

The Wildcat Gazette

St. Anne – Newsletter



November 1, 2013

Hopefully everyone had a safe and fun Hallowe'en. The "Boys in Black" from Miss White's class served up hotdogs to the entire school with the help of Mrs. Turner. We owe them a huge THANKS! With Hallowe'en candy in excess at home, please be reminded that we do not allow candy or chocolate at school. We are working hard to ensure that all of our students learn about proper nutrition and that they bring healthy lunches and snacks to school on those days we do not provide them. Our "Healthy snack program" has once again begun. We serve fruits and/or vegetables on Tuesdays and Thursdays and fruit smoothies or "Yonanas" on Fridays. Additionally, we have started serving soup on Wednesdays as well, however, it is a small amount so please continue to send lunch with your child. Check your monthly calendar for all of the upcoming events – especially skating.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pichette

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013 at 7 pm

Everyone welcome – we can always use new members!

Babysitting can be arranged on site if you notify us in advance of your intention to attend.



FOCUS ON FAITH

Father Leo will be contacting families of Gr. 7/8 students with regard to Confirmation this year. Please join us for our Remembrance Day Mass at St. Martyr's church on November 12th at 9:30 am.



For Remembrance Day, let us honour our fallen soldiers as well as those who have returned to us and those who are still fighting for our freedoms. To do so, please fill in the Remembrance day form (sent earlier) with the names and even with a picture of any soldier you or your family would like to pay tribute to. They will be posted in our front entrance on our "Memory Board" for the month of November.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH – PRUDENCE

Prudence is the virtue that allows us to decide what we should do in any given situation. In child-friendly language, we talk to the children about "making good choices" and considering consequences. As a parent, you can help us to reinforce this virtue by using the same language so that children receive a consistent message at both school and home.



ORANGE/GRAPEFRUIT ORDERS

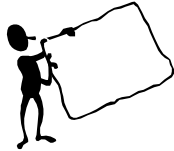
Final orange and grapefruit orders are due on November 15th.

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STUDENT'S CORNER - SPECIAL NEWS!

Our Gr. 7/8 students have formed St. Anne's first Student Council. Way to go boys and girls! Their first official act (other than their meetings) was to have a Hallowe'en dance. They did some fundraising, selling pop and chips, so they have more money for future events. They are also involved in creating a year book with the help of Mrs. Cyr as their staff advisor.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Bergeron has started a "Glee" club for all of our talented singers and dancers. They meet and practice at varied times at recess and lunch.

2 Students (Erin Cornell and Hannah Dugas) along with staff supervisor Mrs. Lambert, have started a recess "dance" program with the Gr. ½ students. They will do different types of dance throughout the year, meeting twice per week. The little ones are looking forward to it.

An anti-bullying program in keeping with our "Bucket program" is being presented on Nov. 20th. JK-2 students will participate in the morning while Gr. 3-6 students will do so in the afternoon. It is being run in conjunction with the Early Learning Centre as yet another of our community partnerships. School council has kindly agreed to pay for this to help keep our school safe for all children.



FOOD DRIVE

Our Thanksgiving Food drive was a great success. Students brought all of the items over personally and deposited them at the Friendly Warehouse – helping them see where it goes and how it is distributed. This will hopefully heighten their awareness and empathy for others.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

We continue to work hard to improve St. Anne's. One of our areas of focus this term is literacy. You can help by reading with your child daily. Here are some tips for you to "Make time for Reading." (from Lucy McCormick Culkins – The Art of Teaching Reading)

- ☺ Before reading, look over chapters to plan progress. "If I read 3 chapters a day, I'll be done by Sunday," can help your child set goals.
- ☺ Try not to save reading for last, after all the other homework is done. If we only read in bed before falling asleep at night, often we're exhausted and do fall asleep.
- ☺ If you get in the habit of just reading little bits of a book at one sitting, you can set goals for how far to read each time. Mark a place in the book and try to read that far before taking a break.
- ☺ Carry books everywhere to develop the habit of reading often.
- ☺ If children find it hard to get past the first few chapters and "into the book," read aloud to them or retell the story. Once children understand the gist of it, they might be more interested.
- ☺ To develop the habit of reading, it helps to have one or more predictable times a day when we read (ie. Bedtime, before bath).