



## St. Francis Catholic School Newsletter

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### Virtue of the Month - Justice

Practicing justice is being fair, open minded and playing by the rules. It is being sensitive to the needs of each other and treating each other as we wish to be treated ourselves. It also involves solving problems and seeing people as individuals. You don't accept it when someone acts like a bully, cheats or lies. Being a champion for justice takes courage.

### Prayer for Remembrance Day

Peace for the future, quietness everywhere,  
Stop the war and fighting, tears of people everywhere.

Men dying by the minute, don't let their eyes see darkness.

Why should they suffer the pain of war? Don't forget they risked their lives for us.

This heart breaking war, it fills the air with horror.

It's like a hole that never closes, it's like a light that never goes out.

Peace for the future, quietness everywhere.

Stop the war and fighting, tears of people everywhere.

**\*Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> poppies will be distributed. Please bring loose change to support our veterans.**



### 21 Day Club

Congratulations to all the members of the 21 day club. You become a member when you have a parent sign your agenda "21 days in a row".



### Parish Connection

#### Important Sacramental Dates

#### - Our Lady of Hope Parish

Please register at the Church for Sacraments

**First Reconciliation** - For Grade 3 students

Registration forms are due October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Information Meeting for Parents and First Lesson - November 1st, 2009 - 1:00 p.m.

Inscription - Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.

Lesson 2 - Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 p.m.

Lesson 3 - Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1:00 p.m.

Rehearsal - Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 p.m.

Celebration - Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - 6:30 p.m.

**Many thanks to the students who brought can food items to school. We have collected over 8,000 items. They have been sent to the Sudbury Food Bank and Inner City Home.**

### Parent Corner: Writing Tips for Parents

☞ Provide writing materials: providing plenty of writing materials-paper of all kinds, pens, pencils, post-its-whatever will invite your child to explore writing in original, colourful ways

☞ Provide a print-rich environment: fill your child's world with books, magazines, newspapers, and writing you have created. Young writers are ingenious borrowers and hungrily consume every writing tidbit the world around them offers. Older writers need a range of materials from which to draw ideas from as well

☞ Write notes: Write a personal note and tuck it into your child's pack sack. This can be a wonderful surprise and perhaps you will get a note back. Writing always doesn't have to be BIG and formal.



### Medic Alert - No Child Without

A flyer was sent home last week. Receive a free engraved bracelet or necklet with your child's medical information, MedicAlert ID number, and a 24 - hour Emergency Hotline number. To enroll, call toll-free 1-877-282-5378 or visit [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca).

### St. Francis Catholic School Council



Many thanks to the parents who attended our "Parent Involvement Breakfast" which was held in October.

Thank you to everyone who donated money or assisted with the selling of merchandise from the gift catalogue. Approximately \$10, 000 was raised through this fund-raising effort. We have used some of this money to purchase learning materials for the classrooms. Phonics books, math homework books and programs have been purchased to assist with student achievement within the classrooms. Registration fees for sports tournaments and leagues have also been covered by the school fund-raising efforts.

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will take place on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

On Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a meeting for parents who are interested in hearing what is taking place with the planning of the new school at the St. Benedict site and some of the discussions about renovations at St. Francis. Please meet us in the library at 7 pm.

Please remember to take the survey for the naming of the new school at the St. Benedict site. The survey may be found on the St. Francis web page. Remember that the last day to complete the survey is October 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Head Lice

There have been a few cases of head lice within the school. When we have a case of head lice, parents are notified and must come and pick up their child. The child's head is treated and the nits must be picked out before they return to school. Please make certain that you check your child's head on a regular basis as a preventative measure. Let the school know if your child has a case of head lice so we can inform the other families within the classroom.

### **EQAO Results**

All students in grade 4 and 7 should have received their child's primary and junior EQAO results. Please review and keep with your child's report cards, etc... If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- ☆ Christmas Concert - JK to grade 6 students - Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup>. (Those students who only attend school on Monday and Wednesday will perform on Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> at the dress rehearsal)
- ☆ Grade 1 to 8 First Term Report Cards will go home on - December 15 , 2009
- ☆ JK/SK Interim Report Cards - December 7, 2009
- ☆ Grade 7/8 Ski Trip - January 20 & 21, 2010
- ☆ Grade 4,5,6 End of Year Field Trip - June , 2010
- ☆ Grade 8 Year End Trip - June 21, 22, 23 ( John Island)
- ☆ **Grade 8 Graduation - Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (This is a change)**

### **Dismissal Pick up**



**If you are picking up your child at dismissal please send a note in the morning with your child.** Please do not call the school at 2:00 to have the secretary relay a message. We cannot guarantee that the message will be relayed to your child on time. Students are not to take their friend's bus to their home, nor are they to walk to a friend's after school. A note must be written in the morning or in the agenda. Phone calls home to make these arrangements are discouraged.

### **School Sports**

As you can see on our calendar, we have a very busy month of volleyball for students in grades 5 to 8. Thank you to the coaches - Ms. Thoms and Ms. Signoretti; Mr. Eaton and Mrs. Presot; Mr. Bradley; Mr. Rayne, Mr. McLaughlin, and Mr. Samarian. Many thanks to the parents who bring their children to the events and practices. Your co-operation is very much appreciated. We encourage students to participate in these extra-curricular activities. Our school hosts the grade 5/6 co-ed tournament in November. Many thanks to the Mme Marion, the St. Francis staff and students who help to organize and run the event.

### **Nickels for the North**

Until November 20<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting nickels and loose change to give to Easter Seals. Your assistance is appreciated.

### **Lock Down Practice**

During the month of November the students will be discussing what we would do at St. Francis school should we have to go into "Lock Down mode". Although our doors are locked during most of the day, we need to plan in the event that we may have to stay in our classes. Students will discuss this event with their teachers and we will have a practice during the month of December. This will be much like the Fire Drill practices we hold during the year. You may want to discuss with your child at home as well. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Please Note! ✨**

- ✓ **School start time is 8:40. Please ensure your child is at school on time as coming in late is a disruption to the class and classroom routines.**
- ✓ Please ensure your Sub order forms received at the office by the date and time marked on the order form. They must be received at the office by the previous Friday.
- ✓ Please visit the St. Francis School website for updates to activities, to link to teacher pages and for general links to interesting parent/student sites [www.scdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.edu.on.ca) then follow the links.
- ✓ Please check your child's head regularly. There have been a number of head lice cases within the school. If we know that a child has head lice within a class, we try to send a note home to notify parents.
- ✓ If your child has the flu, please let the school know. We are doing a count each day for the Health Unit. They would like to monitor the incidence of flu within the Sudbury area for the next few months.
- ✓ We have a table within the front entrance way with Lost and Found items. If your child has lost something, please check this area. Please label your child's school bag, lunch bag, pencil case, etc... These items are easily returned to the appropriate owner if they are labelled.
- ✓ Students are not to be on any bus other than the one they are assigned to. If they are walking home, a note must be produced each time they do so. Calls home at the end of the day to make alternative arrangements will not be allowed.
- ✓ For the safety of our children, please do not drive into the school yard at the beginning and end of the day. The student drop off is outside the fenced area.



