



The Cougar Column

ST. JOSEPH - NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Principal...

With Remembrance Day just around the corner, it is fitting that our virtue for the next 2 months is Justice. Our past and present soldiers have fought for our rights and freedoms that we are so grateful for. The need to do justice stems from our obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God's image. Failing to respect human dignity and to do justice, is a failure to respect the image of God in others. Justice means that we deal fairly with others, recognizing the equality and dignity of all. It requires that we work to ensure that all people, especially the poor have access to opportunities.

With our increased enrolment, we are welcoming Ms. Lessard for 2 half days each week. She will be teaching Art to the primary students and Music to the Junior level students.

Progress notes go home on the 14th of this month. That evening between 4-7 pm, we are hosting a Portfolio night which offers you a chance to review your child's portfolio of work with them. You will also have an opportunity to purchase some books at our Scholastic book fair. Please join us!

Check your monthly calendar for all of the upcoming events!

Sincerely,



Mrs. Pichette



FOCUS ON FAITH

Our monthly mass will be celebrated on November 15th at 9:30 at St. Joachim Church.

Our virtue for November and December is: Justice.

DEVELOPING CHARACTER THROUGH JUSTICE

The goal of this virtue:

- ☺ To base our actions on truth and justice
- ☺ To help our students seek what is good in every situation
- ☺ To help our students recognize that their decisions affect the lives of others (fair trade products)
- ☺ To practice living in relationship with God and neighbour

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Martin Luther King Jr.



HEALTHY SCHOOLS

With Hallowe'en candy in excess at home, please be reminded that we do not allow candy or chocolate for snacks. We are working hard to ensure that all of our students learn about proper nutrition and that they bring healthy lunches and snacks to school.



Our Newsletter and monthly calendar(s) as well as pictures of events, can be viewed at the Board site at: <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca>
Check us out!



As most of you know – the construction is done until spring on William street. They will be paving the street then. Drop off as well as buses have returned to the top of the hill in front of the school.

We ask that parents, guardians and grandparents drop off children at the top of the hill toward William street, not in the parking lot, as the parking lot has many children walking through it and having vehicles backing up, turning around and dropping off children is a safety concern.

REMINDER - Safety is our priority and we want everyone to remember that the school is **NOT supervised until 8:35 am**, so please do not send/drop off your children prior to this time.

FIRE AT GOOD SAMARITAN INN

We will be working toward collecting items and money for the Good Samaritan Inn as we are made aware of the opening date of the new space.

School Council Meeting – Nov. 21, 6 pm



SAFE SCHOOLS – ANTI-BULLYING

We want all children to feel safe and secure at school. Part of our approach is to teach the children to “keep their hands and feet to themselves,” as well as to use “kind and respectful” words. Another aspect is to educate them about the difference between a conflict and being bullied, and what to do in each case. While a single incident may still be serious, it does not constitute bullying. Bullying is something that happens repeatedly and over a period of time. Anything of that nature should be reported to staff to be dealt with accordingly.

FOCUS ON INSTRUCTION



Our students read books daily at their “instructional” or “just right level”. Many of the primary students bring home a ring of words to practice nightly, in addition to a book to practice reading - anywhere from 10-30 min. depending on the grade. Nothing improves a child’s reading more than spending that quiet, special time reading with a parent before bed. Be that

parent! 😊