



Home of the CARDINALS!

November 2019 Newsletter



November 11
is a day we
remember.



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

Principal's Message

On behalf of the staff at Pope Francis Elementary School, we hope you and your family had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

November promises to be another busy month with highlights including: Treaty Awareness Week, Remembrance Day Ceremony, student led conferences, our school mass and Bully Awareness week. November reminds us of how privileged we are to live in Canada. Remembrance Day is a special day that all families should take a few minutes to discuss how they can be peace makers. Light a candle during supper and have each family member talk about what "Peace" means to them. You'd be surprised what children have to say. Look for or say a special prayer that your family knows or enjoys to celebrate your meal. It is important to "Remember" the many sacrifices that so many Canadians made and make in the past and the present. We must never forget these men and women both in our prayers and thoughts.

Yours in faith and education,
Mr. Berthier
Principal



Our spiritual theme: "By Our Works, We Show Our Faith," (James 2: 16 - 18).

Reminders:

OUR SCHOOL DAY

8:50 - Entry & Opening Exercises
10:00-10:15 - Morning Recess
11:35-12:05 - Lunch Recess
12:05-12:35 - Lunch Inside
1:55-2:10 - Afternoon Recess
3:20 – Dismissal

OFFICE HOURS

Open from 8:00 am to 11:35 am
Closed from 11:35 am to 12:35 pm
Open from 12:35 pm to 4:00 pm

As a safety issue, we would like to remind you that the supervision of the school yard does not begin until 8:35 a.m. It would be best if students who walk or are dropped off at school do not arrive to school before then. Also, during the lunch hour, there is no one at the office to open the door. Please refrain from coming to the school between 11:35 and 12:35.

Monthly Virtue: Love

The Importance of Love:



Faith, Hope and Love are the three theological virtues, and are the foundation of moral activity. Love is superior to all of these virtues. It also draws us closer to God and closer to one another. In order to better understand love, we need to reflect on God's love for man. We see God's love for us as being both **selfless** and **sacrificial**. The greatest

demonstration of these two attributes is evident in the passion of Christ. Before his death, Jesus informs us of his wishes: "My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you" (John 15:13). Jesus loved His disciples and humanity to the end. Love motivates the Christian to do what is right in order to bring about the happiness of God and neighbor. Love is God's gift to us in Baptism. Our model of love is Jesus.

Looks like: serving others, lending a helping hand, sacramental engagement, opening a door for someone, allowing others to go before us, taking care of what belongs to others, helping others in need, praying for our loved ones and for our enemies.

Sounds like: prayer, encouraging someone, complimenting each other, listening to other people's ideas, treating people the way we would like to be treated.

Feels like: Welcoming others, helping others with their feelings, understanding each other, including others, feels like Jesus bringing a cool drink of water on a hot day.

Lunch monitors – We are still short a lunch monitor and also looking for lunch monitor replacements. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Christmas Sharing Project - Once again this year, the staff and students of Pope Francis Elementary School will participate in a Christmas Sharing project to help client families of North Eastern Ontario Family and Child Services.

Each class is receiving a family profile and Christmas wish list. Classes are paired up to fulfill the wishes of a family. We ask that Pope Francis Elementary School families consider helping these families by providing items found on the wish list. Items donated must be new.

This is an excellent way for our students to live the virtue of Love. Through this project, they will learn that basic items they use every day are not always readily available to others their own age. It is our hope that through this project students will develop an appreciation for what they have. The wish list for your child's class will be sent home in a letter. Students may begin bringing items to school immediately. Bins will be provided for these items. December 4th will be the last day for items to be collected. Thank you for your support to this worthwhile project.

Treaties recognition week is from Nov. 3rd -9th – Treaty Week honours the importance of treaties and helps students and residents of Ontario learn more about treaty rights and relationships. Our students will be learning more about why treaties matter to all Ontarians.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week – November 17-23, 2019 – Ontario students, school staff and parents are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being. Bullying and harassment can have a serious and significant impact on learning, student safety and the school climate.

School climate is the sum of all personal relationships between all members of the school community. A positive climate exists when all members of the school community feel safe, comfortable and accepted. A positive school climate is essential for students to succeed in school.

Our students will be engaging in a school climate survey this month to help us with our School Improvement planning in this regard.

Student Led Conference - Progress notes go home on the 13th of this month. On November 21st, between 4-7 pm, we are hosting a student-led Portfolio night. You will have the opportunity to review your child's chosen work with them. Please join us!

Spirit wear – Parent Council will be selling spirit wear. A table will be set up in the atrium. Samples will be provided at the Student Led Conference on November 21st.

