



St. Francis Xavier Catholic School October Newsletter



WEB SITE: www.Stfrancisxavier.ca

October 2, 2018

Important Dates

Oct. 1 Orange Shirt Day
 Oct. 2 ~~Catholic School~~
 Council Meeting #1 6:30pm
 Oct. 3 Worship Day for
 Grade 6s
 Oct. 5 World Teacher Day
 Oct. 8 Happy Thanksgiving
 Oct. 10 Mass 9:15
 Oct. 12 Photo Retakes
 Oct. 15-19 CDSBEO Week
 and Waste Reduction Week
 Oct. 15 IEPs sent home
 Oct. 16 Catholic School
 Council Meeting #1 6:30
 Oct. 24 SEAC KBO 6pm
 Oct. 26 PD Day

See our Google Calendar
 on our website at
www.stfrancisxavier.ca
 to read about other up-
 coming events.

Parent/Guardians are wel-
 come on yard in morning
 but no dogs please.
 Thank You

**Please check your email
 for notifications and
 school updates. We will
 be using email
 messaging regularly.**

16th Annual St. John
 Bosco Craft Show

Saturday, October 13,
 2018

9 am—3:30 pm Admission
 \$2.00. Children under 12
 free.

The creativity of our children
 is something to be very
 thankful for. Here you will
 see our new school prayer
 and pledge. We say these at
 each school assembly and
 encourage you pray our
 prayer with your child and
 make the pledge with them
 too.

St. Francis Xavier C. S. Pledge

**At St. Francis Xavier
 we pledge to:**

- **Use our WITS ;**
- **Use our helping hands;**
- **Share our gifts, tal-
 ents, and materials;**
- **Persevere even when
 things get tough;**
- **And remember to al-
 ways have fun.**

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Prayer

**Gathered as the St. Francis Xavier school com-
 munity we thank you for our peaceful nation;
 our community; and, our freedom to learn in a
 safe and loving environment.
 We pray for friendship; the safety and health of
 staff, students and their families; that we all get
 along peacefully; and, that God help us all to
 learn each day.
 Amen**

Operation Harvest Sharing

Oct. 1-5 we will be collecting canned goods to help fill the
 shelves at the food bank for Thanksgiving. Please look in
 your cupboards and see what you can share with those in
 need. Thanks.

Your Catholic School Council Needs You!

**Our first meeting scheduled for Tuesday Oct.
 2 has been postponed until Tuesday Oct. 16
 at 6:30 to give parent/guardians time to
 submit nomination forms.**

Please consider becoming part of our council.



Your Parent Council Needs You!

Parent Council's main objective is to provide direction to the school principal in the following areas:

- Catholic curriculum and programs
- School community communications strategy
- Involvement of community support agencies in the school
- Community use of schools facilities
- Development, implementation and review of Board policy
- Methods of reporting to parent and community

- Preparation of the school profile
- Curriculum and programs
- School code of behaviour
- School year calendar
- Selection of principals
- School budget priorities
- Fundraising activities
- Cultural and extracurricular activities

This school year **we are in need of new members for our parent council who can provide direction around issues listed above and lead our fundraising efforts.**

If you are interested in supporting your Catholic School Council or please contact Mr. Mantha at 613-342-0510.

Our first scheduled meeting will take place on October 16th starting with coffee at 6:30.

'A solid investment towards a promising Health Care Career'!

The CDSBEO Personal Support Worker (PSW) Program is a provincially accredited program that is delivered in various communities throughout our board by qualified health care providers with nursing backgrounds. Our PSW students graduate with

qualifications equal to those taking a PSW program at a community college with significant cost savings. Each of our PSW programs include opportunities for various certifications, as well as the ability to earn credits towards an Ontario Secondary School

Diploma (OSSD). Please check out our website www.coned.cdsbeo.on.ca/psw for more information.

**Information sessions about the PSW program for our February 2019 intake
Nov. 28 /18 3-4 pm
St. Mary C.H.S. - Brockville**

Taxes and Catholic Education Support

Property Assessment Notice:

Declaring your support for Catholic education on your tax assessment does matter! Please check your Property Assessment Notice and ensure that your support has been assigned to the English Separate support designation. Education taxes are now pooled with those from all taxpayers in Ontario. The money collected at a provincially mandated

rate is then redistributed equally to all school boards in Ontario on a per pupil basis. Your Catholic school trustees need your help to keep Catholic education strong in Ontario. Declaring your support for Catholic schools helps ensure adequate trustee representation for your community, and entitles you to vote for a trustee of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario.

Catholic education exists today because of the support of Catholic parents and ratepayers. As a residential English separate school supporter, the Property Classification section of your notice should read "English Separate". For further information please contact MPAC at 1 866 296-6722.

How We Interpret EQAO Results

The interpretation of EQAO assessment data is a very important part of our school improvement planning. The Ministry of Education recommends that we exercise caution when interpreting results for small schools. "Results may vary considerably from year to year, and differences may look exaggerated. For example, in a class of 20 students, a difference of 10% represents only two students." This is why the school team at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School has begun to look carefully at cohorts. Cohorts are groups of students who travel through their school experience from year to year. Rather than comparing the achievement of different groups of students from one year to another, we will be looking

at one group of students year after year. In this way, we can determine if we are making a difference in improving student achievement over time. When we look at the data below, we will see groups of students' achievement in grade 3 and then again in grade 6. We are working hard to ensure that our students improve from grade 3 to 6. Last year we use board assessments, such as PM Benchmarks (primary reading assessments); CASI (junior reading assessment); and, Ontario Writing Assessment to look at student achievement in detail and then make precise alterations to our goals and teaching practise all in an effort to ensure greater student success.

It is important to note that EQAO assessments help schools and boards make the adjustments necessary to improve student learning. All EQAO assessments are based entirely upon the Ontario Curriculum that students work on every day. These assessments are a vital barometer necessary to gauge the effectiveness of our practices; guide us in our purchase of resources; and, direct the provision of professional development.

If you would like to discuss the data outlined below, please feel free to call me and we can arrange a meeting.

Mr. Mantha.

Spreading the Good News

Email Messaging will be used regularly to convey important updates to parents. If your email address changes, please let the school know. Please let your child's teacher know if you require paper copies.

Thanks a bunch.

EQAO Results for

2018/18

*Listed results for
School/Board/Province*

Grade 3

Reading 86%/84%/75%

Writing 71%/82%/72%

Math 64%/67%/61%

Grade 6

Reading 82%/85%/82%

Writing 76%/82%/80%

Math 53%/47%/49%

Let's Use our WITS

What is WITS?

The WITS Programs brings together schools, families and communities to create responsive environments that help elementary school children deal with bullying and peer victimization.

The WITS acronym - Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, and Seek help - provides a common language that children and the adults in their environments can use to talk about and respond to peer victimization.

See more at:

[Www.witsprogram.ca](http://www.witsprogram.ca)
