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ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

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IN FLANDERS FIELDS POEM
By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae
 In Flanders fields 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

We have extreme allergies at our school. All staff, students, parents and visitors to the school are not to wear fragrance when coming to our school. If fragrance is detected, we will have to ask that you leave the school, or wait outside if you are coming to pick up a student. We also have nut allergies at the school and nut products cannot be brought into the school. Thank you for your help in keeping our school community healthy and safe.

Important Dates

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- PRAYER
- IMPORTANT DATES



Due to Severe Allergies:



SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

- Pizza Thursdays
- Nov 1-21 Kidney Foundation Clothing Drive
- Nov 3-17 Savings Pack Fundraiser!
- Nov 1 All Saints' Day
- Nov 2 Gr. 8 Students to JOA
- Nov 3 Catholic School Council Commission at St. Joan of Arc C.H.S. 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 5 Turn your Clocks Back 1 Hour so you get one extra hour of "sleep in" time Sunday Morning! Sunday, Daylight Savings Time Ends!
- Nov 11 Gr 7&8 to St. Bernadette School for Remembrance Day Speaker
- Nov 11 1 Minute of Silence at 11:00 a.m.
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day Memoriam at NIC 1:15 p.m.
- Nov 15-18 Book Fair in Library (see information on Page 2)
- Nov 16 Picture Retake Day (Also for students who were away on Oct 24th)
- Nov 16 Parent Council Meeting 7:00 pm in the Library
- Nov 16 Progress Reports Home
- Nov 17 Rosary Apostolate Team at NIC
- Nov 17 3 Way Conferences 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Parent/Student/Teacher)
- Nov 18 3 Way Conferences 8:45 am - 3:15 pm (Parent/Student/Teacher)
- Nov 21 Health Unit Immunization
- Gr. 8 Girls (HPV #1) and all Gr. 7s Hep B#1 & HPV #1
- Nov 25 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive 1:30 pm Holly Rec Centre
- Nov 27 First Sunday in Advent
- Nov 30 Gr. 8 Parent Info Night at JOA



Kidney Foundation Clothing Drive

Please send in any bagged clothing and household items for donation. Our collection will run until Nov 21.



SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
- FUNDRAISER
- BREAKFAST CLUB



Check this out - New Lunch Order Process! SOLOLunch effective for next order block



Principal's Message

3 Way Conferences

Just a reminder that the 3 way conferences are coming up on November 17th in the evening (the evening of November 16th for Mrs. Raposo's students and parents only), and during the day on November 18th. November 18th is also a PA day. The purpose of the conference is to facilitate discussion between the student, teacher, and parent about student progress in the class thus far as outlined in the progress report card going home on November 16. Please recall our scent free needs at the school when coming to the school for the interviews.



Celebrating God's Family

We continue to support our board's theme by proudly displaying pictures of our St. Nicholas families at the front of the school. If you have not had a chance to take a picture with Mrs. Moreira, please feel free to send one in or plan to take one when you come for interviews.

Teacher of the Year -Toronto Star!

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs. Moreira has won the prestigious Toronto Star Teacher of the Year Award! Please read the all about it by following this link:

[Dulce Moreira Wins 2016 Teacher of the Year!](#)

SOLOLunch Hot Lunch Program

The hot lunch program is a fundraiser for St. Nicholas School. The money raised through the lunch program is used to support the learning and activities of your children.

This year, St. Nicholas School has subscribed to Simple Online Lunch Ordering, a web-based solution for ordering and administering the lunch program. SOLOLunch.com allows students and/or parents to place their lunch orders online and to print a family summary page which includes a stub for submitting payment to the school. You can have access to a public computer, i.e. library, to produce your order.

Deadline for Hot Lunch orders is MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 at NOON!

