

Good News Release

RCCDSB Arnprior and Calabogie Schools have had an action-packed fall filled with exciting events and initiatives!

November 26th, 2024

St. John XXIII has seen a wave of student leadership and community spirit this fall. October School Council elections brought enthusiastic campaigns, resulting in a newly elected President, Vice-President, and class representatives.

Grade 6 students are set to showcase their athletic skills in an upcoming volleyball tournament and the school is ready to cheer them on!

Additionally, the entire school joined together with the community to commemorate Remembrance Day, with a special presentation from a veteran on November 12th. The veteran shared powerful stories of military service and peacekeeping, inspiring students to be peacemakers in their own way in all aspects of their lives.

St. John XXIII promotes a positive and supportive learning environment where students develop valuable skills, including emotional self-regulation through the "Zones of Regulation" program. Staff members even got into the spirit by dressing up as the colourful "Zone" emotions for Halloween!

Kindness took center stage during PINK Week, where students and staff shared positive messages on a dedicated whiteboard and filled a "Kindness Box" with heartfelt notes. The whole school was extremely dedicated to this Bullying Awareness Week project and was excited to share their kindness with others.

Just before Halloween, some festive fun included a pumpkin decorating and carving contest, while the Thanksgiving Food Drive saw students generously contributing to the Arnprior Teachers Against Poverty (TAP) competition. The winning classes of this competition will enjoy pizza parties courtesy of Teachers Against Poverty (TAP). An important initiative to help those in need!

The school is also busy preparing for a whole-school Christmas Cantata, a musical celebrating the birth of Jesus. The school communities across RCCDSB always look forward to the annual Christmas concert!

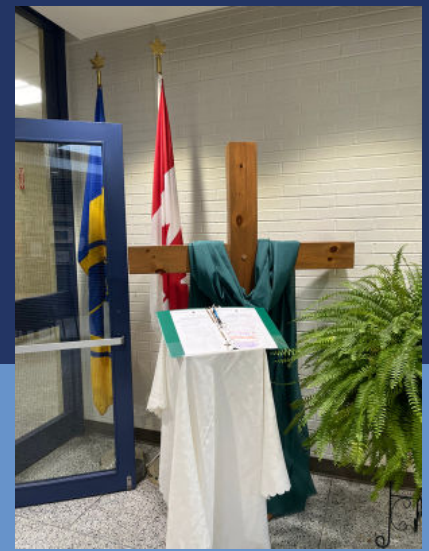
St. Joseph's Arnprior is fostering a vibrant learning environment where students explore their faith, express their creativity, and connect with the community. The recent Scholastic Book Fair ignited a passion for reading, along with the school's "Reading Buddies" program, which pairs older and younger students to foster a love of literacy.

Students have been interested in exploring their love of music in the newly formed Guitar Club, led by Mrs. Kozuska. The club allows students in Grades 6-8 to share their musical talents and learn new skills.

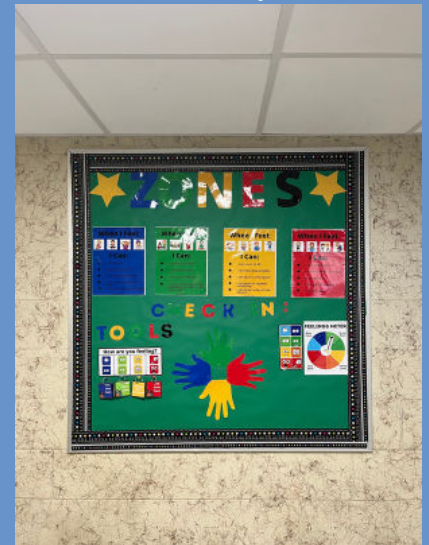
To begin each week, the whole school gathers virtually for Christian Meditation every Monday morning with Mrs. Pecoskie, promoting mindfulness and spiritual reflection.

Additionally, intermediate students honoured Remembrance Day by attending the ceremony at the Cenotaph in Arnprior.

The school maintains a strong connection to their faith through weekly Friday Masses for intermediate students and bi-weekly masses for Kindergarteners with Father Dan Kelly. The school is very grateful to have a close partnership with the local parish and appreciates their continued support.



Messages of Kindness at the front of St. John XXIII to remind students and staff to always be kind



Zones of Regulation Bulletin



Remembrance Day Artwork at St. John XXIII



On November 17th, St. John Chrysostom Church hosted a special mass where students served as greeters, readers, and choir members. It was a great display of RCCDSB's faith-based learning.

The recent Fall Fest, the largest fundraiser of the year, proved to be a major success. St. Joseph's raised an impressive \$26,000 for the school!

"Morning Shout-Outs" and Bullying Awareness/ PINK Week initiatives spread kindness and positivity throughout the school, with weekly raffle prizes awarded to deserving students.

In sharing their appreciation for the land, outdoor learning and wellness are encouraged through regular "Trips to the Grove," where students connect with nature and participate in experiential learning activities.

The entire school community is eagerly anticipating the Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 4th. This outdoor event, featuring a stage and lighting donated by St. Joseph's Catholic High School, will showcase the musical talents of all classes.

St. Joseph's in Calabogie has been buzzing with positive initiatives and student achievements! From Super Student Awards to an active Student Council, the school is fostering a high-spirited and caring learning environment.

Every month, students are recognized at the Super Student Award Assembly for demonstrating Catholic Graduate Expectations and the 7 Grandfather Teachings. A "Christian Spirit Grid" further encourages acts of peace, love, and inclusivity.

A newly established Student Council, with representatives from grades 5-7, is boosting school spirit through themed days, friendly competitions, and activities like the recent Halloween "You Got Ghosted" event. The council is also played a key role in PINK Week activities for Anti-Bullying Week.

Throughout November, the school honoured Remembrance Day with a moving ceremony and student participation in the Legion's Essay and Poster Contest. Treaties Week saw students engage in workshops and cultural activities, including the Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada Giant Floor Map and a Bonnechere Inodewiziwin Abinodjinjish Kikinamagan EarlyON (BIAK) program.

Schools across RCCDSB continue to nurture its students' academic, social, and spiritual growth through these enriching programs and events.



St. Joseph's Arnprior surpassing their Fall Fest goal!



Remembrance Day St. Joseph's Arnprior



St. Joseph's Arnprior PINK week!



Treaties Week Presentation



Super Student Awards St Joseph's Calabogie