

ST VICTOR SCHOOL NEWS

St Victor Catholic School

November 2016

Support Catholic Education

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ELIGIBLE CATHOLIC RATEPAYERS

Catholic education has been an integral part of Ontario's history for more than 160 years. As a vital component of the province's publicly funded education system, Catholic schools educate nearly 600,000 students each year .

Did You Know? Your school support defaults to English Public each time you move residences. You must re-declare yourself as English Separate.

It is important to regularly verify your tax-directed support by checking your property tax bill or speaking to your landlord. You may also call the Municipal Property Assessment Office at 1-866-296-6722.

By ensuring that you are registered as a separate school supporter, you are helping to deliver a powerful message to the Ontario government about the level of support for publicly funded Catholic education in your district.

The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board wishes to thank the community of separate school supporters for their continued support of Catholic education in our district.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Parents and families are invited to attend our Remembrance Day Service, November 11 at 10:00 am in the school gym. Following this service, students in grades 2-8 will be walking to the cenotaph to lay a wreath on behalf of St Victor School. Throughout this week, students will be participating in learning materials around the theme of Remembrance Day and peace.

Grade 8 Parent Information Night at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall

There will be a Grade 8 parent information evening at St. Joseph- Scollard Hall on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m.. The evening will include a tour of the school, a social and an opportunity to ask questions. The staff and students of St. Joseph-Scollard Hall look forward to meeting with you!

Visitor Sign-In

*To ensure the safety and security of our students, we all visitors to adhere to the sign-in protocol. Please stop by the office upon arrival and sign yourself into our **Visitor Registry Book**, don't forget to sign out on your departure.*

Save the Dates

- PA Day November 25, 2016
- Remembrance Day
November 11
- Parent Teacher Interviews
November 24 (evening) and
November 25 (morning)
- Interim Reports sent home
November 22
- November CSAC Meeting:
November 1 at 5:00
- Immunizations for Grade 7-
8 Students: April 26
- Picture Re-take day:



The Year of Mercy concludes on November 18.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Bullying Awareness Week is November 13-19. The theme this year is Stand Up! (to bullying). During this week various activities will take place in our school and classrooms to highlight this issue and help our students better understand how to help prevent bullying. Visit <http://www.bullyingawarenessweek.org/> for more information and resources. Activities at our school will be communicated shortly.

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is a great way for you to encourage your child to participate in school events and activities, without worrying about cash transactions at school. You can pay online in advance, or the day of the event to ensure your child is able to participate in the school activity. You are encouraged to use this form of payment for **pizza days, field trips, fundraisers and more!** If you have not already signed up for this, drop by the school anytime and we will get you set up. Thank you to all of the families who are registered. Teachers are spending a lot less time managing money and record-keeping. It is convenient for you too!

Visit <https://>



REMINDERS

Lost & Found

Many items are already accumulating in our Lost and Found next to our gym. Please check to see if your child is missing any items.

Cold Weather

Now that colder weather is upon us, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately with hats, mitts, boots and coats. It may also be a wise idea to send along extra items such as Mittens, Hats, Socks and Pants. Please label all clothing so that we can return things that get left behind.

Inclement Weather

If the buses have been cancelled due to inclement weather and you bring your child to school, please ensure that there is a teacher staff member at the school to receive your child. If the weather is severe, the teachers may be delayed in arriving at school as well. The staff will make every effort to ensure the safety of your child. As always, if the buses are not running and you send your child to school, you must make arrangements to pick them up at 3:00pm.

Catholic School Advisory Council

Our next Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) will be held on Tuesday, November 1 at 5:00.

Allergies

Because no students are allergic to any kind of nuts, we are now permitting students to bring snacks and sandwiches with these ingredients. If we become aware of an allergy, we will let all families know. Thank you so much for your cooperation with and attention to this situation in the past. We want to ensure that our school is a safe and accepting place for all students.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Interviews will take place on **Thursday, November 24 (evening) and Friday, November 25 (morning)**. Your interview time will be arranged and communicated shortly. Please plan to attend as this is an important time for you to talk with your child's teacher and to see how you can support your child's learning. Please note that Friday, November 25 is a PA day for your child(ren).

Class News:

Kindergarten/Grade 1:



Preparing for Hallowe'en

The Grade 2/3 class :

This class has been working on the Social Studies unit: Living and Working in Ontario. They have learned about the 3 regions of Ontario - The Hudson Bay Lowlands, The Canadian Shield and the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Lowlands. The students also learned about municipalities and that we live in the municipality of Nipissing.

As the unit has progressed we have started an Inquiry Unit with the framing question: How might our lives be different if we lived in a different place? The Inquiry Unit touches on the Big Ideas of diversity, identity, perspective, causes and consequences and interrelationships. The class will be looking at a couple of shared readings entitled "I Know Here" and "Welcome to Thaidene Nene" to learn about life in other parts of Canada.

We also created a concept map to record questions that we were curious about. These questions will guide our Inquiry so that we can research and learn about life in other parts of Canada. Each group is researching a different city around Canada. The cities include: Fort McMurray, Toronto, Iqaluit, Calgary, Niagara Falls, Whitehorse and Vancouver.

Grade 4/5 & 6/7/8 classes:

As part of our Social Studies Curriculum, the grade 4/5 and 6/7/8 class will have a guest speaker from the Legislative Assembly of Ontario Outreach Program come to our classroom to speak on November 9. The program will touch on the following topics and activities:

- Three levels of government and their respective responsibilities
- Ridings and their representatives
- Various roles in parliament

Parents are welcome to sit in on this engaging presentation, taking place at 1:15-3:00 pm.

Cyber-Bullying Presentation:

November 30



You will not want to miss this very important presentation for parents that has been arranged by our OPP Community Safety Officer, Carolyn Ward. This presentation takes place at **7:00 pm** at **Ste Anne's School** in Mattawa. You will have an opportunity to hear Paul Davis, a cyber-bullying and network safety expert speak about what we should know.

Our grade 4/5 class will have a chance to hear this presentation on the same day at **10:00 am**. when they travel to Ste Anne's to hear a presentation on cyber-bullying, geared to their age group.

Please plan to attend the parent presentation above.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Hot Lunch	2	3	4 Pizza Day	5
6	7	8 Aboriginal Veterans Day 	9	10	11 Pizza Day Picture retakes (pm)  REMEMBRANCE DAY	12
13 Bullying Awareness Week	14	15 Hot Lunch	16	17	18 Pizza Day	19
20	21	22 Hot Lunch Report cards home	23	24 Parent Teacher interviews (evening)	25 Parent Teacher interviews con't 	26
27	28	29 Hot Lunch	30 Cyber Bullying presentation: Students (grade 4/5) 10:00 am			