Parent Council

Fundraiser

We've put the FUN back in FUNDRAISING with some GREAT OFFERS in our EASY TO SELL coupon books! A white envelope containing two Savings Packs will come home with every student. Our new and exciting fundraising campaign begins Thursday, November 3, 2016 and runs until Thursday, November 17, 2016. Please watch for the Parent Letter which provides important information regarding this program, coming home on the 3rd!

Why did we choose to offer Savings Packs for our upcoming fundraiser? Because they are SAFE, SIMPLE and have proven to be a great money maker for schools! The coupons offered in each Savings Pack provide savings at local businesses including activities and restaurants which are a great value for your family and friends to enjoy.

Best of all, our school will receive \$10 for every Savings Pack sold which will support the learning and activities of all our students at St. Nicholas School. The cost of the Savings Pack is \$20.00.

If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser, please do not hesitate to contact the school (705) 737-9082 and a Parent Council Rep will get back to you. On behalf of the students and staff, thank you for your consideration and support. We look forward to a successful 2016 Fundraising Campaign.

Breakfast Club

We have had a great start to our breakfast club program, with many students joining us on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. What a wonderful turnout. I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you. Thank you to all the families who have sent in donations through the month. And finally, to our volunteers, we appreciate all the time you give to us. This program could not happen without your support.

Please remember that every student is welcome to join us for Breakfast Club. We start serving at 8:30 until the bell goes. We do ask that those students who walk or receive a ride come before 8:50 so that the bussed students will have the opportunity to have something to eat too. Thank you for your understanding.

Book Fair Nov 15-21



The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to St Nicholas from Tuesday November 15 to Monday November 21. The hours will be regular school hours, with the exception of Thursday November 17 where we will open the Fair from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. The Book Fair is open on the PA Day, November 18. A percentage of all sales is used to purchase new books for the school library. Students may come down with their classes to browse or make

a purchase and come again for the three-way conference with their parents/guardians. There will be an Interac Machine available to make debit and credit card purchases. Thank you for your continued support of literacy!

Office Notes

Cold Weather

With cold weather fast approaching, this is a reminder that students need to come to the school prepared for the weather. All of us will be digging out our winter clothing, hats, coats, snow pants, boots and gloves! Students will be out for two 15 minute recess breaks as well as a 40 minute lunch break. The Simcoe-Muskoka Catholic District School Board follows the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) Cold Weather: Outdoor Safety Fact Sheet outlined on their website: "Keep children indoors if the temperature falls below -25C, or if the wind chill is - 28C or greater."

School Buses - Are they running?

When buses are cancelled we ask that the parents of students who are not bused call the school if their child will not be attending school. Please go to www.smcdsb.on.ca and click on School Bus Cancellation Information or directly to www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca All lates and/or cancelled buses will be on this website. Remember our zone, Central Zone. Radio stations for bus cancellations are B101 and Rock 95 You may also watch Breakfast Television on City TV. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not run in the afternoon. It is always the right of the parent/guardian to make the final decision when deciding if the road conditions are too bad for their child to go on the bus.

If buses are cancelled, scheduled field trips, sports, tournaments and any other excursions outside of the school will be cancelled as well. The teacher will advise you of an alternate date.

Thursday Pizza - Bus Cancellation Plans

If buses are cancelled on a Thursday (Pizza Day) the pizza lunch will be postponed until the first day that the buses run. Students coming in on a Thursday snow day must bring their lunches.

Reminder!

Cell phones and personal devices are not permitted in the classroom, hallways or outside during recess. If your child brings these items to school, please remind them that it is important to bring them to the office for safe keeping. We cannot be responsible for items lost. Students will need to come to the office to collect these items at the end of the day.

Sports

Cross Country

Congratulations to Adrian, Ben K and Tiago who went to Mount St. Louis to represent our school at the County level. All 3 ran great races beating previous 'personal best' times. Tiago achieved a successful #7 finish out of approximately 100 runners.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- BOOK FAIR
- OFFICE NOTES
- SPORTS



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