

## WHO WE ARE

Acting as an advisory body to the school we strive to provide an opportunity to build community, strengthen home, school and parish partnerships and work together as a community of believers committed to putting the values of our faith into the education of our children.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of this council is to promote and advocate for the best interests of the students to ensure that all St. Joan of Arc CHS students are successful.



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# St. Joan of Arc CHS Council

WELCOMES ALL PARENTS



## SJA MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired  
by the  
courage,  
commitment,  
and compassion

of Jesus and Saint Joan of Arc,  
our mission is to develop a Christ-centred  
community which challenges students to  
achieve their  
full potential  
in body,  
mind,  
and spirit.  
Individual  
excellence  
will be  
determined  
by student  
participation  
and performance  
in all aspects of  
our supportive  
learning environment.

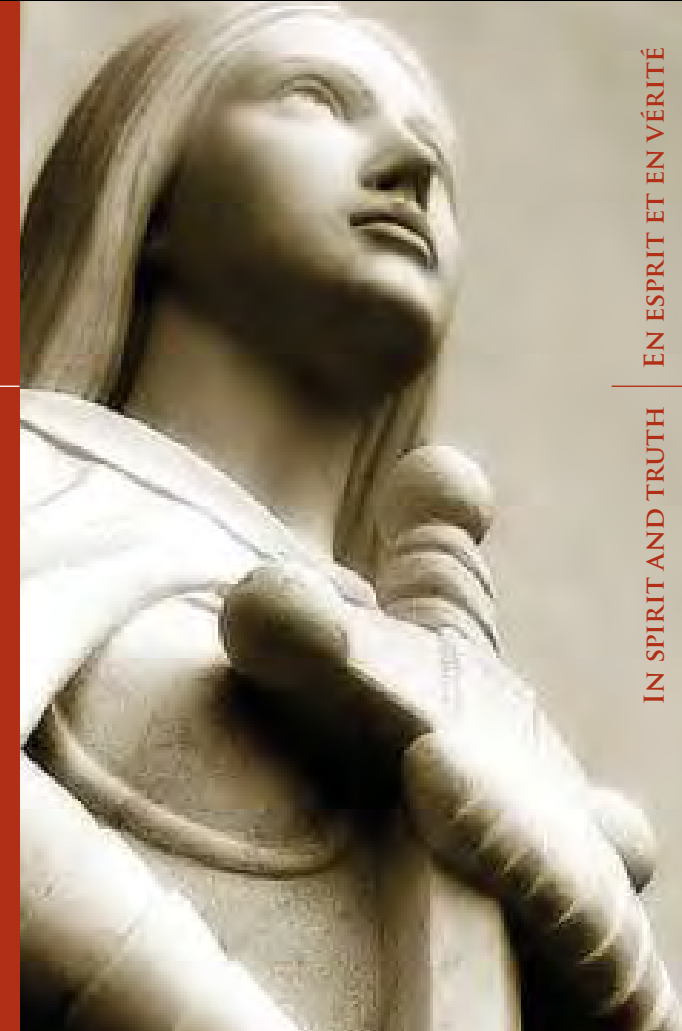
## WHERE CAN PARENTS GET INFORMATION?

SJA has 2 excellent sources of information available to parents which include the school website <http://stjo.ycdsb.ca> and the Student Handbook. Both of these will provide parents with information about:

- Policies and guidelines regarding uniform, missed tests or exams, homework, credit requirements, evaluating student work, etc.
- Procedures including but not limited to admissions, assemblies, retreats, medication, use of cell phones and detentions
- List of all school staff
- Catholic graduate expectations
- Christian service expectations
- List of all committees, clubs and other extracurricular opportunities
- Progressive discipline guidelines
- School year calendar of ALL school events
- Map of the school

We encourage all parents to review the Student Handbook at the start of the school year.

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## WHAT WE DO

- Membership of school council consists of parents of students attending the school, principal, teacher, non teaching staff, parish and community representative
- SJA council members participate in a number of committees that support student learning, increase student achievement and ensure a positive and safe learning environment
- Council members are school ambassadors who promote within the community the excellent learning opportunities found at SJA
- This council is very proactive in reaching out to parents to keep them informed of all school activities
- As the destination school for the elementary feeder schools, SJA council partners with its family of elementary schools to assist with the transition to high school and to host annual workshops for the Maple Family of Catholic School Councils

## WHY JOIN SCHOOL COUNCIL

- Decades of studies have shown that parents who are involved and engaged in their child's education translates to increased student success
- This is the best opportunity for parents to provide constructive ideas and suggestions to the school
- Council meetings provide much information sharing about school activities and events that are not normally available from the students
- The opportunity to volunteer in a committee dedicated to positively impact student achievement and/or school life is enriching and rewarding

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### WHAT HAPPENS AT A SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING?

- Various departments make presentations to council so that parents can better understand the curriculum
- Student council representatives provide monthly updates of students' activities
- Student clubs and committees present specific initiatives regarding major projects that students have undertaken including humanitarian relief efforts, fundraising, drug/alcohol awareness events, etc.
- Evaluate and support funding requests from staff and students
- Participate in the development of school and/or Board policies as members of joint committees
- Create and promote school partnerships within the community and private sector

### MEMBERSHIP ON SJA COUNCIL

SJA council has always prided itself in being an inclusive council. Parents who submit their membership application by the first meeting in September are automatically accepted.

Elections are held only for the executive positions of council.

Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the school library.

Council produces a newsletter twice a year at the end of each semester. Additional information is periodically sent out to parents via the e-mail system.

COME OUT AND

JOIN US!

