

The Wildcat Gazette

ST. ANNE SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER

December 1st, 2011

Christ the Saviour is born!

A Message from the Principal...

It is hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us. I hope you are all planning wonderful Christmas activities with your family.

Christmas can be a very spiritual time for parents and children to continue on their faith journey together. 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 21st at 1 and 6 pm. in the school gym. Once again, it will be of a smaller scale than in the past years, as we continue to focus our time more specifically on literacy and math. We wish to invite you to attend and enjoy the concert with its focus on faith, literacy and the love of learning. I am sure you will enjoy it as you have in past years!

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

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
Friday, December 23rd, 2011



**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AFTER
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
Monday, January 9th, 2012

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Dec. 1st in the library at 4 pm.

We welcome our first student on our School council – Emily Shallow. Way to go Emily!

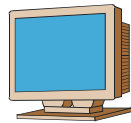
We also welcome our new Chair of Council – Sylvie Bujold and all of our new members. Thanks for supporting our school!

All parents are welcome and to facilitate this, we will have students providing babysitting for anyone who wishes to attend. Please notify us ahead of time, so we can make the arrangements.



FOCUS ON FAITH

Our Advent mass will be celebrated on Dec. 22nd at 10:30 am at Sts. Martyrs Church. All parents and families are welcome to join us. Please review our virtue of the month – Charity. With the Christmas season upon us, please keep in mind those less fortunate than ourselves and model this virtue for the children.



BOARD WEB SITE

If you haven't had the chance to explore our school board's web page: www.ncdsb.on.ca, I highly recommend it. There are a lot of important informational pieces that are put up on the site. You will find everything from bus cancellations to our Faith and Pastoral Care section. There is also a new link on the site that helps with math homework for our Grades 7 and 8 students. The information piece at the back of the calendar will give you some more insight into some of the aforementioned topics.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS



We will be collecting Campbell's labels once again, which enables us to receive free merchandise.

Collect your own labels and ask friends, neighbours and family to help us out in this endeavour.



SKATING

Skating began on Nov. 29th for the Gr. 7/8 class. Other grades will begin in December. Please note your child's skating days on the school calendar and ensure that your child comes prepared!



SPORTS

Last Thursday, the Grade 5/6 class from St. Anne's English Catholic School in Iroquois Falls, attended a volleyball tournament put on by J.H.K. school in Matheson. Eight teams participated in the tournament from 4 different schools. It was a very exciting tournament and an entertaining day. One team representing St. Anne's won all of their first 3 games, before advancing to the semi-finals where they won the final game, and tournament! It was a very tight, exciting game! Congratulations to all those who participated as well as the coaches, for all their hard work and effort.

I am proud to also mention that our students demonstrated our Catholic values by cleaning up a mess that someone left at the host school on the stage – without being asked. It was commented on and noticed. Way to go St. Anne's!



HEALTHY EATING

We are asking parents to re-evaluate what they send children for snacks and lunches. Please limit items that contain a large amount of sugar or fat. There are healthy alternatives out there; consider fruits and vegetables, granola bars, fruit or yogurt cups, cheese and crackers, bits and bites, etc. Keep in mind that we ask children to save items that need a utensil for lunch, as children eat while they continue working. Pop, chocolate bars and chips are strictly prohibited and will be returned home with them at the end of the day. Good habits start young, and we only want the best for your children!

FOCUS ON STUDENT WORK: JK-2 English