

# THE PANTHERS' PRIDE



*We are smart. We do our part. We take pride in Sacred Heart!*

SACRED HEART SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER

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## PICKING UP YOUR CHILD

A note was recently sent home (on hot pink paper) reminding parents and caregivers of the procedures we have in place for 'pick up' at dismissal time. We ask that you read and follow these procedures to ensure that we have your child checked off the appropriate lists and we have your child in the proper place for pick up. Following these procedures will also reduce congestion at the office at the end of the day and protect the privacy of the students who are near the office. If there are other family members or caregivers who pick up your child, please make sure that they are aware that they need to pick up their child outside the school by the north end doors. We appreciate your understanding of these procedures.



## PROGRESS REPORTS

Today you are receiving your child's progress report. 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 Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 p.m. We are changing the format of our evening from the past few years. This year, there will be a sign-

up sheet posted outside your child's classroom where you may sign up for a ten minute time slot. During your conference time, we would also like to invite you to explore the classroom, look at your child's notebooks, etc., while visiting with your child's teacher. We ask that you follow the ten minute guide as we need to ensure we see all our parents. The teachers will have a timer! Please feel free to bring your child along with you to the conference as we feel it is important that they are a part of the discussion about their learning. This way, your child can also speak about what they feel are their strengths and next steps. 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 asking both your child and the teacher are:

- Is my child engaged in the lessons?
- 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 (foundational) skills in reading and mathematics?
- What basic skills does my child still need to develop?
- Does my child persevere with a task?

- Does my child demonstrate the confidence to begin and complete a task?
- Does my child get along with others?

## BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

It is important to know the week of November 17-23 is **Bullying Awareness Week**. Throughout this week we will be discussing and conducting activities to help our students learn 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. "Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance." (Ministry of Education website)



## FAITH CORNER

In keeping with our goal to do what is right, during the month of November we will be celebrating the virtue of PRUDANCE (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 what is the most loving thing to do.

## SAVE THE DATE!!

We would like you to know that our Christmas Concert, "A Super Christmas", is scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>. Once again, we will have two presentations with one occurring in the afternoon (1:30 p.m.) and one in the evening (6:30 p.m.). You will be provided with more information in early December.



## CHRISTMAS CHARITY DRIVE

Next month, will be celebrating the virtue of CHARITY. We are in the process of working with NEOFACS to provide the school with a list of families who need support to make their Christmas special. Last year, each classroom was provided with a list of gift ideas and needed supplies for a family in need. Our project was very successful and we hope to do the same this year. We will be getting more information from NEOFACS by the end of November and we will provide you will more details then.

## NEW STAFF MEMBER

We would like to welcome our new Child and Youth Worker, Mrs. Melanie Boucher, to our staff. Mrs. Boucher was a part of our staff two years ago and we very fortunate to have her back!

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

We would like to congratulate Mme. Vachon and her husband as they have just adopted a little boy. Mme. Vachon will be beginning her parental leave in December. We are very excited for the Vachons and we wish them all the very best. We are in the process of hiring her replacement.



