



# Home of the **PANTHERS!**

## **Catholic Education Week – “Walking Forward Together” Highlights**

The Sacred Heart community enjoyed a number of activities in and out of the classroom during Catholic Education Week. Below are a few highlights of the week;

### **Walking Forward Together**

The 2017 CEW theme and its five sub-themes are drawn from three contemporary Catholic documents that address the need for reconciliation and renewal – in our lives, with our families, in our relationships with others and in our relationship with our environment and our common global future. Each day the students participated in activities that took place in and out of the classroom that was tied to each of the sub-themes. Staff and students chose a symbol that was special to them and placed the symbol in the front of the school.



### **Women’s Shelter**

Part of their social justice project, the Grade 5 and 6 students teamed up together over a two week span, to collect clothes, toys, food and hygiene items for the Women's Shelter. Two truck loads were brought over to the shelter and presented to the staff. Jackie Kaye, Second Stage Housing/Volunteer Coordinator, was appreciative of the students' efforts and thanked them on behalf of the shelter. This is the second year that the junior grades have taken on this project. Great job!



## Friendship Soup, Making Friends and Having Fun

The entire school community enjoyed some 'Friendship Soup' on Wednesday. The Grade 2 & 3 classes from St. Paul School were also invited. Together, students from both schools played together at recess, enjoyed some friendship soup and toured the school for the upcoming move in September.



## Celebrating Mass

Students, parents, grandparents, staff and community members gathered together at Sacred Heart Parish to celebrate mass with Father John. A student from Sacred Heart School and St. Paul School, carried the gifts together to present to Father John. At the end of mass, the school choir, along with the entire church community, sang together "We Are Children". What a beautiful sound!!!



## Kindness Pledge

The Grade 3 classes from Sacred Heart and St. Paul gathered at Sacred Heart to pledge that Kindness Matters to them as they begin together at Pope Francis Elementary School next year. Both Mrs. Pichette and Mr. Berthier challenged the students to make *kindness* a focus at the new school. After listening to the song from Jewels called 'Hands', students read and signed the pledge. These pledges will be posted in September at Pope Francis. Students and staff then received a blue, red or gold Kindness Bracelet for them to wear. At the end of the gathering, Mrs. Pichette and Mr. Berthier tied the kindness theme in with the model of Jesus, a person who fully embodied *Kindness Matters*.

