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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

With such a cold start to January, we have had many indoor recesses, and are looking forward to some warmer weather so the students can get outside and burn off some energy that is surely building up. Also, with winter here, we have a rapidly growing box of lost and found items, so please feel free to drop by and look for any items your child might be missing.

Our virtue of the month is Temperance (self control) 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 for learning to socialize with their friends, and relating to others in the community.

In our academic calendar our first term officially ended on January 25th, and we have just begun Term 2. Report cards will be going home on Wednesday, February 13th. While we do not have scheduled parent-teacher meetings, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher, we invite you to call the school and set up an appointment.

Some important dates this month are February 14 & 15th. Moosonee will be hosting this year's Great Moon Gathering, and some of our teachers will be attending a variety of the many available workshops. Also on February 14, it is Valentine's Day, and students are invited to dress up in the colors Pink, Red, and White for the day. On Monday February 18th we have Family Day Holiday, and there will be no school.

Classes will resume on Tuesday February 19th.

We also have some important Catholic events this month with the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 13th, and the first Sunday of Lent on the 17th 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



Heath Hough, Principal



Temp: -33 Wind Chill: -44

Theme for February:

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Temperance
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Safety Reminder

Students are not supervised before 8:30 each morning or before 12:35 each day. Please do not send your children to school before these times as nobody is scheduled to supervise before these times. I know that some students may want to come earlier but it is a real safety concern if they are here unsupervised. We ask for your cooperation in this important safety concern.

No classes on Monday, February 18, 2013
Family Day Holiday



JK/SK Class: Will the groundhog see his shadow?



Students of the Month—January 2013

Principal's Award to:

Faith Noah, Gr. 1

For working very hard on her math work and having a great attitude.

Faith Noah, Gr. 1

Faith has worked every hard to improve her reading. She should be very proud of her success!

Charlotte Matthews, J.K.

Charlotte was chosen because of her enthusiasm for learning, her participation in class, and her attendance.



May-Nee-Shish Kamalatisit-Glenesk, Gr. 3

May-Nee-Shish has been working really hard in class. She always tries her best. Good job May-Nee-Shish!

Jonah Nakogee, Gr. 6

Jonah works hard in class and is always ready to learn. He is always willing to give others a hand if they need it.

Richard Carpenter, Gr. 8

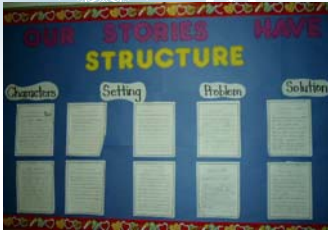
Richard demonstrated consistently a commitment to his learning goals, completing his tasks and fostering extracurricular work on his own initiative.

Sydney Sutherland-Chakasim, Gr. 8, French-as-a-Second Language

For her work done this month. Way to go Sydney!

Jastien Tippeneskum, S.K., Native-as-a-Second Language

Jastien sets a good example to his peers by listening and showing respect.



Gr. 1/2 Class

Parent Council

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In our efforts to serve our students better, we would very much like to create a Parent Council this year. A parent council would help out the school with fundraising, volunteering, and a variety of other school events and activities. We know that students are more engaged in school when their families are also involved, and we would like to get as many people participating as possible!

We would therefore like to **invite any parents and guardians interested in hearing more about being part of our parent council to an information session & dinner** this month on Wednesday, February, 20th, at 6:00 pm. During this night we will also be looking to hear what you would like to see a parent council doing. Come on out and have your voice heard ☺ !!

In order to be able to provide proper catering, we will send out a letter next week asking you to respond if you will be able to attend or not. We thank you for your support !! ☺

SEASON OF LENT Wednesday, February 13 to March 23rd.

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 22:37b-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*

School News...

Student of the Month awards are held at the beginning of each month. The student of the month receives a certificate and gets to choose a book to take home.

Student Attendance Program: Every month, students who have perfect and excellent attendance receive certificates and a special treat.

Wii Dance is on every day after school at 3:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13th start of Lent.

Reports cards will be mailed home on February 13th.

School Mass: Thursday, February 28th at 10:00 a.m., Christ the King Church. Everyone welcome.

Breakfast Program:

We would like to send out a GREAT BIG **THANK YOU!** To **President's Choice Children's Charity** for their generous work and donation to our breakfast program through their **Breakfast for Learning Program.** It has provided us extra money this year so we can ensure our continued breakfast club and even expand it! You have our warmest thanks!! ☺



Gr. 5/6 Class Art
Crayon Resist



Gr. 3/4 Class: Explanatory Writing: How can people help the poor and sick?

