

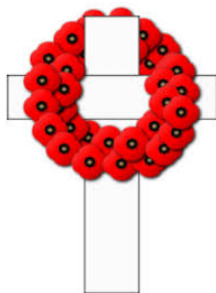


## St. Patrick School Remembers!

### St. Patrick School .... a great little school to believe in



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. Since November 11<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday this year, St. Patrick School students will recognize a moment of silence and will offer up class remembrance wreaths at our **All Souls Mass** on November the 7<sup>th</sup>. Staff and students are also encouraged to attend the services at their local cenotaph. It is my understanding that this year, the Special Events Branch of the Armed Forces has arranged for a **CC130J aircraft** to be part of the ceremonies across the Timiskaming district! In addition, classes will once again participate in **Valentines for Vets**. The valentines will be sent to Veterans Affairs Canada and then distributed to Veterans living in long-term care facilities all across Canada! We will remember them!



November and December's virtue of the month is **Justice**. The theme of justice leads us all to "make things right". When the school, home and church work together, we can bring **JUSTICE** to our small corner of the world – and beyond. From a young age, students have a strong sense of what is fair. As they grow, they develop the capacity to decipher right from wrong and to make ethical decisions. The theme of Justice ties in with the Catholic Graduate Expectation of a Responsible Citizen – one who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of

This is what the LORD requires

# Do Justice

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human life. Traditionally, our Catholic Schools have made outstanding contributions to society through social justice causes. At our school, students have raised funds to support many causes both locally and abroad. These include: the Terry Fox Foundation, Heart and Stroke, Sammy Supporters, Community Cancer Care, Share Lent, and Development and Peace! This month, students will also have the opportunity to support the Christmas Wish Campaign and Operation Christmas Child. We are very proud of the contributions our students have made and continue to make through their altruistic efforts!

### Student Led Conferences scheduled for Thursday, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>!

While Parent-Teacher Interviews provide parents with updates on their child's progress, students however are often passive, or even absent during this process. One way to fix this is to put students at the helm, as this helps them to be more responsible for their work and progress. Last year, all schools in the NCDSB district offered **Student Led Conferences** in place of the traditional Parent Teacher Night. This gave



students the opportunity to take ownership of their learning and have a more meaningful discussion with their parents regarding their strengths and next steps as a learner. Student Led Conferences opens up communication between the school, student and parent. It teaches students real life-skills such as communication, organization and leadership. Student Led Conferences also promotes self-evaluation and self-reflection skills which greatly enhances student achievement. Please note that this year **Progress Reports will go home on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** and at this time, parents will be able to schedule a student led conference with their child and teacher on November 22<sup>nd</sup> between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.!



- St. Patrick School is once again proud to participate in CJTT's **Annual Christmas Wish Telethon**. This year St. Pats will have a **CHRISTMAS WISH**

**BAKE SALE** on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. All donations will be much appreciated! In addition, our daily challenges will run from **Monday November 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>**. More information is to follow!

**SAVE THE DATE!** This year's **Christmas Concert** will take place on **Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym! All are welcome!



We will be celebrating our **All Souls Mass** with Father Wayne on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome! In preparation for this mass, students may bring in or draw pictures of their loved ones (cats, dogs and birds included) who have died and we will pray for them throughout the month of November!



**NOVEMBER CURRICULUM FOCUS** - In Mathematics, students will begin to focus on Data Management and Probability (attributes, graphs). In Reading, students will continue to focus on retelling and summarizing ideas in order to demonstrate meaning and in Writing students will focus on the recount, procedural and explanatory writing form.

**November Birthdays!**



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| 1st - Gordy W.              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Landen D.   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> – Norman C. | 13 <sup>th</sup> Keisha Mc.   |
| 16th - Jade L.              | 19 <sup>th</sup> – Ciaus O.   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Karter G.  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Morgan B.  |
| 25th - James B.             | 28th - Liam H. and Cameron S. |

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**Attendance and Punctuality**

Regular attendance is **critical** to academic achievement and overall student wellbeing. When a student misses school or is late for class regularly, this has a **direct and serious impact** on learning. We want to work with families to ensure each student is getting the most from his/her school year. If your child is struggling with attendance, please be in touch with our Child and Youth Worker Ms. O Shea or contact the NCDSB Attendance Counsellor Kim Meunier at 705-531-3075 Ext. 3511 or email: [kmeunier@ncdsb.on.ca](mailto:kmeunier@ncdsb.on.ca)



St. Patrick School is once again inviting students and parents to participate in **Operation Christmas Child!** Please see the attached letter. The due date for donations is **November 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Mme. Menard.

Please note that the student body from JK to 8 has the opportunity to visit **Village Noel on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the afternoon! Once again, we are looking for parent volunteers! If you are able to assist with this event, I would ask that you please contact your child's teacher or the office. We must comply with the board's supervision ratio in order to attend. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Finally, a reminder that Pepperette order forms are now due into the office! A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported this fundraising event!



L. Hurtubise, Principal