

St. Pat's Pulse

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From the Principal's Desk

Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

Nov. 2

Catholic School Council Meeting 6p.m.

Nov. 9

-Progress Reports Home

Nov. 10

-Remembrance Day presentation 12:30 gym

Nov. 10

-Parent-Teacher

Interviews 4-7 p.m.

First come, first served

Nov. 11

-sale of poppies

-Gr. 7 & 8 students go to cenotaph @ 10:30

-Wear Red & White for Remembrance Day

Nov. 14

-Professional Activity Day—No school

Nov. 16

-School Mass @9:00

Mrs. Rusnak's class animating

Everyone welcome

Nov. 21

Operation Christmas Child boxes due

Nov. 25

-Pizza Day Fundraiser

As you may be aware, we have had a visitor to our playground this past week. I would like to assure you that your child's safety is our primary concern. To this end, we have put into place some emergency measures. Supervising staff have horns to warn students and get them into the building quickly. We have contacted the Fauquier Trapper's Association to set live traps, which have been set up as of last Thursday. Please remind students that although the fox is a beautiful animal and it appears to want to play it is still a wild animal and anything

is possible. Also that these animals should not be fed as this is why he is not afraid of humans and keeps coming closer.

Also just a reminder that school staff is only on duty at 8:20 a.m. and not before this. Therefore your child should not be at school prior to 8:20. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be sent home on November 9th with parent-teacher interviews on November 10th from 4-7 p.m. This year interviews will be on a first come first served basis. If you are waiting

for a particular teacher and there is a long line, you may go to another teacher and then return.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH- WISDOM

This month's virtue is prudence/wisdom. Our school will be showcased on our NCDSB website. Look for what our school is doing to show wisdom at the end of this month.

GRADE 8 EDUCATIONAL TRIP

Plans are in the initial stages for our grade 8 educational trip. Details will be forthcoming by the end of November.

Learning Skill of the Month: Self Regulation

During the month of November, we will be focusing on developing a greater sense of self-regulation. Here is what it looks like, feels like and sounds like:

- I keep my hands and feet to myself
- I can say how I am

feeling and I know what I need

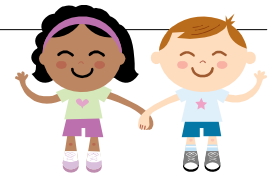
- I am responsible for my actions
- I use feedback to adjust what I need to do
- I stick with it without giving up
- I make connections to the world around me

to achieve my goals

- I respect the personal space of others
- I can tell when I am getting frustrated and when I need to sit by myself for a few minutes
- I am independent
- I am in control



Operation Christmas Child



Share the power of a simple gift. Pack a shoe box. This year boxes from Canada will be going to Latin America. Please give generously to help us achieve our goal of 35 boxes. We have quite a few filled but we need your help. Some of the items you may wish to donate are toys– small enough to fit in a shoe box, hygiene items ie. Hair brushes, toothbrushes, soap (place in a plastic bag), pencils, t-shirts, hair clips, socks. The due date to complete these boxes is on **November 21**. Thank-you to Mrs. Clinton for being our liason for this wonderful opportunity of giving. The shoe boxes we send will let a child know that he/she is loved and cared for.

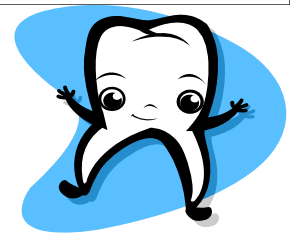
Sale of Poppies

Each November, over thirteen million poppies blossom in Canada. Since 1921, they have blossomed on the jackets, dresses and hats of nearly half the Canadian population. The poppy is the symbol that individuals use to show that they remember those who were killed in the wars and in peace keeping operations that Canada has been involved in. On Friday November 11, we will be selling poppies to the students for Remembrance Day. Please send in a small donation for a poppy. Lest We Forget.



News from St. Patrick Church

Father Herve will be at school on November 4th to talk to the students about his next journey to Haiti in February. He would like our school community to help him collect toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss to give to the children in Haiti. He will be going to Haiti with several dental hygienists who will be teaching the children how to take care of their teeth. Our contributions will help with this very important oral care. You may send in your items to school with your child.



On December 11 at 9:30, there will be a very special mass that you and your family will be invited to. Father Herve will be blessing your baby Jesus from your nativity scene. So start looking for your Christmas Nativity scene so that you will be ready for this special mass.

AVGEN GIFT CARDS

To check out our most recent photos and activities, go to our school website at:

www.ncdsb.on.ca

-click “Our Catholic Schools”
-click “St. Patrick School—Kap”

We are once again selling gift cards that will allow our school to raise money needed for academic, athletic and social programming. Avgen gift cards are a great way to allow our school to profit from money you are already spending. The school gets between 3.5%-10% depending on the card.

Please consider buying gift cards for local businesses or for any of the nearly 50 listed from us, so that we not only support our community, but our school as well. Cheques should be made out to “St. Patrick School”. Here are the gift card deadlines for the rest of the year: Dec. 8, Jan. 19, Feb.16, Mar. 28, May 17, June 14.

Please see Nora Davidson if you are interested in purchasing these gift cards.