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'TIS THE SEASON! NPSC STUDENTS GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Top Left: Patients at the North Bay General Hospital will enjoy these Christmas tree ornaments crafted by the students of Ms. Amy Sheppard-Boal's JK/SK class as part of the Star Initiative Program.

Bottom Left: St. Joseph-Scollard Hall's *Bears Who Care* stand proudly next to the Christmas gifts collected at the school. The items were donated to the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption to be distributed to families in need of extra support this Christmas.

Bottom Right: Student volunteers at St. Joseph-Sacred Heart School prepare packages containing toys, school supplies and treats for the Operation Christmas Child Campaign, which has become, for students and staff alike, a valued annual tradition at the school.





THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINES AMONG US, IN US AND THROUGH US

Loving God, we are filled with the new light by the coming of your Word among us. May the light of faith shine in our words and actions.
(Mass at Dawn)

May this Christmas be for us a time of peace, love and joy. May we thank God for Jesus, our light.

May the Holy Spirit enable us to see Jesus in all those we meet.

Let us meet Jesus in the bright and questioning eyes of the child.

Let us meet Jesus in the discouraged and hopeful eyes of the teenager.

Let us meet Jesus in the committed and welcoming eyes of the secretary.

Let us meet Jesus in the warm and caring eyes of the educational assistant.

Let us meet Jesus in the concerned and practical eyes of the custodian.

Let us meet Jesus in the dedicated and loving eyes of the teacher.

Let us meet Jesus in the worried and courageous eyes of the parent.

Let us meet Jesus in the soft and peaceful eyes of the grand parent.

Let us meet Jesus in the prudent and responsible eyes of the principal.

Let us meet Jesus in the generous and devoted eyes of the trustee.

Let us meet Jesus in the comforting and assuring eyes of the friend.

Let us meet Jesus in the feeble and glassy eyes of the cancer victim.

Let us meet Jesus in the sad and lost eyes of the drug addict.

Let us meet Jesus in the discouraged and desperate eyes of the jobless.

Let us meet Jesus in the sorrowful and anguished eyes of the homeless.

Let us meet Jesus in the betrayed and painful eyes of the divorcee. Let us meet Jesus in the veiled and devastated eyes of the rejected.

Let us meet Jesus in the perplexed and painful eyes of the abused.

Let us meet Jesus in the frightened and annihilated eyes of the war victim.

May we welcome Jesus our light.

May we share our light with our sisters and brothers.

May we live in peace, love and joy this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

SNAPSHOTS



Corpus Christi School Honours Veterans

Master Corporal Michelle Neilson (far left) chats with Corpus Christi students Christy Tignanelli (centre), Brittany Denomme (right) and Principal Dan Séguin (far right) following her presentation describing her deployment and mission in Afghanistan at the school's Remembrance Day celebration.



SJSH Student Sits on Provincial Student Panel

Grade 11 student Matthew Pilon (St. Joseph-Scollard Hall) was part of a student panel at the Ministry of Education's Circle of Light Conference in Toronto November 25 and 26. First Nation, Métis and Inuit students from secondary schools across the province shared their experience in the Ontario school system. Matthew shared challenges, successes, goals, and special programs. Students provided words of advice to educators on how to help First Nation, Métis and Inuit students succeed, and words of inspiration for First Nation, Métis, and Inuit students on how to succeed in school. Congratulations Matthew, we at NPSC are very proud of you!



Bears Win York Hockey Tournament

For ten years, the SJSH girls' hockey team has participated in the annual Christmas Classic hockey tournament at York University. Coach Laurie Vezina was understandably thrilled to announce that for the first time ever, the girls won this year's tournament on December 9! Congratulations!



Professional Development Day Featured Student Panel

Thank you to the students who participated in an informative student panel session at the the November 16 professional activity day for NPSC staff. Photo (left to right): Spencer Waltenbury, Grade 3 at St. Alexander, Madison Aquino, Grade 6, at Mother St. Bride, Alyson Cerisano, Grade 12 at SJSH, Victoria Giesler, Grade 9 at SJSH, Jessica Pepin, Nipissing University Faculty of Education and John XXIII and SJSH alumnus.



Bearing the Pink for Breast Cancer at SJSH

*With files from Paula Di Benedetto, Grade 12, St. Joseph-Scollard Hall

St. Joseph-Scollard Hall donated over \$2000 to the CIBC Run for the Cure held at the North Bay Waterfront in October where funds were raised for the Canadian Cancer Society. Students and staff each donated two dollars to wear pink for a day the week before the run took place. At the race, students and staff took the time to write the names in a special book of those close to them who are or have been affected by cancer. Each teacher who participated in the run took a page from the book and ran for the people listed on it.

Left: SJSH teachers sporting their Run for the Cure T-shirts.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

JACQUES BÉGIN



Christmas is one of the most precious times of the year with the celebration of the birth of Christ Jesus. Take the time to visualise what led up to that special day and reflect on what is most important in life today. It's all about what comes from the inside and the joy that you can share with family, friends

and even strangers with a simple passing smile and a Christmas greeting.

Take the time to attend the Advent and Christmas Masses being celebrated at all of our parishes. Connect, or more importantly, re-connect with family and friends. Share with those who need.

These celebrations will certainly bring a smile to your face and warmth to your heart.

A very Merry Christmas and a joyous season from the Board of Trustees of the Nipissing Parry-Sound Catholic District School Board.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST. JOSEPH-SCOLLARD HALL BEARS ON WINNING THE SPIRIT AWARD AT EAST-WEST 2009!

MAY THE SPIRIT OF LOVE, PEACE AND JOY BE EVER PRESENT DURING THIS HOLY SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR!

BELOW:

BOTTOM LEFT: NATIVITY SCENE BULLETIN BOARD CRAFTED BY THE SK/GRADE 1 STUDENTS OF ST. JOSEPH-SACRED HEART SCHOOL

TOP RIGHT: "BIRTH OF JESUS" BY EMILY PELLANDA, GR.3, ST. HUBERT SCHOOL

BOTTOM RIGHT: NATIVITY SCENE RE-ENACTED BY THE STUDENTS OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



UPCOMING EVENTS

Early French Immersion Information Evening: St. Joseph-Sacred Heart School on January 12 at 6 p.m. For more information, call 472-1201.

ATTENTION GRADE 8 STUDENTS & PARENTS!

St. Joseph-Scollard Hall CSS Grade 8 Student-Parent Information Night: February 8, 2010. 6:30 p.m. Come learn important information about secondary school registration, chat with teachers and learn about courses. For more information, call 494-8600.

Rejoicing In Hope - Regional Catholic Mission: St. Peter the Apostle Church (299 Airport Road) will host the event, affording each one of us an opportunity to rejoice in hope! May 2-6, 2010 at 7 p.m. Guest preacher Father Pete Schavitz, originally from Chicago, has preached approximately 250 missions. Spread the Word! For more information, call 472-1817.

Save the Date! Carousel Evening: An evening of free special education workshops. May 27, 2010 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School. For more information, call 472-1201.

