



# Home of the PANTHERS!

November 2016 Newsletter



November 11  
is a day we  
remember.



*"Lest we forget!"*  
*"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 Sacred Heart School, we hope you and your family had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

November promised to be another busy month with highlights including: Remembrance Day Ceremony, student led conferences, school mass at Sacred Heart Parish 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  
10:10-10:25 - Morning Recess  
11:45-12:15 - Lunch Recess  
12:15-12:45 - Lunch Inside  
2:05-2:20 - Afternoon Recess  
3:20 – Dismissal

### OFFICE HOURS

Open from 8:00 am to 11:45 am  
Closed from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm  
Open from 12:45 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 8:30 a.m. It would be best if students who walk or are dropped off at school do not arrive to school before then.

### **Monthly Virtue: Justice**

#### **The Importance of Justice:**

Justice is a cardinal virtue found in the character of persons who show a practiced determination to live in right relationship with God and neighbor and to seek that, is just in every situation. Justice is about reaching out so that others are treated with equal dignity as God’s children. Justice is living with righteousness. Justice is visible in our Catholic schools whenever we see people striving to meet their obligations to God and neighbor both near and far away.

**“Let justice flow like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.” Amos 5:24**

1. The first step to achieving justice is to do what is right and stand up for what we know God wants.
2. Let your actions be guided by the idea that even in the face of injustice (death on the cross) Jesus always acted with dignity.
3. Everyone wants to be treated fairly; we need to remember to treat others fairly.
4. Remember that Jesus was always an instrument for justice in his work with people.

### **2015-16 EQAO Results**

Each spring the Ontario Ministry of Education, through the Education Quality and Accountability Office, administers at test to all students in Grade 3 and 6. The Ministry, the various boards of education, and the schools use the results to determine the state of education in the province and develop plans for improvement.

#### **Grade 3**

	School Results	Board Results	Province
Reading	75%	56%	72%
Writing	71%	60%	74%
Mathematics	83%	50%	63%

#### **Grade 6**

	School Results	Board Results	Province
Reading	78%	74%	81%
Writing	78%	68%	80%
Mathematics	57%	32%	50%

## **Catholic School Council**

2016-17 Catholic Parent Council members;

Co-Chairs – Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Dupont

Secretary – Mrs. Alexander

Members – Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Presseault, Mrs. Hynes, Mrs. Dore, Mrs. Courchesne, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Gauthier, Mrs. Pelletier, Mr. Chartrand, Mrs. Lamothe, Mr. Westerling and Constable Southcott.

Our next meeting will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

## **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.


## **Important Dates for November**

November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints' Day

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls' Day

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Professional Activity Day (no school)


November 9<sup>th</sup> - Progress Reports go home

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day 

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Picture retakes

November 16<sup>th</sup> – School Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish – Parents are welcome to attend.

November 16<sup>th</sup> – Student Led Conferences from 4:30 to 7:30

November 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> – Bully Awareness Week Kindness Matters Campaign 

– in class presentations

November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Superintendent School Visit

November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Catholic Parent Council Meeting beginning at 6:30

November 25<sup>th</sup> – Ste. Catherine Day

November 27<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 28<sup>th</sup> – Trustee school visit with Director of Education

## **TRANSITION UPDATE FOR FAMILIES**

November 1, 2016

*We are pleased to share this update, detailing some great news for the NCDSB!*

### **Building Upgrades**

We received confirmation last week that our application for capital funds to renovate St. Paul School was approved! This is a positive step towards building a new Kindergarten to Grade 4 school at this location. The senior staff will now meet and plan our course of action to move ahead with this exciting project. We will keep our school communities informed of our progress in this regard.

### **School Naming Contest**

We encourage our families and all stakeholders to take part in the School Naming Contest for the new Kindergarten to Grade 4 School. Details were shared last week in our Transition Update for Families. A reminder that your suggestions can be submitted online, by email, by phone, or personal drop-off until November 7, 2016. Thank you for your active participation in this exciting contest!

**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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