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Our Lenten Prayer

Father of light,
in You is found no shadow of change
but only the fullness of life and limitless truth.

Open our hearts to the voice of Your Word
and free us from the original darkness
that shadows our vision.

Restore our sight that we may look upon Your Son
who calls us to repentance and a change of heart,
for he lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever,

Amen

~from Catholic Online

'Lent is a time of grace, a time to convert and live out our baptism fully.'

~Pope Francis

Perseverance

- I will stick to my goals.
- I will always believe in myself and have faith in what I can accomplish.
- I will prepare for Easter by acts of goodness and worship.

Mission

Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Core Values

Catholicity, Excellence, Equity, Fiscal Responsibility, Inclusion, Integrity, Respect

Vision

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Strategic Commitments

Integration of Our Catholic Faith, Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement, Effective Use of Our Resources, Engaging Our Communities

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Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

Family STEM Night

On Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. John XXIII will be hosting a Family STEM Night where parents and students together can explore interactive and hands on Math using technology. We look forward to see you there! For more details, please see the flyer attached to the end of the newsletter.



Virtue House Morning

To celebrate school spirit and student engagement, we are planning a morning of cross-divisional activities on March 23, 2018. The theme of the morning is 'Be Positive!'. Students from JK-Grade 8 will be organized in four Virtue Houses; Compassion, Courage, Peace and Wisdom and will participate in a variety of collaborative activities. We look forward to a wonderful morning of learning and sharing!



Intermediate Basketball Teams

The Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams will play in area tournaments the first week of March; the Boys' team will play at St. John XXIII CES on March 7th and the Girls' team will play at St. Matthew CES on March 8th. Best of luck to both Teams-Go Jaguars Go! Special thanks to our coaches, Mr. Silveri and Mr. Sciuilli.



Sport Stacking Club

Our Sport Stacking club continues to meet on a regular basis. The students are quickly improving their skills and having a great time as they prepare for their upcoming tournament on Saturday, May 12th. A special thank you to Ms. Christidis and Ms. Seymour for organizing and running fun and engaging Club.



ECO News

Earth Hour is recognized on Saturday, **March 24th from 8:30-9:30 p.m.** On Friday, March 23th, we will also be acknowledging Earth Hour with a variety of activities around the school.



From the Library Learning Commons ...

Our library has temporarily been converted into a Bookstore! Our Scholastic Book Fair is underway. It began on February 26 and will finish on March 2. We are more than halfway to our goal of selling 205 books. Thank you to the St. John XXIII community for your ongoing support. With your help, we will purchase some new and exciting resources to enhance learning.



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Integration of Our Catholic Faith

Easter Mass

During the season of Lent, the staff and students will be doing a variety of activities within their classrooms, in order to prepare for the Season of Easter. We will celebrate a special **Easter Mass** on April 10th at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to join us.



Grade 8 Graduation

Our Grade 8 graduation will take place on Monday, June 25th at St. Justin Martyr Church at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to celebrating the success of our 2018 Graduates!



Monthly Virtue Recognition and Celebration Assemblies

Living our faith is the spirit of this school-wide initiative. Each month we hold an assembly and recognize those students who have demonstrated the month's virtue which was **Wisdom**. While we know that all students show each month's virtue in one way or another, some students demonstrate the virtue of the month in a particularly special way. We celebrate the following Virtue Award recipients: Carol F., Teagan Y., Nancy W., Demetri M., Joanne J., Parissa W., Michael S., Ava J., Therese W., Sandro M., Maya L., Jessica W., Ben C., John G., Ada S., Matthew C., Jaden N., and Jordan L.



Pink Shirt Day at St. John XXIII

It was great to see so many of our students and staff take a stand against bullying on **February 28** by wearing pink. The history of pink shirt day illustrates the power of a "grassroots" movement. Below, is a short history of pink shirt day. "David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. 'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,' says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. 'Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.' So Mr. Shepherd and some others headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. 'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,' Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again."



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Engaging Our Communities

Junior Kindergarten Registration

Registration continues for Junior Kindergarten students for the school year 2018– 2019 during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

We ask you to register as soon as possible so that we may know the number of students who will be in our Junior Kindergarten classes for September 2018. This information is important in determining the staffing organization for the coming school year.

