



# November 2023 Newsletter



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## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that another month has passed, and November has begun. We continue to work hard at St. Mary's School, reinforcing good choices and actions, academically, socially and emotionally.

On November 6th you will receive a progress report for each of your children. This progress report is meant to provide you with insight into how the return to school has been. Educators will be highlighting strengths observed to date and next steps for your child's learning. Please take some time to review this progress report with your child and set goals moving forward. As well, each of you will have an opportunity to participate in an interview with the classroom educators to discuss your child and their progress. These interviews will be Nov 16th and Nov 17th Information will be coming about how to book those with classroom teachers. Please use the progress report and the interview as an opportunity to celebrate hard work and success and set goals for the remainder of the term and year.

During the month of November we honour all the Saints of our Faith. We also pray for the Faithfully Departed, our loved ones who have died. Let us remember our family members who have gone to their eternal rest with Jesus. May they rest in peace.

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day. Please take the time to remember Canada's Veterans, Brave and Proud. There are approximately 594,300 veterans of the regular forces and primary reserves in Canada. St Mary's will be having a Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be handing out poppies on that day. Donations are welcome at the school or through School Cash online.

As always, thank you for sharing your children with us and for choosing Catholic education. We couldn't do this without you!

Karen Wilkinson

Principal



## CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be on Nov. 15th at 5:30. Anyone is welcome to join us.



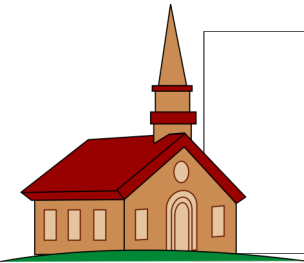
### Save the Date

Christmas Concert will be December 21st at around 1:00 p.m.



## HEAD LICE REMINDER

It's that time of the year again. Please check your children's hair at least twice a week, remind them not to share combs, hair bands, hats, scarves, and call the school if you notice a problem. Remember too, that if head lice is detected, you also need to treat your entire house - bedding, upholstery, any clothing that is pulled over the head, and anything that comes in contact with the hair. It's a big job, but it's necessary!



### Children's Liturgy

St Mary's Church is providing a Children's Liturgy on Sunday mornings at 10:30. Please feel free to join in the mass. Children get a great opportunity to learn about God's word in language that children can understand.

## REMINDER: FOOD ALLERGIES

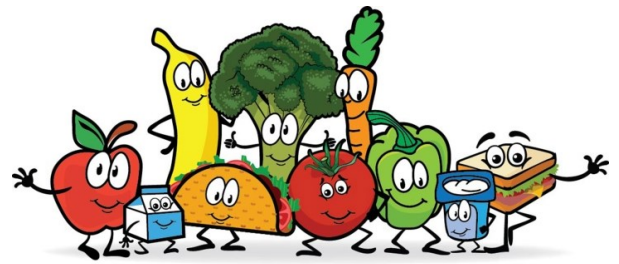
This is to advise you that we have we have students who are allergic to peanuts, tree nuts, pistachios, sesame seeds. It is requested that parents of all students do not pack any foods or send food items containing any of these.

Our schools have been directed by senior administration to not allow the product known as 'WowButter' into our classrooms. Children who have an anaphylactic allergy to nut products could easily be confused by which product is which, and this could cause a great deal of anxiety and confusion for both staff and students. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated once again in making our school a safe environment for all our students

If your child has anaphylaxis and you have not yet made us aware of this, please contact us immediately. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Please ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather.....we are beginning to experience a wide variety of temperatures and conditions as fall is upon us. Classes continue to spend as much time outdoors as possible so dressing for the changing temperatures across the day is important!



## Snack Program

We are pleased to announce that we have snack each morning. All students are welcome to participate in this snack. It is typically a fruit, veggie, protein and or carb. If you are interested in donating to the snack program we have created a donation button on School Cash online.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 3: Vaccine Gr 7

Nov. 6: Progress Reports Home (digital)

Nov. 8: Dental Screening

Nov 15: Milk Orders Due; Parent Council meeting

Nov. 16-17: Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov 27: Picture retakes

Nov. 7: Remembrance Day Assembly 9:15

Nov 15: School Mass 9:15

Nov 16: Pizza Orders Due

Nov. 17: PA DAY



## LEAVING FOR APPOINTMENTS?

A parent/guardian who requires a student to leave the school before dismissal time must come to the main door to pick up and verify that the student is leaving. All students must be picked up at the office. This policy is in place to ensure the safety of all of our students. If a student returns from an appt, they must come to the office and check in upon their arrival.

## KNIGHTS in

### ACTION:



We are on the lookout for students making great choices that reflect our Gospel values. Students caught will be awarded a "Knights in Action" that identifies what they did and who they are and will be posted on the office. Mrs. Wilkinson will then make monthly draws from Kindergarten/Primary, and Junior/ Intermediate award winners. At the end of each month, all student Knights in Action awards will be entered into a draw for lunch with the Principal. Help us to support this positive recognition program by asking your child how they served their school today.

## PARENTS/VISITORS MUST REPORT TO OFFICE

At this time all visitors must have a prescheduled appointment to visit the school. All visitors must complete a COVID 19 self assessment, sign in and wear appropriate face covering and identification. We take this direction from the reopening plan set out by BHNCDSD.

ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN AT OFFICE



## MEDICATION

The staff at St. Mary's School must follow BHNCDSD procedures for the administration of medication during school hours. If your child requires such medication you are asked to contact the Principal and the necessary arrangements will be made.

Authorization to provide such service must be made in writing by the parent and physician on the appropriate form (obtained at the school). Only prescription drugs will be administered. Nonprescription drugs such as aspirins will NOT be administered to the students by staff members.