



# St. Jerome Journal

November 2014

## Remembrance Day

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Canadians all across the country stop and remember the men, women and children who were killed in wars.



Every year on November 11<sup>th</sup>, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. We honour those who fought for Canada in the First World War (1914-1918) and the Korean War (1950-1953), as well as those who have served since then. More than 1 500 000 Canadians have served our country in this way, and more than 100 000 have died. They gave their lives and their futures so that we may live in peace.

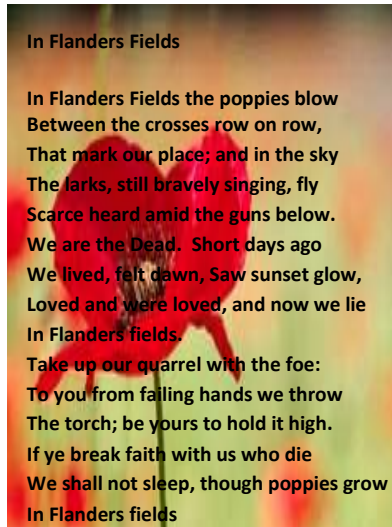
**Please join us for our Remembrance Day service at 10:30 a.m. in the gymnasium.**

## Monthly Virtue - Prudence

### Fostering an Attitude of Prudence in our Homes and Schools

As parents and educators we want to make the right choices for our children and students. When we have important decisions to make, we seek help from others. We may sometimes even seek the advice of our parish priest. When we know in our hearts what is the most kind and loving thing to do, we can act with confidence and peace. We want nothing less for our students and children. We must encourage children to stop and think about what Jesus would do. Our children are a precious treasure. We want them to know and live by our Catholic values. We can encourage them to practice prudence in the following areas:

- At home:**
- by modeling decision making process (listening to other people's advice, praying, and practicing kindness);
  - by discussing with our children the moral dilemmas they face everyday at school with their friends and at home with their sibling(s);
  - by modeling purchases that honour others instead of exploiting (fair trade).
- At School:**
- by role playing different scenarios where students practice making wise and prudent decisions;
  - by reflecting on past decisions, looking to Jesus as our model to inform future decisions;
  - by reading from Scriptures and learning from biblical passages;
  - by developing critical literacy skills in our students.



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
 Between the crosses row on row,  
 That mark our place; and in the sky  
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
 We are the Dead. Short days ago  
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
 In Flanders fields.  
 Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
 To you from failing hands we throw  
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
 If ye break faith with us who die  
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
 In Flanders fields

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## **Flu Vaccine**

Please continue to help us curb the spread of colds and flu by keeping your child at home when he/she shows signs of flu-like symptoms. Symptoms are usually fever, body aches and fatigue as well as a cough. The Timiskaming Health Unit nurses will be at St. Jerome School on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> to give out vaccines to students and staff. Please complete the permission form and return it to school a. s. a. p.



## **MacMillan's**

Our fundraiser was successful in raising \$ 2,287.00 towards student resources. Thank you for your support!

## **Progress Reports go Home November 12<sup>th</sup> – Student Led – Parent Conference**

Progress Reports will be going home with our students on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, please watch for these.

Student Led – Parent Conferences will be held on the evening of Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please join us so your child can share their learning with you.

## **Fresh from the Farm**

The produce ordered from the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Ontario should be arriving on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for communication in your child's agenda for further details.

## **Evening with Santa**

Mark your calendars for our "Evening with Santa" to be held Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The evening will consist of a penny sale, bake table, Christmas Craft table and the opportunity to visit with Santa and have a picture taken.



## **End of Day Pick ups**

We ask that if you are picking up your child at the end of the day that you notify the office before 3 p.m. and that you meet your child outside by the back door, since the students are already outside for recess from 3:00 to 3:15. Please see the teacher on duty to sign your child out. Students should not be picked up earlier than 3:15 except for appointments. We are sorry but unless it is an indoor recess due to inclement weather, we cannot have your child "ready and waiting" at the office at 3:00 p.m. since it produces too much confusion and congestion at the office. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## **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 supports 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).

We are on the web: <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca/>

## EQAO STRATEGIC PLAN WEB SURVEY

EQAO is developing a new Strategic Plan that will guide the agency's efforts for the next five years.

To help us understand how the agency's work can be most valuable to you in the years ahead, we ask that you complete the following Web survey.

<http://eqao.fluidsurveys.com/s/EQAOSTrategicPlan/>



*Make a difference in the lives of children and youth: say 'yes' to participate in the 2014 Ontario Child Health Study and School Mental Health Surveys*

The 1983 Ontario Child Health Study told us that *1 in 5 children and youth experienced serious mental health challenges*. This estimate is outdated as is much of what we know about child and youth mental health in Ontario. The 2014 Ontario Child Health Study will tell us about the mental health status and needs of children and youth living in Ontario today. From October 2014 to May 2015, Statistics Canada will be inviting 7,000 families with children aged 4 -17 years to complete an interview in their home. At the same time, McMaster researchers will be conducting School Mental Health Surveys in 240 Ontario schools to help us learn new ways of promoting and addressing student mental health needs.

*Together, these studies will be the first of their kind in Canada to examine the influence of family, community and school environments on child and youth mental health.*

The results will be used to develop programs and services to improve the mental health of young people in Ontario. Results from the 1983 Study were partially responsible for over 3 billion dollars of investment in federal and provincial programs and services, resulting in the creation of programs such as the Ontario Early Years Centres.

Participation in the 1983 Ontario Child Health Study was over 90%. Make sure you are heard in 2014 as well. Let's make our province a better place for children and youth. If invited to participate, please say 'yes' to the 2014 Ontario Child Health Study and School Mental Health Surveys.

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