



Home of the CARDINALS!

November 2017 Newsletter



Principal's Message

On behalf of the staff at Pope Francis Elementary 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: Treaty Awareness Week, 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
10:00-10:15 - Morning Recess
11:35-12:05 - Lunch Recess
12:05-12:35 - Lunch Inside
1:55-2:10 - Afternoon Recess
3:20 – Dismissal

OFFICE HOURS

Open from 8:00 am to 11:35 am
Closed from 11:35 am to 12:35 pm
Open from 12:35 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. Also, during the lunch hour, there is no one at the office to open the door. Please refrain from coming to the school between 11:35 and 12:35.

Monthly Virtue: Love

The Importance of Love:

An act of love (charity) is an expression of your unselfish love for God or an unlimited loving-kindness towards all others. The term must not be confused or strictly interpreted as “benevolent giving”. Love is the greatest of all theological virtues. Charity has two parts: love for God above all things and love for man which includes both love for yourself and your neighbour.

Catholic School Council

Our next meeting will be held on November 22nd at 6:00 pm.

Student Attendance

The Education Act states that students must attend school regularly and be punctual. It is imperative for the safety of students that parents please call the school if your child is absent.

If a child has not arrived at school and a phone call or a note has not been received, the secretary will attempt to alert parents by telephone at home or at your place of employment, if necessary.

When a pupil returns to school, he/she should find out what work was missed and complete it within a reasonable amount of time, as decided by the teacher. Extended periods of absence for reasons other than health, require permission of the principal.

Punctuality

All students are expected to be punctual and to adhere to the school hours. They should quickly be seated and ready for morning activities. Attendance is taken daily. Students who are late for a valid reason must bring a note. They are to report to the office where their time of arrival and reason for being late will be recorded at the office. They will be issued a late slip, which will be necessary for admission to class.



Photo RETAKE Day is scheduled for November 8. Please send back your child's package that needs to be retaken so the photographer can see what the problem was.

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 1st – All Saints' Day

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November 2nd – All Souls' Day

November 5th to 11th – Treaty Awareness Week (Class presentations on the *8th)

November 7th – Picture retakes

November 11th – Remembrance Day



November 15th - Progress Reports go home

November 16th – Student Led Conferences from 4:30 to 7:30

November 19th to 25th – Bully Awareness Week Kindness Matters Campaign



– in class presentations

November 20th – Spirit Wear Day – Wear your Pope Francis T-shirt.

November 22nd – Catholic Parent Council Meeting beginning at 6:00

November 25th – Ste. Catherine Day

Closing Message:

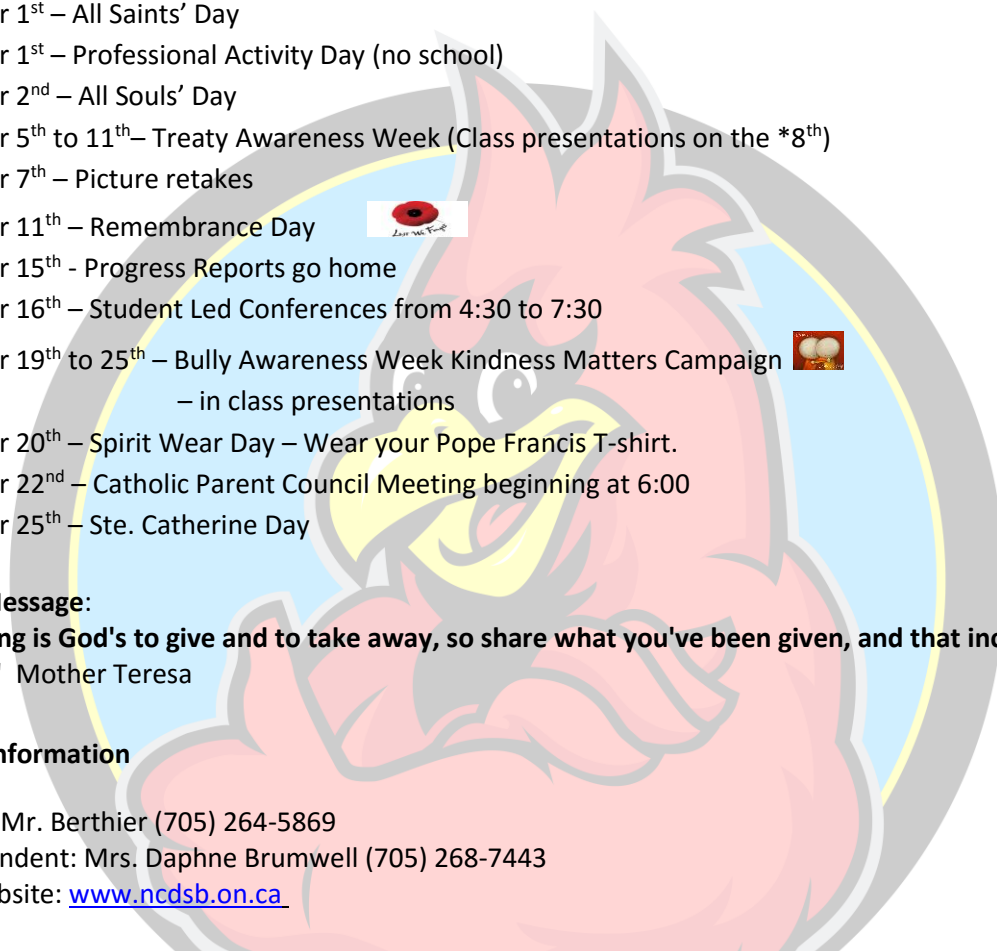
"Everything is God's to give and to take away, so share what you've been given, and that includes yourself." Mother Teresa

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