

UPCOMING EVENTS

- New School Naming
 Contest closes
 November 8h
- Progress Reports Go
 Home Nov. 9th
- Parent-Portfolio Night
 Dinner November
 10th
- Remembrance Day
 Service
- ★ Fresh from the Farm delivery (mid November)



We will once again be selling poppies in support of the men and women who have served our country so faithfully during the past 100 years in WW1 and WW2 and in more recent conflicts.

This year our students will also receive a commemorative bracelet in honour of Flanders Field.

THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE \checkmark

A Message from the Office

We have been busy over the past few months! We were fortunate to have added a new Grade 2 to help with overflow in the primary division. We are now set to open a new Grade 5/6 classroom on November 8th to help reduce the numbers in our Junior classrooms. We will let parents know who the teacher will be once we have completed the hiring process.

Our Remembrance Day Service will take place at 10:45 am in the gym on November 11th. Once again this year, we will be honouring both Veterans and active members of our military on a Wall of Honour. Many thanks to Miss Kos who takes on this special commemoration each year. Should you be new to the school and have a family member who served or is currently serving in the military please let us know so we can add to the wall.

You will receive your child's Progress Report on November 9th. We are very happy to be able to provide a free pasta supper to all families before our Parent-Portfolio night again this year. Our dinner and portfolio night will take place on **Thursday, November 10th** from 4:00-7:00pm. Supper will be served between 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm. **The meal needs to be pre**ordered using the form that will be sent home this week.

On this night, we will also feature our Fall Scholastic Book Fair that will be set up for viewing. This is a perfect time to begin your Christmas shopping. We are looking forward to seeing as many of our families out for this event as possible!

Whether we are ready for it or not, this month will bring with it colder temperatures and snow. Please ensure that your child comes to school with all the necessary winter clothing (hats, mitts, winter coat, boots and snowpants). All students will be going outside regardless of what they have on - so they must be prepared. Some students have already expressed to the staff that they were cold and wanted to come in from outside during recess times. Outdoor playtime is vital to good health. It energizes students and gives them a break between periods of learning. We expect everyone to participate in outdoor activities. We generally do not cancel outdoor recess until the temperatures dip past -28 and there is a windchill or unless there is active rain.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Portfolio night!

Yours in Catholic Education,

B. Pichette & E. Raymond

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Fall Book Fair will be open on Thursday, November 10th From 4 to 7 pm in the Portapac (Follow the signage down the hallway).

School Transition Update

We'd like to take this opportunity to announce that the Ministry of Education has approved our plan to build an addition to our school. Plans are underway and we hope to share architect's conceptual drawings as soon as they are released. The senior staff will now meet and plan our course of action to move ahead with this exciting project. St. Paul School and Sacred Heart School will be amalgamated into a dual track (English and French Immersion) school with students from Jk to Grade 4. Students who are currently in Grade 4 will transition to O'Gorman Intermediate Catholic School in September 2017 where space will be prepared for them. Our new school needs a name! Please help us during this exciting and historic time as we build a new school Catholic School community for our students. For more information please see the information that was sent home with this newsletter.

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This month we are celebrating the virtue of **JUSTICE** one of the building blocks in developing moral intelligence in young people. From a young age, students have a strong sense of what is fair. As they grow, they develop the capacity to decipher right from wrong and to make ethical decisions.



HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATH

- Set high standards for your child in math. Make sure your child is mathematically challenged and encourage his or her interest and pursuit of math. Avoid telling your child you struggled in math. Embrace the challenge of math together by having fun with it.
- Help children see that math is very much a part of everyday life. From statistics in sports to the sale price of clothing, from the calories in food to the amount of gas needed to travel from one city to another, math is important to us every day. Help your child make these connections to math.
- **Point out that many jobs require math.** From the scientist to the doctor, from the plant manager to the newspaper salesman, from the computer programmer to the hardware store owner, many jobs require a strong foundation in math. Help your child see that math leads to many exciting career opportunities.
- Stimulate your child's interest in technology. Encourage your child to use calculators and computers to further learning in mathematics.
- Play games that help children develop decision making and mental math skills. There are
 many games sold commercially, such as board games, that involve patterns and probability.
 Play games from your own family traditions such as counting games and games that keep
 score. Try schoolyard games such as jump rope, hopscotch, and jacks. Games require
 children to use strategies to make decisions, solve problems, and develop an understanding
 about numbers and how to use them (number sense) and computational skills.

Visit <u>http://www.math.com/parents/articles/helpmath.html</u> for some great math activities while at home, on the go, or at the grocery store.

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This month we are pleased to share some writing samples for Mrs. Doyle's Grade 2 class. The students were invited to write about what they wanted to be when they grew up!



