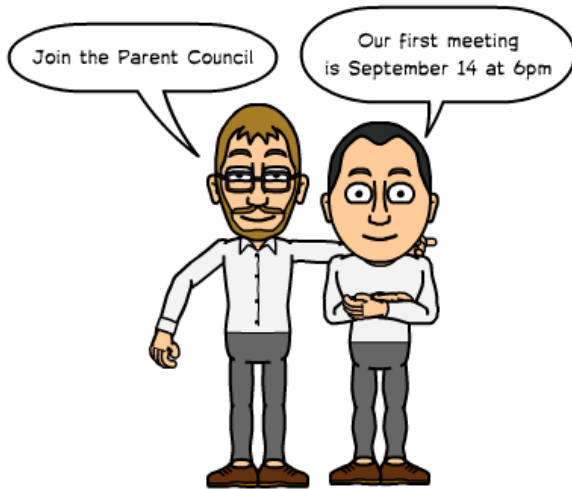


Jean Vanier Catholic High School Parent Council

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and go to the "For Parents" section

June 2011

From the Chairs, John Fisher & Steve MacDonald



(jva.schools.smcdsb.on.ca).

What is the purpose of the JV Parent Council?

Although the JV Parent Council is still at a very early stage of its development, our focus is to engage parents and students in identifying opportunities that we wish to pursue and strengths we wish to build on.

These actions will provide a positive voice for Catholic education in our community while fostering strengthened relationships among families, staff, parish and the community within our high school.

This is an opportunity for you to share your ideas and thoughts with your JV Parent Council on important opportunities to pursue at Jean Vanier Catholic School.

We look forward to hearing from you. Our first meeting is September 14th at 6 pm.

The Jean Vanier Parent Council is working on your behalf to make Jean Vanier a vibrant, fun and faith-filled school community now and into the future.

teaching staff rep (still looking), and student representative.

For a current list of the JV Parent Council's membership and contact information and for copies of meeting minutes, please contact the School Office or visit the "For

Parents/Catholic School Council" page on the Jean Vanier Catholic High School website

Who is on the JV Parent Council?

The JV Parent Council is currently made up of 10 members consisting of co-chairs, a secretary, parent volunteers, principal, a teacher rep, a non-

Parent Survey to Come Out in the Fall



The Jean Vanier Parent Council has been developing a survey for parents to

complete. Through the survey the council hopes to learn more about the level of parent/

guardian interest in further involvement in our school.

The information will be gathered to determine where the council should focus its efforts in the coming year. The goal is to make the school an even better place for your son/daughter(s) to learn.

As an incentive to complete the

survey, each returned survey will be entered into a draw for some great prizes which include free lunches, uniform vouchers, just to name a few.

The survey will be made available on the school website and in print form in the Fall.

The parent council looks forward to your input.

Dates to put in your calendar

Report Cards Mailed July 6

Main Office Open August 24-31, 8-4pm

Guidance Office Open August 24-31

Uniform Shop Open August 22-25 then August 29-Sept 1, 8:30 to 4:30

First Day of School September 7

First Parent Council Meeting September 14, 6 pm

Highlights for this year:

- 2010-2011 Parent Council was formed
- Letter of Invitation posted on school website
- Procedure Bylaws adopted
- Coffee and cookies provided at Parent/Teacher Interview Night
- Facebook 101 Student and Parent sessions offered
- Applied for PRO Grant to host speaker for next year
- Created Parent Survey for next Fall

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Message Board

2010-2011 Parent Council

- John Fisher, Co-Chair
- Steve MacDonald, Co-Chair
- Geoffrey Adamson, Secretary
- Sandy Nichols (Parent Member)
- Connie Gray (Parent Member)
- Monica Essig (Teacher Rep)
- Connor Spencer (Student Rep)

Sandra Reynolds

The parent council would like to take this opportunity to thank Sandra Reynolds, Principal of JV, for all her hard work and devotion to seeing that a 2010-2011 Parent Council was formed that provides parents with a voice on school matters. She epitomizes the positive, supportive, caring, faith filled environment she has created in the school for our children.

We wish her the best of luck at her new school, St. Noel Chabanel in Wasaga Beach. Those of us who have children there can continue to be enriched by her grace and leadership.

Thank you Mrs. Reynolds and best wishes, Parent Council

Bill Ironside, VP

Parent council would like to thank Bill Ironside for all of the work he has done to provide members with all that was needed for us to get things done at our meetings and events.

Your quiet leadership and welcoming attitude is greatly appreciated and we are heartened to know you will continue within the Administration next year. Have a great summer, Parent Council

Ms. Hadley

Thank you for your social justice initiatives. Our faith draws us to becoming compassionate human beings. You have provided our children with opportunities to learn more about giving and consideration of others.

Ms. Pearson

Thank you for your Healthy Food Choices initiative. JV is a leader in this area. As parents we appreciate your efforts in this area.

Ms. Janveau

Thank you for your Lunch Time Activities initiative providing our children with the opportunity to participate in lunch time physical activities.

Chris Vollum's Presentation

facebook 101

TOOLS TO INCREASE YOUR PRIVACY & SECURITY



On May 11th, Jean Vanier students were mesmerized as Mr. Vollum demonstrated how personal information can be harvested through Facebook on

individuals who falsely think they are sharing information, photos and videos with immediate friends.

In this presentation, the students learned how important it is to customize privacy and security settings to minimize the amount of personal information that is shared among their friends, friends of friends and even other social media users.

By leaving the Facebook settings at the default (determined by Facebook), personal and private information is available to Every-

one—as many as 15 million users in Canada alone!

That same evening, parents had the opportunity to sit in on a similar session. Mr. Vollum stated that 'you are only as secure as your least secure friend,' which means that if one of your immediate friends has settings that allow his/her information to be shared with "Everyone", your information may also be available to "Everyone" unless you make specific changes to your settings.

For more information on changing your Facebook settings to maintain your privacy and security, ask your son or daughter to show you.

Proceeds from the session went to help fund the Kenya trip.



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