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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

With the beginning of February winter is well upon us, and while the most recent cold spell is over, there are surely more to come before the spring blesses us with its warmth and new growth. At school our virtue of the month is Temperance, and students will be learning about how to maintain their self control in situations where things are not going their way. This is an important skill when relating to friends and having their needs met during the right time and place.

In the classrooms, our first term has officially ended and teachers are working on report cards which will go home on Feb. 22nd. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher with regard to their report card, we invite you to call the school and book an appointment when the

teacher is available. In other class news, we are currently completing our second round of reading records, and I am happy to report many of our students have moved up one or more levels in their reading, and are working hard to keep climbing up the ladder of literacy!

An important date this month is Valentine's Day on Tuesday, Feb. 14, and students are encouraged to wear red, white, and pink to celebrate the day with their friends and classmates. Also this month we have a very long weekend as we have two Professional Development days on February 16th and 17th where there will be no classes for students. In addition, the following Monday, February 20th, is a holiday as it is family day. This means that classes will begin again on Tuesday, February 21st. A nice 5 day break for students and parents! 😊

Also some dates to remember are Mondays for Gr. 7/8 Art Club at 3:30, and Sports Club on Wednesday s at 3:30. We also have some important Catholic events this month with the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, and the first Sunday of Lent on the 26th of the month. Lent is a time of preparation for our Easter Celebration, and one of reflection on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and our sins. We will have a celebration Mass and a visit from Father Maboe to mark the event. I wish everyone a safe, warm, and fruitful month, warmed in the light of Christ.

"With God we make a difference"

Sincerely,

Heath Hough, Principal



Happy Valentine's Day Activities



Scholastic Book Fair: Feb. 23rd to Mar. 2nd in the school library; open before and after school, and during recesses.



No Classes for students on
 Thursday, February 16, Friday, February 17, 2012—P.D.
 Day for Staff & on Monday, February 20, 2012—
 Family Day holiday





Students of the Month—December 2011

Principal's Award to:

Margaret Wheesk, Gr. 6
For always being willing to lend a hand with tasks and jobs around the school and having a very positive attitude while helping out.

Jesiah Martin, JK
Jesiah has been working hard to learn the letters of the alphabet! He also comes to school each day with a positive attitude and a friendly smile!

Justine Goodwin, Gr. 1
Justine always tries her best in

class. She is a very polite and helpful student. Good job Justine.

Tamiera Sutherland, Gr. 3
Tamiera was chosen as student of the month for her academic performance and helpfulness in class.

Jared Martin-Sutherland, Gr. 4
For always trying hard to do his best and for always following the rules.

Shadoe Spence, Gr. 8
Shadoe works hard in class. He is always willing to help. Shadoe speaks regularly in class and asks

for help when he needs it.

Ethan Koostachin, Gr. 6, French-as-a-Second Language
Ethan for putting in the extra effort without being asked.

Christianna Koostachin, Gr. 4, Native-as-a-Second Language
Christianna is doing good in the Cree classroom. She tries her best to learn every day. She helps to clean the classroom. Good work Christianna.



ORDINARY TIME WINTER 2012 Monday, January 9, to Tuesday, February 21

THE MEANING OF ORDINARY TIME During Ordinary Time this winter, we will see how the Gospels reflect on the quest "When and how did the world first come to see that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God?" It seems that God willed that the truth would dawn on us slowly and that different people would have many different ways of coming to believe in Jesus. Even for us today, our faith in Christ is constantly deepening and strengthening as we recognize his gifts and power with ever-greater understanding.



Theme for January: **Fortitude (Courage)**
Theme for February: **Temperance (Self Control)**

Students of the Month—January 2012

Principal's Award to:
Sabrina Shisheesh, Gr. 3
For being very responsible around the school and looking out for others.

Brian Wesley, Jr., SK
Brian has been writing more in class. He has also shown improvement in his behaviour. Way to go, Brian!

Faith Noah, SK
Faith has been punctual all month long. She is beginning to follow our class rules with minimal help.

Savannah Goodwin, Gr. 2
This month's student is Savannah Goodwin. Savannah was picked for student of the month because she always puts forth her best effort, both in her class work and her behaviour.

Jared Martin-Sutherland, Gr. 4
He demonstrates strong discipline and self-control, avoiding being distracted by others while doing his work.

Richard Carpenter, Gr. 7
Is always on time and ready to

work. He works hard to do his work and raised his reading level with his hard work. Keep up the good work, Richard!

Phoenix Gunner, Gr. 1, French-as-a-Second Language For being a good listener and knowing his numbers in French up to ten.

Janelle Iahtail, Gr. 7, Native-as-a-Second Language
Janelle is doing good work and finishes on time. Janelle helps to keep our classroom clean. Meegwetch, Janelle!



SEASON OF LENT Wednesday, February 22 to March 31st
40 days of preparing for Easter by doing good things.

THE MEANING OF LENT
Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40).
We can't love someone we don't know. If we want to love God, we need to meet him and spend time with him. How do we do that? We can listen to God's words in

the Holy Bible. We can speak to him in the freedom and quiet of our hearts. And we can come face to face with God in the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we can meet him in the person of Jesus Christ as often as we like. *From Mary Caswell Walsh; Children's Daily Prayer 2010-2011*

Sports day from Gr. 4 to 8 every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 16th; Friday, Feb. 17th: Professional Development days for staff; no classes for students & Monday, Feb. 20th: Family day holiday, no school.
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22nd start of Lent.
Reports cards will be mailed home on February 22nd,



Congratulations to the Students of the Month! Well done!



School News...

Student of the Month awards: Feb 6th 1:00 p.m.
Student Attendance Program: Feb. 15th 3:00 p.m.
Gr. 7/8 Art Club Mondays & Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.



Student Attendance Program held every month in the library for students with perfect attendance.

