**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Happy November, Saint Mary Families!

**Cold Weather**

As we head into the colder months, we encourage you to send your children to school dressed for the chilly weather. Hats, mittens, gloves, warm jackets and boots are necessary now. Your children are out for a half an hour at lunch and for 15-minute breaks throughout the day.

**New Staff Member**

At the end of October, we welcomed a new Educational Program Assistant to our staff. Bradley Doyle is working as an 80% EPA. We are pleased to have Mr. Bradley with us to help support our students.

We also welcomed Ms. Chloe Cyr as the substitute teacher of the Grade ¾ class while Ms MacLeod is away from school.

**Provincial Assessments**

The grade 6 students wrote their provincial assessments in literacy and mathematics earlier in October. Those tests were sent back to the province and the results will be available to families later in the school year.

**Provincial Lunch Program **

We have been receiving hot lunches since October 28th. The next ordering window closes on November 6th at noon. If you haven’t ordered yet, please check it out. The food vendors are required to follow strict healthy eating guidelines, and the portion sizes are also controlled by guidelines set down by the province.

**Pre-Service Teachers**

Our school is very happy to be able to support two Pre-Service Teachers who will be joining two of our classrooms beginning on November 12th. One will be joining Ms. Zelios in Grade P/1 and the other will be joining Ms. Singleton and Ms. Dom in Grade 5.

**Fire Drill**

We will have the third required Fire Drill this week. That will complete all of the required drills until the new year.

**School Advisory Council**

We had our first virtual SAC meeting on October 9th. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 5th. We are in the process of updating the information on the website.

**Remembrance Day Ceremony **

Our students will participate in a Remembrance Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 6th at 9:00. Thank you to Ms. Wilson for organizing this solemn event. Ms. Wilson’s father will join us and bring his trumpet to play The Last Post and Revielle (Rouse). Thank you, Mr. Wilson, for sharing you time and talents with us.

**Scholastic Book Fair **

For the first time in several years, our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. This will be held in the gymnasium. There will be an opportunity for students to visit the book fair display with their classes. Parents will have an opportunity to visit the book fair during the parent/guardian/teacher interviews on the afternoon and evening of December 5th. Thank you, Ms. Olga for arranging all of this for us.

**Holiday Concert **

This year’s Holiday Concert will take place on Monday, December 2nd at 6:00 in the evening. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

**Upcoming Dates **

Wednesday, November 6 Remembrance Day Ceremony for staff and students

Monday, November 11 Remembrance Day – no school

Friday, November 22 Assessment and Evaluation Day – **no school for students**

Monday, December 2 Holiday Concert – 6:00

Tuesday, December 3 Scholastic Book Fair Set Up

Wednesday, December 4 Book Fair for classes to view

Thursday, December 5 PD/Parent Teacher – **no school for students**

 *Book Fair open for family members*

Friday, December 6 Book Fair – last day to make purchases

Friday, December 20 Last Day of School before Christmas Vacation