



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ PA Day November 12th—NO SCHOOL
- ★ Progress Reports Go Home Nov. 14th
- ★ Parent-Portfolio Night & Dinner November 21st



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THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE

NOVEMBER 2012

ST. PAUL SCHOOL — TIMMINS

A Message from the Principal



The month of November brings with it celebrations for All Soul's Day and Remembrance Day. We will be having an All Soul's Day prayer service on November 1st and have once again dedicated a wall to our family and friends who have passed away. Our Remembrance Day Service will take place on Friday, November 9th at 1:00 pm in the gym. We will also be honouring both Veterans and active members of our military on a Wall of Honour again this year. A note will be sent home asking families to provide information regarding loved ones they would like to have honoured on our wall.

The Progress Reports will be going home on Wednesday, November 14th. Please watch for your child's report. It will be placed in your child's agenda on that day.

Due to the tremendous success we

had with our event last year, we are once again providing you with the opportunity to come in with your child to review his/her portfolio of work. Our Parent-Portfolio Night is scheduled for Wednesday, November 21st from 4 to 7 pm. Your child will be ready to tell you all about what they have been doing and what they are most proud of in their work so far. Your child's teacher will also be available to answer any questions you might have.

We are also very happy to be able to offer a free meal to those families who come out for this event. The meal needs to be pre-ordered using the form that will be sent home Wednesday, November 7th. All order forms are due back by Tuesday, November 13th. Dinner will be served between 4:30 and 6:00 pm that night.

You will also find a Scholastic Book Fair set up in the gym. This is a

perfect time to begin your Christmas shopping.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of our families out for this event as possible!

Whether we are ready for it or not, the next month will bring with it colder temperatures and snow. Please ensure that your child comes to school with all the necessary winter clothing (hats, mitts, winter coat, boots and snow-pants). All students will be going outside regardless of what they have on - so they must be prepared.

Yours in Catholic Education,

D. Brumwell



TELL THEM FROM ME

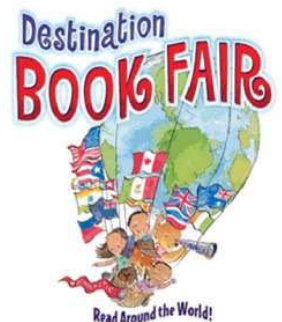
We will once again be asking our families to complete the Tell Them From Me Survey. The information collected using this survey is very helpful with our planning at the school. We want to know what is important to you as a parent, and how we can support you and your child(ren). You will have the opportunity to fill this out using a school computer at our Parent-Portfolio night, or you will receive a Username & Password to complete it in the comfort of your home. We did not have a great return rate on this last year, and we would be very grateful for as much feedback as possible this year.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Wednesday, November 21st

10:00 am to 7:00 pm in the School Gym

Students will have the opportunity to purchase books during the school day. The Fair will also be open to parents from 4-7 during our Portfolio Parent Night.





Are your children on time for school each day?

Have your children missed more than 5 days of school this year so far?

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OUR SCHOOL

VISION...

Parents, Students and Staff

Promoting

Achievement,

Understanding &

Spirituality



HEADLICE—Those pesky things!

If your child ends up with headlice, there is no need to panic. Be aware that getting headlice has nothing to do with the cleanliness of your child or standards of hygiene in the home. The issue is that head lice is easily transferred from one child to another when children are in close contact with one another. Contrary to popular belief, headlice CANNOT jump or fly. The most likely form of transfer is by sharing a hat, brush or being head to head with another child. It is also very easy to pick up headlice at a sleep over.

This time of year is always bad for headlice. We currently have a number of cases at the school and are working closely with families to help them get rid of these pesky bugs! As a precaution, we are asking that every family check their children for head lice. An information sheet is included with this newsletter to help you with this process. We are also asking that you indicate when you have completed this process and what you have found, and send that form back into the school by Monday, November 5th, 2012. Should you have any additional questions, please call the school and speak to the principal or secretary.

READING BENCHMARKS

Now that each class has officially begun guided reading, you will notice that your child/ children will be bringing home leveled text to read for practice. We often get questions about what the levels mean. Each term, we have specific benchmarks that we aim for in each grade. Below is a list of the levels we hope most students in each grade have attained at this point in the year. If your child is not reading text at this level yet, this would be a good topic of conversation to have with the teacher to see how you can support the learning at home. **However, in general, having an adult or older sibling to read to each night goes a long way to improving reading skills.**

Grade 1—Level C/D

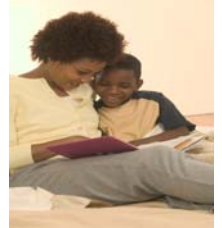
Grade 2—Level I/J

Grade 3—Level M/N

Grade 4—Level P/Q

Grade 5—Level S/T

Grade 6—Level V/W



The books that are coming home will be at either the instructional level being used in guided reading, or at a slightly lower level which is considered the child's independent level. **Your assistance in reading with your child nightly is greatly appreciated! Together, we can help all students succeed.**

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

Our virtue this month is PRUDENCE (WISDOM). Prudence, the ability to make good decisions or choices is one of the four cardinal virtues. A prudent person takes the time to think of the consequences of their actions. They will stop and ask themselves what is the right and most loving thing to do. A prudent person would pray and think things through, then act in truth and love. In this way practicing prudence brings us closer to God and our neighbours. All of us were created to find happiness by living in God's love. This love must be guided with the wisdom of our faith. Prudence is about guiding one another as sons and daughters of God and encouraging each other to live the Gospel of Jesus with confidence. The goal of this virtue is:



- † To help our students make good and informed decisions
- † To base our actions on seeking the most loving thing to do
- † To deepen and strengthen our relationship with Christ

Don't forget to send in your dinner orders for our Parent Portfolio Night. They are due on Tuesday, November 13th at 9:00am.