

The Wildcat Gazette

St. Anne - Newsletter



December 1, 2013

It is with a heavy heart that I inform everyone of the retirement of Miss White. She has been an icon here at St. Anne's for many years and has participated in the growth and development of many of you as well as your children. She will be sadly missed and we wish her all the joy that being with her family during the Christmas holidays may bring. We wish her success in all of her future endeavours. Goodbye Miss White – from the entire community of St. Anne's and Iroquois Falls!

With Christmas upon us, I would ask that you continue on your faith journey with your child(ren). Please take this time to remember the true meaning of the Christmas season which is to rejoice in the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The calendar for December can be found with this newsletter. It outlines the many activities we have planned for this month. Of particular importance is our Christmas Concert, which will be taking place on Wednesday, December 18th at XXXX pm. in the school gym. We wish to invite you to attend and enjoy the concert with us.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season. Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you at the Concert!



Mrs. Pichette

FOCUS ON FAITH



Our Advent mass will be celebrated on Dec. 17th at 9:30 am at Sts. Martyrs Church. All parents and families are welcome to join us. With the Christmas season upon us, please keep in mind those less fortunate than ourselves and model the virtue of Charity.



STOP A BULLY
SAFE & ANONYMOUS

www.stopabully.ca

Go to “Submit an Incident Report.” Click “Fill Out Incident Report.”

You will need the following information to fill out an incident report:

School Name: St. Anne English Catholic School

Name of Principal: Mrs. Pichette

Name of Teacher: your child's teacher

Name of School Team: Wildcats

You will also need information about the bully – his/her name, grade & whether it is a male or female student. You have the option of remaining anonymous or requesting follow-up from the principal.

Remembrance Day Legion Contest

Winners:

Intermediate Poetry: 1st – Gared Purdy, 2nd – Emilie Smith, 3rd – Cade Darrington.

Intermediate Essay: 2nd – Jorianne Reeder, 3rd – Hannah Dugas.

Intermediate Black and White Poster: 1st – Emilie Smith, 2nd – Armand Aucamp, 3rd – Jordanna Turner.

Intermediate Colour Poster: 1st – Abby Sowa, 2nd – Vivianna Corkill, 3rd – Chad Denault

Junior Colour Poster: 1st – Erin Cornell, 2nd – Alyssa Blackburn, 3rd – Gavin Martel

Primary Colour Poster: 1st – Jeremy Miller, 2nd – Morgan Cornell.

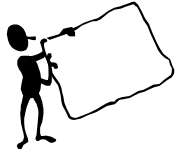
First place winners in each category will compete at the zone level against winners from Timmins and South Porcupine. Way to go everyone!

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Our Student Council held their first dance for Hallowe'en. They hope to increase attendance at the next one – planned for January. Stay tuned for more details!

Our "Glee" club will be performing at the Early Learning Centre for their Christmas party on Dec. 10th at 10:45.

Correction: The 2 Students who started the dance program at recess for the younger students are Erin PURDY (not Erin Cornell) and Hannah Dugas.

We had various activities throughout the school during anti-bullying week. The "Bucket program" presented by the Early Learning Centre staff was well received by the students. The Gr. 7/8 students watched a video about Cyberbullying, while the younger children were engaged in Read-Alouds with themes around the anti-bullying message.

Our School Choir will be singing at the 7:30 pm Mass at Sts. Martyrs on Dec. 12th.

Students in the 7/8 French immersion class will be demonstrating this month's virtue – Charity - by holding a bake sale on Dec. 12 at school. Proceeds will be used to buy and donate Christmas gifts to needy families.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

Another area of focus for improvement at St. Anne's is in the area of Mathematics. You can help by remaining positive with your comments about Math, and helping your child learn basic math skills.

In the primary grades, you can help your child learn to add and subtract numbers to 18 mentally. Once they can do this, ($9 + 9 = 18$ is the largest fact they need to know mentally), all the rest is simply lining up numbers and learning about place value!

If children have these basic facts solidly in their repertoire, they can easily move on to multiplication and division – which are just adding and subtracting in groups. Knowing the multiplication tables to 12×12 , makes computation of various problems much simpler as students move to the Junior and Intermediate levels. You can play games with these, making it a fun family time.

Math tutoring for students in Gr. 7-10 is available FREE online every Sunday to Thursday from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm EST. Register at: Ontario.ca/HomeworkHelp

Parents can sign up for a free guest account where resources and tools are available 24/7.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, Dec. 2, 2013 at 7 pm

Everyone welcome!