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November 2018 Newsletter



*God of nature and of humankind
of truth and of beauty, I pray.
Hear my voice of all children who suffer
and will suffer when people put their
faith in weapons and war.
Hear my voice when I beg you
to instill into the hearts of all human beings
the wisdom of peace,
the strength of justice
and the joy of fellowship.
O God, hear my voice
and grant unto the world your everlasting peace.
Amen*



In November, we focus on themes of Peace, Gratitude, Justice and Remembrance. Students from Grade 3 to Grade 6 are participating in the programming at the Perth Hall of Remembrance. Our school Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on Friday, November 9th at 1:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend. We will honour and pray for those persons who struggle against evil and violence, who work for justice and peace, who heal the sick and hungry and who follow the word of God, past and present. Our students in grades 1 – 6 will participate in the annual Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day Poster and Literacy contest as part of the Perth-Upon-Tay Branch 244 which will be due Friday, November 16th.

Safe Schools Procedures

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time and ready to begin their day. Students arriving after the 8:40 a.m. bell must stop by the office to get a late slip.

If your child is going to be absent, we ask that you call our office as early as possible in order to reduce phone calls home. You may also leave a message at any time prior to the start of the school day at 613-267-2865. Our student agendas are the most effective communication tool between school and home. In order to reduce classroom interruptions, please use the agenda for any end of day changes, teacher communication, questions etc. For any emergency end of day changes that did not get written in the agenda, **please call the office before 2:30 p.m.** to ensure enough time to relay messages.

Medic Alert – No Child Without:

This program provides students (age 4 – 14) with access to MedicAlerts's 24/7 protection and emergency information services. If your child has diabetes, asthma or allergies and you would like more information, pamphlets are available at the office.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be sent home on Monday, November 26th.

The provincial progress report for grades 1 – 6 do not have letter grades, rather the focus is on comments that highlight learning skills, strengths and areas to improve in Literacy and Numeracy.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday, November 29th from 3:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, November 2nd Toonies for Tuition Fundraiser- Sports Apparel Day

Saturday, November 3rd CWL Fall Harvest Bazaar and Luncheon 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the gym

Thursday, November 8th Mass @ 12:45 p.m.

Friday, November 9th Remembrance Day Commemoration @ 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 14th WE Day

Tuesday, November 20th Swimming begins for Grades 4 & 5

Friday, November 23rd PA Day

Monday, November 26th Progress Reports go home

Thursday, November 29th Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:30- 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 30th 'Be Holy' Assembly @ 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 12th Christmas Concert in p.m.

Friday, December 14th Christmas Concert in a.m.

Friday, December 14th Kindergarten Christmas Concert in p.m.





For the last seven years St. John CES has been an eco-conscious school, and has achieved Gold status as an Ontario environmental school. Staff and students work hard together leading and making choices that benefit many areas of the local and global environments. Energy conservation, waste management and the aspects of the physical natural world are threads that weave through every aspect of the school. A passionate and engaging group of children from grades 3-6 form The Green Team. These students gather to determine school wide green goals,

which they introduce to the school, and guide staff and classes in putting those initiatives into action.

Once again this year we are challenging our families to participate in the litter free initiative. Please work with your child to send a garbage free lunch to school. Sending re-usable containers or items for our extensive green, blue and yellow bins are all you need to do. It is also cheaper too! November is the start of this earth saving campaign. Help our school shine like gold!

The Green Team is extending this by asking every student and staff member to bring in and keep a metal or reusable spoon in their lunch boxes each day. The white plastic spoons that have been provided by the Nutrition Program will no longer be included in the snack bins in an effort to reduce plastic waste. The students are recognizing that they each have the power to make a positive difference.

A Huge Thank You to Tackaberry and Sons Construction and Perth Rental Village

for a load of gravel and the use of a tractor in order to improve the outdoor rink surface for this upcoming skating season.

Ella Jarbeau is the winner of the Fire Safety Prevention Poster Contest!! She was accompanied by her sister Avery for a McDonald's lunch on Tuesday, October 30th, where the two sisters took a ride in the FIRE TRUCK to McDonald's as part of the prize. Congratulations Ella!!!



A Night at the Movies was a great success!! Over \$1000.00 was raised to put toward a new sound system for our gym. Thank you to the St. John **Catholic School Council** for organizing this fun event.



Junior Girls' and Boys' Soccer

Four junior soccer teams travelled to Beckwith Fields on October 2nd to take on other elementary schools in the CDSBEO. Mr. Brackenbury and Mr. Struthers coached the junior boys' teams and Mme. Wright and Mr. Gardhouse coached the junior girls' teams. The girls' competitive team came away as tournament champs. A great day was had by all.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

A warm thank you to all our students, families and staff who once again contributed generously to the Thanksgiving food drive. Our fishing trip collected over 250 non-perishable fish items that will help our community food centre, The Table, feed many of our neighbours and friends. Thanks to Mr. Brackenbury's grade 2/3 class and Mrs. Doner Hodge's class for their collecting, tracking and delivery of the food items.

Cross Country Running

With the warm fall weather we had consistently solid turnouts for the Running Club which took place on Tuesday and Thursday lunch recesses. A particularly devoted bunch then trained further after school at several practices then on October 24 competed against all the schools in the CDSBEO earning several top 6 finishes. Way to go- It is Funner to be a Runner! Thanks to Mr. Retty for his help with supervising the team at the meet.

Junior Volleyball

Tryouts beginning this week (October 29- November 2) for junior boys' and girls' teams.

Intramural volleyball for grades 3-6 will start at lunch time beginning the week of November 5.

