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# News from the **KNIGHTS**



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

This year our Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on November, 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 in the Anne MacDonald Gymnasium. They are opportunities for parents and teachers to talk together about how to help each child to succeed and be happy in school. These conferences are short (10 minutes), so it is best to prepare before the conference to make the best use of that time. Our Catholic Parent Council will be on hand to assist and guide you throughout these conference times.

## Yearbooks are in!

A big thank you goes out to Mr. Bock and the yearbook club for creating a special book of memories. Students and staff had the chance to view and sign one another's books during our Spirit assembly.



## Athletic School Auction

The O'Gorman High School Auction has been a fixture in the fundraising efforts of the Athletic Department for over 10 years. Funds generated help to offset the costs of running one of the most successful high school sports program in Ontario.

The funds raised are used to cover day-to-day expenses, purchase uniforms and sport equipment, and help us deal with the ever rising cost of travel. This year's auction is set to take place on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Dante Club. Cost for a table of 8 is \$500.00 and individual tickets can be purchased for \$70.00.

There is a silent auction, a live auction, raffles and other activities. This is one event that you do not want to miss! For tickets, please contact Mr. Basso at the school.

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## Anti-Bullying Week - November 16<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>

Students will be taking part in a number of activities throughout the week. We will be starting off the week with everyone wearing a pink t-shirt with uniform pants, placing a picture with student's finger prints in the Common Area and ending the week with a special song from one of our students.

## Colleges and Universities Stop by OHS

Colleges and University will be stopping by during the lunch hour throughout the month of November. Please encourage your child to take advantage of these visits by meeting with the representatives and collecting information on these schools.



## "Go To College" - Grade 10 students

Northern College along with SCWI is having the "Go to College" program re-launched, but to our grade 10 students instead of the grade 8 students. They believe that this is a great target market for helping the college in regards to having students introduced to our programs at Northern, and promoting studying and staying in the North. It is also a great opportunity to assist students in assisting them with their academic and career path. Students entering grade 11 are making commitments to studies in applied or academic streams, and these "hands on" events may assist in their path to college for their future career, or show additional pathways from college to university, and vice-versa. On November 26<sup>th</sup>, all grade 10 students will be bused to Northern College. More information will be sent home shortly.

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## Monthly Virtue: Prudence

Our quote for this month is, "How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!" (Proverbs 16:16). Prudence has three steps, seeking the proper, most loving thing to do; judging what is the best choice; and confidently acting. A prudent person asks, "What is the right, most loving thing to do?" He/she considers others' advice, and looks to the Gospel and Church teaching to guide his/her conscience. He/she prays and thinks things through, then confidently acts in truth and love. In this way, practicing prudence unites us more closely both with God and neighbour. Prudence is visible in our Catholic schools when we reflect as Jesus' disciples and act in His love. This month at O'Gorman High, we will express our prudence by thinking before we act!

## Remembrance Day Liturgy

The Remembrance Day liturgy will take place on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the theater.

## Only *Kindness* Matters at OHS



The staff and students at O'Gorman High School are being challenged to make kindness a more conscious focus at our school. We hope this extends to our OHS families as well so that school and home have a common *Kindness Matters* focus! During Anti-bullying week, staff and students will be asked to take the "Kindness" pledge.



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## Catholic Parent Council Membership

The school community would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Lauziere, Mrs. Duval, Mrs. MacInnis, Mrs. Loreto, Mrs. Nemis, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Sebalj, Mrs. Ducharme, Mr. McGee and Mrs. Chalmers to our Catholic School Council.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For minutes and resources, please visit the Northeastern Catholic District School Board web page at

[www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca). This will bring you to the home page. On the home page, click schools and then click O'Gorman High School. On the O'Gorman High School page, you would click Parent Corner.

## *Parent Corner*

Attached is the news release from People for Education ([www.peopleforeducation.ca](http://www.peopleforeducation.ca)). This is a great resource for parents!

## *The NCDSB Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Needs You!*

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is seeking an elementary and a secondary parent representative to become a part of our **Catholic Faith Advisory Committee**. The mandate of this committee is to encourage and enhance the spiritual development of all partners involved in the education and formation of our students, increase the communication with our partners in education and strengthen the distinct nature and character of our Catholic school communities. This committee meets 3 times during the school year and asks for a 2 year term commitment. The committee will work towards two achievable goals yearly that support the mandate of the committee. For a complete copy of the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee mandate and terms of reference, please contact Andrew Marks, NCDSB Community Relations Officer at the phone number and/or email address provided. All interested persons are asked to submit her/his name to her/his child's Principal or directly to our Catholic School Board office by contacting Andrew Marks at 705-268-7443 or [amarks@ncdsn.on.ca](mailto:amarks@ncdsn.on.ca).

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