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NPSC Schools Attend International Plowing Match

Over 1000 NPSC students attended the 2019 International Plowing Match & Rural Expo, North America's largest outdoor agricultural and rural expo, held in Verner between September 17-21.

The St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Marching Band and the Our Lady of Sorrows School dancers and drummers performed in the opening ceremonies. The four days were filled with hands-on learning about the heritage and history of Ontario's agriculture. The organizers worked diligently to bring a number of educational opportunities to the event, including: pumpkin catapult challenge, Science North exhibits, live animals, scarecrow creations and so much more. "We recognized that this was a once in a lifetime experience for our students", said Our Lady of Sorrows Principal, Stacey Malette, who participated on the education planning committee.

A special thank you to Caisse Alliance and Hydro One who generously contributed towards student bus transportation to the festival!



Prayer for Christmas Day

Eternal God,

This joyful day is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light.

May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds.

May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do.

May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity.

Bless us and the feast that You have provided for us. Let us be thankful for the true gift of Christmas, your Son.

Amen.

– Unknown (cpcoc.on.ca)

St. Victor Students Showcase Their Artwork at the Legislature Building

The Youth Arts Program celebrates the incredible artistic talents of young Ontarians, aged 12-18. Each year, youth from across the province are invited to submit their works of art to the Legislative Assembly Art Contest for Youth. Selected artwork is then displayed in the Legislature Building at Queen's Park between January and March, showcasing the creativity and diverse artistic abilities of youth.

Three students from St. Victor School in Mattawa were chosen this year. Congratulations to Hailee Townson, Paige Skiffington, and Jersey Breen.



May the Spirit of love, peace and joy be ever present during this Holy season and throughout the New Year!

Artwork: Ava-Leigh Polson, Grade 2 Student (2019) at St. Alexander School

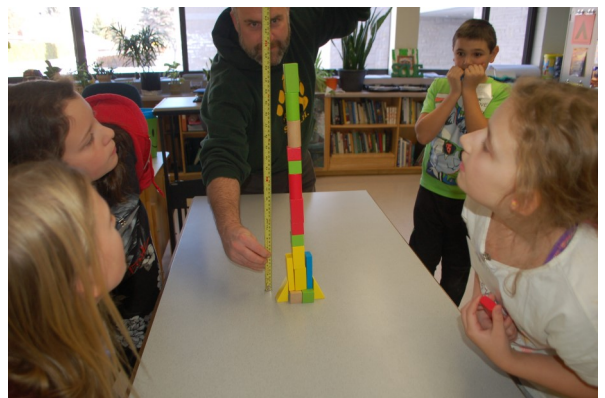
Innovation & Creativity Student Summit

On November 15, 85 NPSC Grade 5 and 6 students were joined by 12 teacher leads for an engaging presentation by Dr. Robert Graham entitled *"How Do I Know What Drum to Hit Dr. G?: An Exploration of Creativity"*. The overall theme for the day at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall focused on fostering innovation, creativity and collaboration. Students and teachers learned together through a variety of sessions and workshops, including:

- EV3 Lego Robot Coding
- Can Innovation Save the Environment?
- Programming with Scratch
- Spice Up Your Presentation Using Google Slides
- Jungle Temple Escape Room
- Tower of Power
- Did You Say Micro:bit? Let's Code!
- Oh the Sites You Will See!

The day also featured a teacher session called *"An Investigation of 'Techno-Resiliency' and How It Can Better Inform Technology Integration In Your Classroom"*, facilitated by Dr. Robert Graham.

Exploration and innovation with new technology continues to be a focus for schools across the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board. Fostering engagement with new technology benefits students by enabling them to use new platforms for learning math, science, technology, literacy and social studies, as well as developing tangible skills necessary for a twenty-first century work environment.



EVENTS

December

12 **SJSH Bears Music Christmas Concert**
 Thursday, December 12
 St. Joseph-Scollard Hall
 (675 O'Brien Street, North Bay)
6:30pm



Celebrating Orange Shirt Day at SJSH

January

14 **Grade 8 Information Night**
 Tuesday, January 14, 2020
 St. Joseph-Scollard Hall
 (675 O'Brien Street, North Bay)
6:00pm

14 **Early French Immersion Information Night (Callander and Area Families)**
 Tuesday, January 14, 2020
 St. Theresa Elementary School
 (1475 Main Street North Callander)
6:00pm

15 **Early French Immersion Information Night (North Bay and Area Families)**
 Wednesday, January 15, 2020
 St. Luke School
 (225 Milani Road, North Bay)
6:00pm



Celebrating NPSC 25 Year Employees and Recent Retirees



SJSH Students Placed 2nd at *The Gathering Place* 2019 Soup's On Competition

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