

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

November 2024 Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Every year on November 11th, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict, and peace. We honour those who fought for Canada in the First World War (1914-1918), the Second World War (1939-1945), and the Korean War (1950-1953), as well as those who have served since then. More than 1,500,000 Canadians have served our country in this way, and more than 100,000 have died. They gave their lives and their futures so that we may live in peace. This year our students will recognize those Canadians in a ceremony and

prayer service on November 11th beginning at 9:30am. We would like to thank Mrs. Welychka and our grade 8 class for their leadership on this poignant occasion.

Mr. K. Lamb

Called By Name; Come Follow Me

What does it mean when we “follow” someone on social media? When we do this we are saying we want to know more about them, to see how they live, how they act, what they say. But what we see on social media isn't always reality. It's often hidden behind filters, edits, and multiple takes. What if instead of “following” in this way, we choose to follow someone who only shows us what is real and what is true? Jesus is calling us to follow Him, to live our lives according to the Gospel and to share His love with those around us. So the question is, who will you choose to follow today?



All Souls and All Saints Day

The month of November begins with a celebration of the Communion of Saints (Nov. 1) – the union of prayer and love between Saints on Earth and Saints in heaven. Our second day (Nov. 2) of remembrance is that of our relatives and friends who have died. They may not be famous but we know of their goodness and struggles. We pray for them and remember them with love.



Catholic School Council News

Our Catholic School Council recently completed their fall fundraiser in conjunction with Cobs bread, This was very successful as we raised just over \$6,000. The Catholic School Council uses these funds to support a variety of student activities and other items in the school. Our new sound system and badminton equipment are recent examples of purchases supported by the CSC. The council are also going to subsidize the visits from the Niagara Falls art gallery in the next term. In the past council has made large purchases for our library, in the area of technology and have subsidized class trips as well as the grade 8 graduation. The council's next meeting is on Thursday, November 21 at 6pm. If you are interested in attending, please join us.

Thank You!

During the month of October students at St. Peter were involved in a number of social justice and charitable activities. Our Terry Fox walk had a great response in terms of participation and donations. Our Community helped raise \$1,860 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Our Thanksgiving food drive to help SVDP at St. Mary's parish was the most successful food drive we've had in my time at St. Peter, we had a truck full of food items delivered. We also recently participated in The Holy Childhood walk and donations for that event totaled \$530, which goes to the Holy Childhood Association. I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who made a donation to any of these causes and for helping our students to learn that by participating in these activities we can really impact our community as well as different parts of the world.

Sincerely,

Sports Update

Soccer

Congratulations to the Junior Girls and Boys Soccer Team who played in the Denis Morris Family of School tournament earlier in October. Congratulations to the Boys' Team who finished 2nd after a hard fought battle.

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Team who finished in 3rd place.

Thank you to Lucas M.S. and Nicky G who helped coach the boys' team and to the students who helped run the concession stand.



The Intermediate Soccer Teams also competed in the Board Tournament, where the Boys finished 2nd and the Girls placed 3rd. Congratulations to all the Teams and for all their dedication and hard work.

Cross Country

Earlier in October, over 30 students from Grade 4 to Grade 8 competed at the Regional Cross Country Meet, where 500 students competed. As a result 14 students qualified for the Board Tournament where the top 600 students from the board competed. Congratulations to Charlotte M. and Garret S. who finished within the top 10 of their races. A very Special mention to Lucas M.S. who finished first at the Regional Meet and then placed 3rd at the Board Meet. Lucas was also the recipient of the Curtis Stoutenberg Memorial Cross Country Award presented to a student who demonstrated perseverance and dedication to running. Lucas excelled, medalling each year he competed, and exemplified teamwork and sportsmanship.

A special thank you to Mr. Chipman for all his dedication and hard work coaching the St. Peter's Cross Country Team.

Progress Reports

The Ministry of Education mandates that elementary schools report to parents three (3) times during the school year. A Progress Report Card is issued in November and two Provincial Report Cards in February and June. The Progress Report Cards are designed to show a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations in all subjects. Progress Reports will be available in the Niagara Catholic Maplewood Parent Portal the week of November 11th and Communication/Conferences with your child's teacher(s) will take place on Wednesday, November 20 after school until 7pm or via telephone at a mutually agreed-upon time.



Recognizing Catholic Graduate Expectations

Each month we continue to recognize a student from each class who has demonstrated one of the Catholic Graduate Expectations in word and deed. This month's recipients demonstrated skills such as; being collaborative contributors, responsible citizens or being a responsible life long learner among others.



