A Message from Our Principal:

Dear JMCCSA Families,

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We hope everyone had a wonderful, relaxing summer vacation. We’re looking forward to another awesome year at JMCC School! As September is always a very busy month, the information below is provided to update our families as we start the 2017/18 school year:

Construction:
Great news!! The parking lot construction is now complete, as is the construction for Play McGivney. We look forward to enjoying the beautiful play space this year.

Ministry of Education Approval - JMCCSA Website:
We are extremely pleased to report that the Ministry of Education has approved our request for funds to modernize our JMCCSA website page. Our staff has begun working diligently with the website developers over the summer on this exciting venture. It is now “Under Construction”. A model will be ready very soon for feedback.

21st Century Learning:
The process to provide enhanced Wi-Fi access to all JMCCSA classrooms has now commenced! This is a significant step in increasing our technological capacity, and further enhancements are planned for this year.

Healing Garden:
The gazebo, funded by the JMCCSA Parent Council, was installed over the summer. Mr. Eric Skelton has been volunteering his time to design our Healing Garden Memorial Wall. His scale model of the butterfly memorial wall is now on display in the school lobby. Pictures of the model will be posted on our JMCCSA website and in this newsletter. A memorial ceremony for families and staff is planned for this Fall.

Thank you for all of your continued support - let’s have a really fantastic year!
Brenda
MEET THE STAFF:

We have an amazing team this year at JMCCSA:

OUR TEACHERS:

Classroom 1 - Mrs. E. Winiarski
Classroom 2 - Mrs. J. Wirag
Classroom 3 - Mrs. L. Perlin
Classroom 4 - Mrs. K. Targachoff
Classroom 5 - Ms. A. Laforet
Rotary - Mrs. A. Skelton

OUR OFFICE STAFF:

Principal - Dr. B. Roberts-Santarossa
Business Manager - Mrs. P. Leblanc-Jaeger
Educational Consultant - Mrs. L. Craig
Administrative Assistant - Mrs. L. Pace
Communication Disorder Assistant - Mrs. A. McGuire

OUR SUPPORT STAFF:

Classroom 1 - Mrs. N. Tetley
Classroom 2 - Ms. A. Werstein
Classroom 3 - Mrs. C. Ruthven
Classroom 4 - Mrs. C. Zerbin
Classroom 5 - Mrs. T. Garant

Deaf/Blind Intervener - Mrs. M. Joinville
JK/SK Support Aide - Ms. G. McDonald
Floats - Mr. D. Zeman, Mrs. J. Leck

We are very fortunate to have such a caring and dedicated staff. Communication between school and parents is vital to ensure a happy, safe and productive school year. As a staff, we are committed to keeping you informed!

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 20 - Parent Council Meeting (5 p.m.)
September 22 - PD Day (No School)
October 9 - Thanksgiving (No School)
October - IEPs go home
October 27 - PD Day (No School)
November 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly
November 17 - PD Day (No School)
The Parent Council would like to welcome all new and returning families to the 2017-2018 school year. The Parent Council is made up of parents/caregivers of children in the school. If you are interested in becoming a member this year, please come out to the first 2017-2018 meeting (September 20th at 5 pm) to see how you can be involved. New faces are always welcome!

Your Present Parent Council Team:
Chair: Raquel Rankin
Vice-Chair: Julie Khoury
Parent Representatives: Antonella DiMenna, Krisztina Muscat, Liz Smith, Yoanna Vadim, Lena Walsh,
EA Representatives: Nadine Tetley
Teacher Representatives: Ann Skelton
School Principal: Dr. Brenda Roberts-Santarossa

Stay tuned for a new and improved JMCC School Website!!

We are so excited to show you the exciting changes being made. Our school website will allow families to view school newsletters online, read our current news, visit individual classroom websites, and connect you to important links in our community.

There is a Translation Option available for families as needed.

We are now on INSTAGRAM!!

Follow us at jmccschool to see all the exciting things happening at JMCC School!!
**PLAY MCGIVNEY:**

Play McGivney is now open!!

This week we celebrated the official opening of Play McGivney with our community partners, donors and JMCC staff.

**NEW STAFF:**

We are very pleased to welcome some new faces to the JMCC School team this year:

- Mrs. L. Perlin - Classroom Teacher
- Ms. A. Laforet - Classroom Teacher
- Mrs. M. Joinville - Deaf/Blind Intervener

Welcome back to...

- Mrs. J. Leck (EA)
- Mrs. K. Targachoff (Occasional Teacher)
- Mrs. C. Ruthven (EA)
Parent Lending Library:

We have had a great response to our Parent Lending Library!!

Parents, please return all bags to the school as soon as possible for cleaning and reorganizing for our new school year.

AAC Support:

We are thrilled to welcome our new JMCC Speech & Language Pathologist, Katie Sajatovich, to the JMCC School team. Katie will be working closely with our school staff and providing AAC consultation and support in all of our classrooms this year.

Stay tuned for AAC tips, strategies and links on our website page!

STUDENT ABSENCE & BUS INFORMATION:

Just a reminder....
If your child is absent for the day, please call:

- JMCC School office: (519) 977-2200  AND
- Your Bus Company:
  - Pearson: (226) 674-3301
  - Sharp: (519) 736-0933
  - Stevenson: (519) 727-3478
  - Switzer-Carty: (519) 326-2607
The TIM HORTONS

**SMILE COOKIE CAMPAIGN**

Is Back!!

September 11-17, 2017

50% of the proceeds will go to the John McGivney Children’s Centre this year.

Enjoy a cookie and support your local charities!

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**HEALING GARDEN:**

Above is a scale model representation of the Memorial Wall which will be installed this Fall in our Healing Garden. The model is on display in the JMCC school lobby.

Our thanks to Mr. Eric Skelton for designing this beautiful Memorial Wall of butterflies for this special space we are creating to honor and celebrate the lives of loved ones that we have lost.