

CATHOLIC STUDENTS HONOUR VETERANS THIS WEEK

From Cobalt to Kapuskasing, students and staff of the Northeastern Catholic District School Board are honouring the people, men and women, who have made sacrifices by serving and giving their lives for our great country.

In many schools, events began well ahead of Veterans Week, with students sharing interpretations of this important day through posters and poetry. The efforts of one particular class at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Kirkland Lake were rewarded by the regional office of Veterans Affairs Canada. On Monday, Mrs. Lori-Ann Parkes' Grade 5 class was invited to visit Hockey Heritage North along with members of the Legion. The event provided an opportunity for students to spend time with local veterans for a day of fun. During a recognition ceremony at the end of the day, students received various awards and gift certificates. On Friday, the school will be taking part in a Remembrance Day Mass at 9:30 a.m. in their gymnasium.



Grade 5 students from Sacred Heart Catholic School in Kirkland Lake were invited to spend the day at Hockey Heritage North with local Veterans.

A group of grade 4 to 6 students from St. Joseph School in South Porcupine will be singing in the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Legion in South Porcupine at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. On Friday, they will honour the soldiers who serve for Canada by wearing red and white clothing.

At English Catholic Central School in New Liskeard, students will hold an assembly with a parade of Veterans tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. at the school. The Veterans will then visit the classrooms to talk with students about their experiences and the importance of remembering.

At St. Jerome School in Kirkland Lake, the local Army Cadets have been invited to march in the gym as part of their Remembrance Day Service at 11 a.m. tomorrow. Students from the school will be leading readings during the service.

Students at St. Patrick School in Cobalt will be welcoming 8 members of the Canadian Legion for a school ceremony at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. Each class will present a poem, story or song culminating with one minute of silence and the singing of O Canada.

In Cochrane, Grade 8 student Ashley Larose will be doing a reading at the ceremony at the local arena, and a wreath will be presented on behalf of Aileen Wright English Catholic School.

At Holy Family School in Englehart, students have created beautiful posters for the Legion's poster contest. In addition they will be holding a service in their gym tomorrow at 1 p.m.



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In Kapuskasing, students at St. Patrick School will hold a Remembrance Day Service at St. Patrick Church at 1 p.m. tomorrow. Members from the Legion will be present with the Colour Party, with grade 8 students leading the service. Students have been preparing for Remembrance Day in a variety of ways throughout the week, with several participants in the Royal Canadian Legion poster and poetry contest. Representatives from the school will also be presenting their wreath at the new cenotaph during Remembrance Day celebrations on Saturday November 11th at 11 a.m.

In Iroquois Falls, St. Anne English Catholic School students will attend a Remembrance Day celebration at St-Martyrs-Canadians Church at 10:15 a.m.

In Timmins, at Sacred Heart School, guest speakers from the Canadian Legion will be visiting with primary and junior students this afternoon, with a slide show and photographs. The commemorative events will also include a school mass at Sacred Heart Church at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow with 2 local Sea Cadets participating by playing the Last Post at the end of the mass. At St. Paul School, students were invited to submit names of veterans within their family or that are friends of their family. Their names were posted on a bulletin board that was set up in the main hallway in their honour. A special ceremony will also take place tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in their gymnasium. At O’Gorman Intermediate Catholic School, students will hold their ceremony in their new music room at 10:15 a.m.

The Board’s Pastoral Care Worker, Mike Buhler, will lead two assemblies in the Sylvia Gravel Theatre at O’Gorman High School for our secondary students at 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. These liturgical services will focus on remembering the past and praying for the brave soldiers who are currently serving in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the world. They will also reflect on our call, as Catholics, to work for peace.

The media is welcome to visit our school communities to see how students are actively involved in honouring our Veterans.

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