

THE PANTHERS' PRIDE



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SACRED HEART SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER

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PICKING UP YOUR CHILD

Should you need to pick up your child early, we ask that you wait at the office while your child prepares to leave. There have been occasions where parents want to discuss issues with the teacher at this time or come directly into the class to get their child. As I am sure you can understand, this causes disruption to the students' learning and the lessons being conducted. If there are other family members or caregivers who pick up your child, please make sure that they are aware that they need to pick up their child outside the school by the north end doors. We appreciate your understanding of these procedures.



PROGRESS REPORTS

You will be receiving your child's progress report on Wednesday, November 12th. These reports will reflect the progress your child has made thus far for this school year. This is an important piece of information as it informs you of how your child is progressing both with his/her learning skills and academically.



Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 20th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We are changing the format of our evening from the past few years. This year, we are moving to **SCHEDULED** appointments. We will be sending a form home with the progress report that will either indicate that the teacher(s) would like to meet with you or provide you an option to ask for a conference time. This form will need to be returned to the school by **Friday, November 14th** to give us enough time to schedule the appointments. Appointments will be 10 minutes in length. We ask that you follow the ten minute guide as we need to ensure we see all our parents. The teachers will have a timer! During your conference time, we would also like to invite you to explore the classroom, look at your child's notebooks, etc., while visiting with your child's teacher.

It is important to get as much information from your child's teacher as you can so that you know exactly how well your child is progressing and what you may do to support him/her from home. Questions you may want to consider asking both your child and the teacher are:

- Is my child engaged in the lessons?
- What does he/she need to work on and how can I help? It is important to get specific feedback. Ask your teacher what the specific strategy your child needs to work on to improve their reading, writing, oral or mathematic ability.
- Has my child mastered or have a good understanding of the basic (foundational) skills in reading and mathematics?
- What basic skills does my child still need to develop?
- Does my child persevere with a task?
- Does my child demonstrate the confidence to begin and complete a task?
- Does my child get along with others?

BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

It is important to know the week of November 17-21 is **Bullying Awareness Week**. Throughout this week we will be discussing and conducting activities to help our students learn what bullying really means, how harmful it is to be a bystander and what we need to do to stop those that consistently tease, name-call, and physically bother others. "Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance." (Ministry of Education website)



FAITH CORNER

In keeping with our goal to do what is right, during the month of November we will be celebrating the virtue of **PRUDENCE (WISDOM)**. Prudence, or wisdom, is the ability to make good decisions or choices. A prudent person takes the time to think of the consequences of their actions. They will stop and ask themselves what is the right and what is the most loving thing to do.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

On Tuesday, November 11th we will be honouring all our fallen, current and past soldiers with a ceremony at 1:30 p.m., in the gym. We are fortunate to have the Sea Cadets conducting this ceremony. Please feel welcome to join us.



SAVE THE DATE!!

We would like you to know that our Christmas Concert, "A Strange Toy", is scheduled for December 16th. Once again, we will have two presentations with one occurring in the afternoon (1:30 p.m.) and one in the evening (6:30 p.m.). You will be provided with more information in early December.



CANDY DRIVE

Now that Halloween is over, there is often a lot of candy just thrown out after trick or treating because the kids don't like it or they are tired of eating it. So rather than throwing it all away, we would like to ask you to donate it. Canadian Food For Children is a Catholic Toronto-based charity (run by Dr. Andrew Simone), which sends huge shipment containers overseas on a daily/weekly basis. This organization will take all our left-over candy and distribute it to children overseas who do not receive these sorts of treats. We have placed a donation box in our office to collect any unwanted candy. We would appreciate it if you could forward any left-over candy to the school. The donation will end November 14th! Thank you in advance!!

