

THE PANTHERS' PRIDE



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SACRED HEART SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER

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PROGRESS REPORTS

Your child's progress report will be going home on Wednesday, November 14th.

These reports will reflect the progress your child has made thus far this school year. This is an important piece of information as it informs you of how your child is progressing both with his/her learning skills and academically. It is important to take the opportunity to come to the school to talk to your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress to ensure the rest of the term is successful.



Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 15th from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the school gym. All teachers will be in the gym at the same time. This makes it easier for all of you who have more than one

teacher to see.

It is important to get as much information from your child's teacher as you can so that you know exactly how well your child is progressing and what you may do to support him/her from home. Questions you may want to consider are:

- Is my child working to the best of his/her ability?
- What does he/she need to work on and how can I help? It is important to get specific feedback. Ask your teacher what the specific strategy your child needs to work on to improve their reading, writing, oral or mathematic ability.
- Has my child mastered or have a good understanding of the basic skills in reading and mathematics?
- What basic skills does my child need to develop?
- Does my child finish tasks?
- Does my child get along with others?
- Does my child follow instructions for routines and completion of tasks?
- Is my child engaged in the lessons?

OUR IPADS ARE IN!!

As we mentioned in the October newsletter, our proposal for iPads was accepted by the NCDSB. Well, we are very pleased to announce that our iPads arrived this week. Very shortly we will be installing the necessary 'apps' and the students will be using them within the classroom.



NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our new Child and Youth Worker, Mrs. Kim Meunier, and our new custodian, Mr. Harry Westerling to our staff. They are a great addition!



BUG AND A WISH

Under Mme Vachon's leadership, we have started a "Bug and a Wish" committee. This committee is

made up of junior students who are working towards making our school yard a safer, kinder place. The goal is to teach students how to resolve conflicts in a positive way. The "bug and a wish" strategy teaches students to say to those who are bothering them "It bugs me when... and I wish you would...". This is a great way to get students talking and writing about what is bothering them and helps them think of a solution. It also makes the other student aware of how their actions affect others. We are making a concentrated effort to teach all students to stand up to those who are bothering them.



MAKING THE PLEDGE

It is important to know that we will also be celebrating **Bullying Awareness Week**. Throughout this week we will be discussing what bullying really means, how harmful it is to be a bystander and what we need to do to stop those that consistently tease, name-call, and physically bother others. Later in the month we will be asking students to make a pledge to end bullying by stating that they believe everyone has the right to feel accepted, valued and included. They will pledge to respect others and stand up against and report bullying whenever and wherever they see it. We will be taking this pledge very seriously and will only accept the pledges from those who promise to make a sincere effort to live up to this pledge.



FAITH CORNER

In keeping with our goal to do what is right, during the month of November we will be celebrating the virtue of PRUDENCE (WISDOM). Prudence, or wisdom, is the ability to make good decisions or choices. 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.

SKILL BUILDING

Some of the classes will start sending home skill building work in mathematics. We are noticing some gaps in our students' mastery of basic skills and we will need your support to help your child master the basic skills in order to progress with more the more difficult concepts and problem solving taught in class. Your child's teacher will be letting you know what basic skills your child needs to practice.