



November 2016 Newsletter

PROGRESS REPORTS

You will be receiving your child's progress report on Wednesday, **November 9th**. These reports will reflect the progress your child has made thus far this school year. This is an important piece of information as it informs you of how your child is progressing academically and with his/her learning skills.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

We are very excited to announce that on **Monday, November 14th**, OICS will be hosting its first student-led conferences. The student-led conference will replace the traditional parent-teacher interview.

What is a student-led conference?

With a student-led conference, the student sits down with their parent and reviews samples of work that they are either proud of, have identified as an area that they need to continue to work on, or identify what learning skills they feel are an area of strength/growth. Students can share what their

goals for the remainder of the term or year are with their parent. The most important take away from this evening is that parents get to listen to their child express what **the child** understands about the work they have done and the progress they have made to this point in the year.

Our teachers will also be in attendance to help facilitate the conversation.

The student-led conferences move the focus from the parent and teacher to the parent and student. Both you and your child may come anytime between 3:10-4:40 or 6-7:30 p.m. We estimate that the conference time with your child would take approximately 15 minutes but you are free to take whatever time you need with your child. We decided to split our time periods between immediately after school and after 6 p.m. to help accommodate students who may have evening activities and for parents who have to work.

As we mentioned, teachers will be in attendance and may have the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you that evening however, if you require time to have a more private, in-depth conversation with your child's teacher, it is best to call the school

and set up a separate appointment time.

VIRTUE AND REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER SERVICES

In November and December we will be celebrating the virtue of JUSTICE starting with a prayer service on Friday, November 4 at 12:40 p.m.

We will be honouring our past and current war heroes on the morning of November 11th with a prayer service in our gym. All are welcome to participate.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

First of all, we would like to thank all parents, students and supporters for participating in our fund raising activities thus far. Please know that we realize that our school does conduct many fund raising activities. We feel we need to remind everyone that we try to provide these fund raising opportunities to help every family raise funds for their child to participate in the grade 7 ski trip and grade 8 Toronto trip. Should you want to pay for your child's excursions rather than fund raise, please feel free to do so.