder, the members of Council for the 2011/2012 school year are:

Dianne Tremblay, Tammy Brissette, Jason Stearns
Robert Grant, Jack Moreau, Angela Hudson, Robyn Gallard

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and were able to spend time with family and friends, and were able to relax and refresh!

As we head back to our regular routines and schedules, we'd like to reflect back on some of the activities the staff and students were part of since the last Council Connection.

October saw the outstanding efforts our students put forth in the World Food Day drive bringing in more than 1400 pounds of food, way to go! We had many students participate in the cross country finals and made us all proud! The Student Council was voted in and swimming lessons ended with a fun swim. The Halloween Howl was another success and the children enjoyed this fun event! We'd like to thank the hardworking crew of volunteers who made the howl and the many other events possible, your hard work is greatly appreciated.

November had the students busy participating in the "School Wide Write", writing on the subject of Friends and Friendship. We had a non uniform day to support the United Way and the joint Casino Night with the Parish was a huge success – thanks go out to the organizing committee and volunteers who contributed to this success. The new report cards were issued and we had the book fair to co-incide with the parent/teacher interviews.

Amidst all the hustle and bustle of December and Christmas approaching, the students participated in 2 Christmas concert performances. They all did an amazing job! We'd like to thank the teachers for their support and Mrs. McLaren for putting together such a heartwarming collection of festive songs! We hope you were able to enjoy a cookie or two after the evening concert and maybe a cup of coffee or tea

and connect with some parents. The last day of school had the children in their P.J.'s watching "The Smurfs" before breaking for Christmas vacation.

The New Year promises to be an exciting one as we try to once again to set up a Used Uniform shop for our school. Watch for details in the school newsletter to where you can drop of your washed, used uniform that your child(ren) have grown out of and ways to volunteer as we get the shop up and running.

There is also promise of our parking lot returning to it's normal, less hectic state as the construction winds down on Burnside Road. We will be trying to re-configure our parking lot as explained in the November school newsletter to make it a slower, safer place for our children. Details to come in the regular newsletter.

The Recreation Program will be starting up January 6, 2012 for students in Grades 4-7 offering a variety of exciting sports or arts programs for the students to participate in and skating will also begin for Grade K – 3 on January 9, 2012. A huge thank you goes out to the PAC for supporting these programs and contributing to the fees.

Just a reminder that if you have any questions for the Council, you can drop them in the pocket marked "Questions for Council" located on the board just outside the office and Council will provide you with a written response.

In closing, we'd like to extend our thanks and gratitude to the wonderful group of parents, front office staff and teachers who volunteer their time, ideas and generosity to the school, St. Joseph's would not be the same without you!