Grade Eight: Sacrament of Confirmation

Our grade 8 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Bergie on **Sunday, November 24th at 2pm**. When students receive this sacrament they remain faithful to their baptismal commitment as witnesses to Christ and service to others. On behalf of our students and staff we would like to extend a sincere thank you to Father Ronald for all his help with our Confirmandi.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS-CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

The St. Peter community is excited to announce that the **Christmas Gift Shop** is once again making a return this Holiday season! We are now collecting gently used items to be donated for the event. A reminder that we are always in particular need of gifts for all our Dads and Dad figures. Please send all donations to the office. This event is scheduled to take place in our gymnasium on **Tuesday, December 17**. Students should bring toonies to purchase items for their family members and two grocery bags to carry gift items home. All money raised will be donated



Toonie Tuesday's

Our student council have introduced "Toonie Tuesday" this year. Popcorn is the item currently being sold and we may change this from time to time during the year. Popcorn is provided by the Farm to Table Company and meets all the ministry guidelines for food sold in schools. You can purchase popcorn using school cash online each week. All initial profits will be donated to Gillian's Place.



Project Plaid

#ProjectPlaid launched in 2019 after the tragic loss of Amelia Durocher to suicide. Taking quick action with a resolve to not let this happen to other kids and families, Amelia's mom Shanta created #ProjectPlaid. It not only helped her cope, it quickly became a connection for those who were struggling and it's now become a mental health movement. In two years, #Project Plaid has raised over \$280K for Pathstone. But as Shanta says, we are not done yet. St. Peter will be supporting this initiative by asking



students and staff to wear plaid on **Thursday November 28** and making donations using school cash online.

St. Peter Bell Times

Supervision begins at 8:15 a.m.

Morning Bell rings at 8:30 a.m.

Nutrition Break #1 10:40 a.m. - 11: 00 a.m.

Outside Recess 11:00 a.m. -11-20 am

Nutrition Break #2 12:40 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Outside Recess 1:00p.m. -1:20 p.m.-



Dismissal remains the same at 2:50 p.m.

Supervision begins 15 minutes prior to the morning bell and concludes 10 minutes after dismissal. Outside of these timeframes, there is no schoolyard supervision. Thank you to the many families who ensure that their child(ren) arrive to school during supervised times.

Please note that school begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Students who arrive after the 8:30 a.m. bell must report to the office for a late slip. Thank you for your continued support.

Arrival of all Kindergarten students will take place in the Kindergarten gated area. Kindergarten students who are bussed will be met by staff and safely walked from the bus to their gated area upon arrival. The reversal will happen upon dismissal.

All other students upon arrival to school will proceed to the Playground area

SAFE ARRIVAL/SCHOOL MESSENGER

Please use the Safe Arrival system to report all absences and lates for your child. You can report an absence by:

PHONE - 1-844-287-6287

ONLINE: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

APP: SchoolMessenger



NCDSB Elementary Standardized Dress Code

Shirts

- Navy blue or white oxford-style long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt.
- Navy blue or white polo-style long-sleeved or short- sleeved shirt.
- School-designed spirit wear including shirts, sweaters or hoodies.
- All sweaters must be navy blue or white.



Pants / Skirts

- Navy blue sweat-pants for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3.
- Navy blue pants - Dress, Cargo, Denim, Kobe, Corduroy style.
- Navy blue skorts or dresses - length must be appropriate and modest.
- Navy blue walking shorts or capris or Grade 8 students have the option of wearing grey secondary uniform pants.

Shoes

We ask that parents/guardians please ensure that students come to school each day wearing appropriate and comfortable closed-toe footwear (i.e. running shoes with proper ankle support) that they can remain in throughout the duration of the school day. If they wear other forms of footwear that are fashionable at this time; e.g. crocs/sandals; we ask that they bring athletic type footwear for physical education and other activities that take place. We also ask that if your child is still learning to tie laces that you send slip-on or Velcro shoes.

St. Peter Spirit Wear

Families can order Grad Hoodies and St. Peter Spirit Wear through the Big Bear Spirit Wear Website. Usually, the orders are delivered to the school to hand out to students. All orders are to be done by going to the Big Bear Spirit Wear website.



Lice Protocol

Our protocol is as follows:

1. Parents report any cases of lice to the office.
 2. If lice are found, parents are informed.
 3. Parents treat them with products available at the Pharmacy.
 4. If live lice or nits are present, child(ren) will not be re-admitted to class.
- Thank you for your co-operation in managing this situation.



Kevin Lamb

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