The following documentation is required at the time of registration:

- ✓ Child's Proof of Age
- ✓ Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent)
- ✓ Proof of Legal Status in Canada
- ✓ Proof of Residency
- ✓ Proof of English Separate School Support



(i.e. property tax bill or completed school support form(s), included in the registration package)

Note: JK children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2018.

Catholic School Council

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be held on April 12, 2018, in the library, starting at 7:00 p.m. Please join us if you are able.



Family Magic Show

The Magic Show was a huge success! Mega Mike dazzled the entire audience with captivating tricks. Mega Mike was grateful to use our school's Documentation Camera (purchased with money raised by the One-Time Donation fundraiser) to perform a card trick making it easy for the entire audience to see. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and a special thank you to the Catholic School Council for the hard work that went into organizing the evening.



Digital Footprints and Setting Healthy Boundaries Online Parent Evening

Anthony McLean is a highly engaging speaker who shares his knowledge with a variety of audiences on topics, such as; Bullying, Internet Safety, Leadership and Mental Health. Mr. McLean will present to students in Grades 1-8 during the day on April 5th on the topic of making good choices online and will provide an evening presentation to the parent community from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the school gym on April 5th. It is a parent only evening, children will be provided with a presentation during the day. More information will follow after March Break.



March Break

We wish you a super March Break holiday with family and friends beginning March 12th. We look forward to seeing you back on Monday, March 19th. For information on exciting Markham March Break activities, Google: City of Markham March Break activities.



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St. John XXIII School Driveway Safety

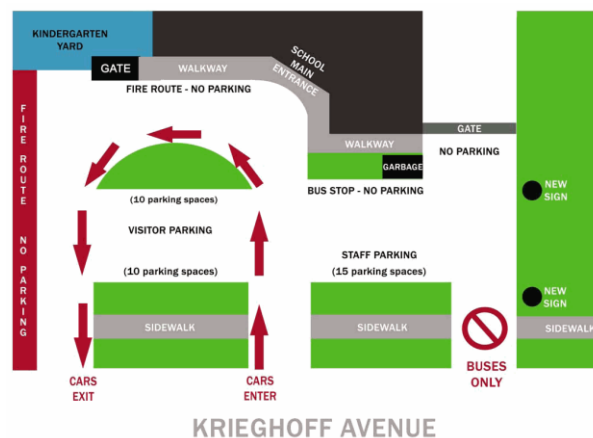
Thank you from the parents, students and staff of St. John XXIII for following the guidelines below ensuring the safety of everyone!

Please do:

- ✓ Enter by the middle driveway only.
- ✓ Exit by the East driveway.
- ✓ Park in the designated visitor parking spaces.
- ✓ Use the **LEFT INNER LANE** of the drive through, and pick up or drop off students in front of the gate.
- ✓ Use the walkway in front of the school if you ride home on a bus or in a car.
- ✓ Unless waiting for a ride, students in grades 4-8 should avoid the gate.
- ✓ Use the sidewalk closer to the road if you are walking home.
- ✓ Exercise **patience, consideration and caution**.

Please don't:

- ✓ Don't park and get out of your car in the drive through or on the fire routes. You risk the safety of our children, and you risk getting **a parking ticket**.
- ✓ Don't let children to come to you or your car, so that they must cross driveways, between cars, unescorted. If you park in the visitor's parking spaces instead of driving through, go and pick them up at the gate or walkway.
- ✓ Don't block parked cars.
- ✓ Don't hold up those behind you with lengthy goodbyes or conversations. Please avoid lingering in the kindergarten yard.
- ✓ Don't use the bus entrance.
- ✓ Don't block the school bus from entering or exiting the property. If you use available staff parking spaces, you must wait till both buses have left.
- ✓ Don't park across from the entrances and exits. This makes it difficult for the school bus and cars to manoeuvre the turn.



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St. John XXIII CES
Presents



STEM *Family Night*

Where: St. John XXIII CES (gymnasium)

When: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



Together we will explore fun, interactive and hands-on Math and Technology learning!

If you plan on attending, kindly return the portion below to your child's teacher by
March 1, 2018.

STEM Family Night

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Yes, I will be attending the **STEM Family Night on March 6.**

Student Name and Teacher (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

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