Catholic School Council

Our next meeting will be held on November 27th at 6:30 pm.

Student Attendance

The Education Act states that students must attend school regularly and be punctual. It is imperative for the safety of students that parents please call the school if your child is absent.

If a child has not arrived at school and a phone call or a note has not been received, the secretary will attempt to alert parents by telephone at home or at your place of employment, if necessary.

When a pupil returns to school, he/she should find out what work was missed and complete it within a reasonable amount of time, as decided by the teacher. Extended periods of absence for reasons other than health, require permission of the principal.

Punctuality

All students are expected to be punctual and to adhere to the school hours. They should quickly be seated and ready for morning activities. Attendance is taken daily. Students who are late for a valid reason must bring a note. They are to report to the office where their time of arrival and reason for being late will be recorded at the office. They will be issued a late slip, which will be necessary for admission to class.



Photo RETAKE Day is scheduled for November 26 (morning only). Please send back your child's package that needs to be retaken so the photographer can see what the problem was.

Winter Weather

With the unpredictability of our weather, it is strongly recommended that students come prepared with extra clothes. Extra pair of socks and mittens are always a good thing to have tucked into the backpack. A warm coat, hat and mitts are necessary for outdoor recess times.

Closing Message:

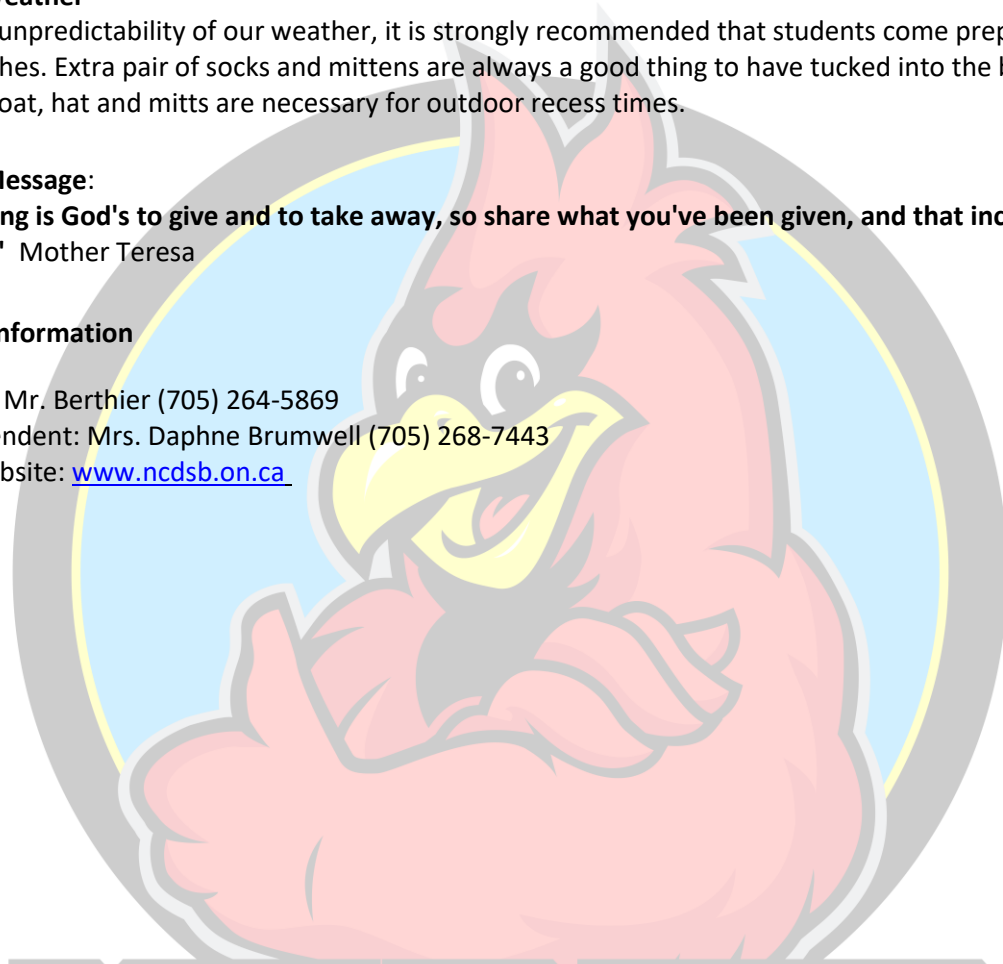
"Everything is God's to give and to take away, so share what you've been given, and that includes yourself." Mother Teresa

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