



## SJS-Great Things Happen Here!

September was a very busy month here at St. John School! SJS Family Night was held on September 19, where families participated in a scavenger hunt, visited classrooms and played outdoor games. It was a wonderful night welcoming back the new school year!

On September 27, Students walked to Centennial Park and marched for Terry Fox. Together we celebrated Terry's courage and drive by studying his quote "Anything is possible if you try".

*Students made posters and held banners on the walk to celebrate the memory of Terry Fox!*



*SJS honour's Terry Fox on September 27, 2017!*

## SEESAW INFO FOR PARENTS

SJS is using SeeSaw this year! Seesaw gives your child creative tools to capture and reflect on his/her learning- in real time. Then this work is shared with you.

Parents can download Seesaw's family App for iOS, Android, or use the web to view your student's learning artifacts. When your child adds new work, you will receive a notification to see, hear, and respond to your child's learning item.

SJS is happy to announce this new opportunity for our students. Please contact the school with any questions about Seesaw!

### What is Parent Lighthouse?

Parent Lighthouse is St. John School's Catholic Parent Council. Parent Council meets once a month in the staff room, on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

Parent lighthouse also organizes events for families such as the Family Halloween dance, and fundraising events such as Peak of the Market for our school community.

If you are interested in finding out more or joining, new members are always welcome.

#### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Wednesday October 4, 2017  
 Wednesday November 1, 2017  
 Wednesday December 6, 2017

*Families enjoyed an evening of outdoor activities at our SJS Family Night on September 19, 2017.*



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## MISSION STATEMENTS AND WILDLY IMPORTANT GOALS

Students have been working very hard on developing class mission statements. These are important in classrooms because they are the “rules” the students live by, they set the example of how students will learn and lead in their classroom throughout the year. Here are some examples of classroom mission statements at SJS!

Goal setting is important for everyone! Students at SJS are working towards creating their own Wildly Important Goals, or WIGS. These help students work towards academic goals to improve their skills and confidence in their subject area. Goal setting and celebrations are important to students because ensuring they achieve small goals on a regular basis helps build student’s self-esteem!

We celebrate achieved WIGs on Wednesday mornings at assembly. Watch for photos on Facebook of students achieving their WIGS, or stop in and watch the assembly starting at 9:00am.



The Gr. 4-5 Mission Statement is #SWAG it stands for Success, Willpower, Attitude and Goals.

Mrs. Lamme’s Gr. 1 Class  
Mission Statement  
“In Grade 1, we are nice and we  
Can do hard things!”



In Gr.1-2 We are a Family,  
We try, We learn, We lead,  
We teach, We achieve, we  
celebrate..Together!



### Upcoming Family Events:

Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Black light Halloween Family Dance**  
6:00-8:00pm

Wednesday November 22, 2017  
**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Sunday November 26, 2017  
**SJS Christmas Bazaar**  
12:00-4:00pm  
Crafts, goodies, and treats will be sold!

### Important Dates:

Oct 6: Thanksgiving Prayer Service  
Oct 6: Cross Country Run  
Oct 9: Thanksgiving Monday-No School  
Oct 12: Last day of Swimming for Gr. 3  
Oct 19: Gr. 4-8 Planetarium  
Oct 20: Fall Feast  
Oct 20: Thunder Bay Cross Country  
Oct 24: Gr. 5-6 begin Swimming  
Oct 26: Black light Family Halloween  
Dance  
Oct 27: PD Day- No School  
Oct 31: Classroom Halloween  
Activities.

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## October Habits at Home

What are we learning?

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind.

1. Think ahead
2. Make a plan
3. Have clear expectations
4. Next steps

*At school, your child is learning that EVERYONE can be a leader. You can model leadership by using positive and proactive language with your child.*

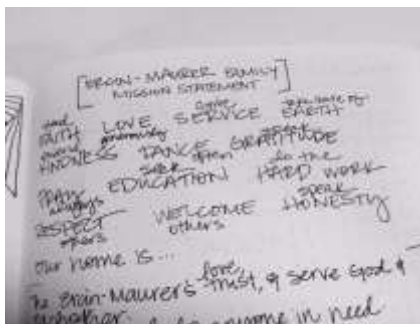
This Month's Family Project is all about Habit 2: Begin with the end in Mind. Begin with the End in Mind, is thinking about how you would like something to turn out before it has started. For example, when completing a puzzle, we will first look at the cover box to see what the end piece will look like. Mission statements represent the purpose and values of the classroom.

As a family brainstorm what's important to your family, and what you as a family hold most dear. Ask your children for help, they are the experts and have been working on their Classroom Mission Statements.

*Here is an example of family Mission statements. Think of a way to Display your Families Mission Statement.*

*Families that participate will be entered into a draw! Please send in a picture of your Family Mission Statement before Monday October 30, 2017.*

*Family Mission Statement's will be Displayed in the office.*



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