



Immaculate Conception School

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LEST WE FORGET

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Martin Luther King

Dear Parents/Guardians,

P rincipal's Message:
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.

This theme of Justice ties in with the Catholic Graduate Expectation of a Responsible Citizen - one who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life. Traditionally, our Catholic Schools have made outstanding contributions to society through Social Justice Causes. Students in both Elementary and Secondary Schools have raised funds to support many causes both locally and abroad. These include the Terry Fox Run, Adopt a Village, Holy Childhood, Share Lent, Peace and Development, the United Way, Thanksgiving Hampers, and Christmas Toy Drives. We are very proud of the contributions our students have made and continue to make

through their altruistic efforts. Self-control gives our children the willpower to "say no", "do what is right", and stick up for others being treated unfairly. There are three critical steps parents can use to help their children make just decisions through practicing self-control:

- 1. Make fairness a priority for your child**
- 2. Help your child see other people's points of view in a conflict**
- 3. Think before acting or speaking.**

This year our schools are embracing a solution-focused method of dealing with conflict called Restorative Justice. The central theme leads us all to "make things right". When the school, home and church work together we can bring JUSTICE to our small corner of the world - and beyond.

Yours in Catholic Education,

S. St. Denis, Principal

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded "Student of the Month" for October 2009. Our theme was "faith". Jordan W. (JK/SKR), Stacey K. (JK/SKF), Adam L.

(1/2R), Jaden P. (1F), Sydney A. (2/3F), Joshua M. (2/3R), Caitlynn B. (3/4F), Keana J. (3/4R), Matthew G. (4/5R), Joshua S. (5R), Marielle P. (5/6F) and Jonah S. (6R).

The November's "Student of the Month" assembly will take place Monday, November 30th following the 9:15 a.m. Advent liturgical celebration. The criteria for this month is "justice": Acting with justice is the voice of God within us calling us to respect the dignity and rights of all persons. We must treat all people as Jesus would.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On **Wednesday, November 11th** at **10:40 a.m.**, our students will gather in the gym for our **Remembrance Day ceremony**

which will be led by Mrs. Rychlo and her grade 4 R



students. At this time, we will remember the destructiveness of war, pray for peace in our community and in our world and reaffirm our pledge of Canadian citizenship. Poppies will be provided for each student. We ask that you please send a small coin donation that day for the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy

Program. If students belong to an organization such as Scouts or Girl Guides, they are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school that day. **Parents, as always, are most welcome to attend.**



IN FLANDERS FIELDS
(Lieutenant - Colonel John McCrae)

In Flanders Field
the poppies blow
Between the crosses
row on row,
That mark our place;
and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid
the guns below.

We are the Dead.
Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn,
saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved,
and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel
with the foe:
To you from failing hands
we throw
The torch; be yours to
hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

P.A. DAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2009

No school for students today!

EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Volley-ball: Thank you to Mme Larivière, Mrs. Marcil and Mr. Olivier for coaching the grade 5/6 co-ed volleyball team before classes begin on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and during certain lunch hours. Our team will be participating in 2 tournaments, so mark your calendars:

Saturday, November 21st @ St. Francis School

Saturday, November 28th @ St. Charles College

This year's team:



Jessie A., Chloe F., Megan S., Taylor L., Sonia M., Marion C., Joshua S., Jared S., Braxton A., Ryan S., Nicholas

W., and Zander F.

Math Challenge: Mme Stryde is coordinating this Board wide friendly competition in Math problem-solving at Immaculate. Each team is comprised of 4 students (Gr. 5 and 6) who take part in 5 rounds during the course of the school year. Members of the teams include:

Braeden V., Spencer G., Faith N., Seth D., Jared S., Matthew B., Megan S., Chloe F., Maxine

W., Zander F., Jonah S., and Nathan T.

LITERACY

“Feed Your Mind”

Our students have been participating in the Topper’s Pizza “Feed Your Mind” program again this school year. It encourages young people to set and achieve reading goals. Thank you to Mme Mundy who is co-ordinating this school-wide literacy initiative.

“Life isn’t fair, but you and I should be.” **Anonymous**

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Christmas Concerts:

Wednesday, December 16th @ 1:00 p.m.: Mme Boudreau, Mme Mundy, Mme McIntyre, Mrs. Marcil, Mrs. Lacroix, Mrs. Batchilder, Mrs Rychlo.

Thursday, December 17th @ 1:00 p.m.: Mme Boudreau, Mme Larivière, Mme Rancourt, Mrs. Marcil, Ms. Shewchuk, Ms. Pawlowski, Mrs. Bradley.

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WINTER’S COMING!

With the cold weather well on its way, we would like to remind our students to dress warmly. This is very important, especially during the lunch hour when the students spend about 20 minutes outdoors. They should have warm hats, coats, mittens, boots



and snow parts. We recommend that the children have an extra pair of mittens in their school bags in

case their first pair gets wet. It you have **extra mittens/gloves to donate** to our school, once again, we would be most appreciative!

SAFETY

Fire Drills: Every year, schools are required to conduct fire drills. We have reviewed and practised procedures with all staff and students.

Bus Evacuation: The Consortium has once again provided training for our bus patrols. Futhermore, bus evacuation has been taught and reviewed with all students. On October 19th, staff and students participated in a bus evacuation drill. On November 9th, students will attend bus safety presentations at the school. Your help in reviewing safety rules on the bus is much appreciated. **A reminder that it is a privilege to ride a school bus and rules must be followed.**

Lockdown: We have spent time educating students on Lockdown procedures. We will perform a Lockdown drill during the month of November. As parents, it is important to have these discussions with your children as

we want everyone to be prepared in the event of an emergency.

New APG on Field Trips: The Sudbury Catholic District School Board has a new APG on field trips. It states that “all students and staff must wear a CSA approved helmet” when skating.

Flu: If your child has the flu or flu-like symptoms, please let the school know and keep your child at home. We are doing a count each day for the Health Unit. They would like to monitor the cases of influenza within the Sudbury area until further notice. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Safe Arrivals Policy: Please call the school before 9:00 a.m. should your child(ren) be late or absent.

No Child Without: No Child Without is a community-based charitable program that offers all elementary school aged children with medical conditions or allergies, free **MedicAlert protection**. More information to follow.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first Catholic School Council meeting was held on October 8th. The following members have accepted executive positions:

- Chair: Toby Cresswell
- Vice Chair: Sandra Fortier
- Secretary: Brenda Tremblay
- Members: Nancy Oliveira
Martin Bayer
Brandy Scott
Tania Tremblay
- Teacher Rep.: Tracey Marcell
- Staff Rep: Erin Duguay
- Principal: Sandra St. Denis

This month the Council will meet on the 25th at 4:00 p.m.

IMMACULATE....

Helping our Community

Mme Boudreau would like to thank you for participating in the “Hallowe’en Raffle”. This was a success, raising in excess of \$150 for “Easter Seal Kids”. Thank you for giving back to kids and families in need. Many thanks also to all the families who gave new and used clothing for the “Coats for Kids” campaign through the “United Way.” We collected many boxes.

VALLEY BINGO

We are very fortunate to be one of the charities who receive money every month from **Valley Bingo**. This helps purchase things for our students such as **learning materials**, manipulatives, etc. The money is also used for field trips. One of our School Council members, **Mrs. Brenda Tremblay** gives

much of her time to ensure that things run smoothly for us. **Many thanks Mrs. Tremblay!**

You can help support the BINGO fund by playing the game on the dates listed on our monthly calendars. If you are a newcomer at the BINGO, please go to the Lotto Booth to register.

STAFF CHANGES

As some of you are aware, our grade 2/3R teacher, Mrs. Lotter, has been away on maternity leave. Mrs. Lotter will be returning this month, and we would like to welcome her back! During her absence, (September to November) Mrs. Batchilder has been teaching in her class. We would like to wish Mrs. Batchilder luck in her future endeavors.

HOT DOG DAY

Mme Larivière’s and Mrs. Rychlo’s classes are planning an exciting year-end trip. To help offset the cost, they are organizing a HOT DOG day for the entire school on **Wednesday, November 18th**. Order forms to follow.



LIBRARY

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Parents/Guar

dians,

Please consider dropping by to see our Library. For many years now, schools have not had

librarians. As a result, our Library was in need of some TLC.

Under the direction of Mrs. Cassandra MacGregor (mom of Kylie and Jacob), a group of parents/grandparents have spent MANY hours cleaning and re-organizing our school Library.

The entire staff and I would like to thank the following volunteers:

Mrs. Cassandra MacGregor (Kylie and Jacob's mom)

Mrs. Pauline Tenbergen (Kylie and Jacob's Grandma)

Mrs. Lorrie Witty (Kaleb and Jordan's mom)

Mrs. Tania Tremblay (Morgan’s mom)

Mrs. Trina Lewis (Andrew and Jacob's mom)

Now here's how you can help: **IF POSSIBLE, please send a gently used book from your home to be placed in the Library.** Your book donation is much appreciated!

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on a mouse and you say you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.”
....*Bishop Desmond Tutu*

I M M A C U L A T E DAYCARE NEWS

(Oct. 28/09)

Dear Parents:

Here is a brief update of the changes at Immaculate Daycare.

We are excited to report that we have been licensed for a playground for infants/toddlers, and preschoolers. The playground is located in front of the school, towards the far end and away from the parking area. A shed will be placed in the playground to store our equipment. The new playground is designed to ensure that the children have the freedom to play in a safe and secure environment. Our children have the pleasure to go out in the morning and in the afternoon for exercise, games and fresh air. The playground is checked daily for any garbage or unsafe items that might come into the playground. The gates are locked during outside play time to ensure that the children remain in the playground. Feel free to check out the playground and if you have any feedback, please let us know.

Lori (897-7779)

LET US PRAY

May we know ever more clearly, God our Father that you are especially close to us when we work for **justice**. Give us hearts like yours that we may act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with you in our lives. May we always co-operate with your care and interest in our world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. AMEN

