



St. Peter the Apostle School

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November News 2018



St. Peter the Apostle, is a Catholic learning community dedicated to excellence!

Remembrance Day Prayer

God our Father, your Son Jesus gave up His life to free us from the power of sin and death. He showed us that the greatest love is giving up one's life for others.

Today and always, we remember those who fought and died for our freedom.

We ask you to bless and console them together with their families. Help us to understand the sacrifices they made in leaving their loved ones behind to face the horrors of war. May we never forget their generosity. May your Holy Spirit give us the courage to resist evil in all its forms and show us how to be peacemakers through prayer and action, lest we not forget those who fought, suffered and died that we might have freedom and peace and enjoy each day. Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- Nov 1 ~ Mass at the church 10:30 am
- Nov. 1 ~ All Saint's Day
- Nov. 1 ~ Muskoka Woods Day for Grade 7&8
- Nov 2 ~ Spirit Day is Crazy Sock Day
- Nov 5 ~ Grad Photo Day and Picture Retake Day
- Nov 5 ~ Hockey Team Practice Grade 4-5 @ 3:00 pm
- Nov 6 ~ Rosary @ 12:45 pm
- Nov 7 ~ Hockey team Practice Grade 6-8 @ 3:00 pm

Nov 9 ~ Remembrance Day Paraliturgy @ 11:00 am followed by Luncheon for JK-Grade 8 students (Thank you CSCC!)

Nov 9 ~ Spirit Day is Wear Red Day!

Nov 12 ~ Hockey Team Practice Grade 4-5 @ 3:00 pm

Nov 13 ~ CVA Assembly @ 2:30 pm to celebrate Justice and introduce Hope Value

Nov 13 ~ CSCC Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Nov 14 ~ Hockey Team Practice Grade 6-8 @ 3:00 pm

Nov 16 ~ Spirit day is wear House Colours!

Nov 19 ~ Hockey Team Practice Grade 4-5 @ 3:00 pm

Nov 21 ~ Progress Reports are sent home

Nov 21 ~ Hockey Team Practice Grade 6-8 @ 3:00 pm

Nov 22 ~ Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-7:00 pm

Nov 23 ~ P.A. Day ~ Parent Teacher Interviews 8:30 am-3:00 pm

Nov 26 ~ Hockey Team Practice Grade 4-5 @ 3:00 pm

Nov 27 MADD Presentation for Grade 7&8

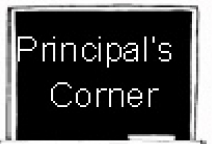
Nov 27 ~ **SKATING DAY**

Nov 28 ~ Hockey Team Practice Grade 6-8 @ 3:00 pm

Nov 30 ~ Spirit Day is Twin Day!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

November begins with our celebration of All Saint's Day and how fitting that is when we look at our theme for the year, Called to Be Our Story. When we look at this term we are talking about being in spiritual union amongst all those of the Christian Church both living and those in heaven. November is a time for us to remember our family and friends we have loved and have passed, with great love and joy. We pray to those saints in heaven to take our prayers to our heavenly Father and to watch over us here on earth. What a wonderful frame of mind this puts us in as we enter the season of Advent and of joyful expectation. Take some time this month to be in communion with all of Christ's family and to treat each other the way that Christ has so clearly called us to be.



Live Christ Every Minute Every Day

Progress reports will be sent home on the 20th¹ of November. Three way conferences will be held on the evening of November 22nd and during the day of November 23rd as it is a PD Day. The focus of the conferences will be to celebrate the learning that has taken place and for your child to establish new goals that can be supported by the school and home. Staying informed and involved in your child's education has a great impact on student success. We ask that you make every effort to meet with your child's teacher. Please go onto School Day to sign up for the Parent Teacher conferences! More information will be sent out to families explaining the process. Please watch for the notice on School Day.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. J. Pender

Message from our Trustee:

Today, people listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if they do listen to teachers, it is because they are first witnesses.
Pope Paul VI

Last month I mentioned the online consultation being conducted by the Ministry of Education at www.fortheparents.ca. At the time only the open submission portal was open. If you visit the site any time before December 15, 2018, the online survey will also be open. You can also register for telephone town halls by completing your contact information. The information gathered will shape the government's education policies going forward; now is your chance to have your say! Parent engagement is one of the cornerstones to student success. It will look different for each family. For some it will mean volunteering in the school and participating on Catholic School and Community Councils. For others it will mean reading to their children each night and taking time over dinner to talk about their day. If you would like to read more about this, please visit the People for Education website and search "parent engagement":

www.peopleforeducation.ca.

On November 22nd and 23rd, parents will have the opportunity to meet with classroom teachers at the elementary schools in Muskoka and Parry Sound. This is a great chance to see your child's classroom and have them show you around the school. As the days get shorter, I hope that you will stay warm and enjoy some time with your loved ones. God Bless,
Carol Corriveau-Truchon



Warm Clothing

Winter officially arrives in December, but there can often be cold wintery days here in November. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions throughout the day. Hats, mitts or gloves, snow pants and boots are necessary when the snow starts to arrive. Putting an extra set of mittens and socks in school bags is highly recommended. Please label all clothing items so that we can easily identify to whom the items belong and return them to the rightful owner. If you need assistance to attain these items, please contact the school. We have graciously had a **donation from the Knights of Columbus for girls and boys winter jackets**. If any family is in need, please contact the office, we are here to help! We would also appreciate any donations of hats, mittens and scarves for our school "borrow and bring back program" for students who may be in need of these items.

Catholic School Community Council (CSCC):

Our CSCC executive members for 2018-2019 are:

Kristen Penfold as Chair
Nicole Penfold as Vice Chair
Jen Harris as Secretary
Chris Morwald as Treasurer



The Catholic School Community Council meets regularly to discuss school issues. Our objective is to provide a caring, nurturing, educational environment steeped in the Catholic tradition. All parents are welcome to attend. The next CSCC meeting is Tuesday November 13th @ 6:00 pm. We also have daycare for the little ones!



Church Mass

Our next Church Mass will be held on Thursday November 1st at 10:30 am at St. Peter the Apostle Church with Father Placid and Father Colin to celebrate All Saints Day. Everyone is always welcome to come and celebrate with us!



Safe Arrival:

In order to ensure the Safe Arrival of every child, we ask that you call the school between 8:00 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. **705-746-7196** to notify us if your child is going to be absent or late from school. When your child returns to school following any absence, a written note of explanation, signed and dated by parents/guardians is requested. This note is to be given to the classroom teacher.

Important Note: If your child regularly walks to school, it is assumed that he/she will attend class when busses are cancelled due to inclement weather. If you decide to keep your child home during an inclement weather day, please call the school to report your child's absence.



Leaving During the Day:

If your child must leave the school for any reason during the school day, please send us a note informing us of the reason for the absence and information regarding the person picking up your child. This note is to be given to the classroom teacher. The adult must pick up the child at the office and sign him/her out using the sign in/out book.



Drop Off/Pick Up:

We ask all parents to please be mindful of the drop off times in the morning. Teacher Supervision begins at 8:35 am, **so please do not drop children off before this time.** Parents are asked when dropping off and picking up their children at all times of the day to please use the parking lot and not the bus loading area/fire lane. We want everyone to be safe!



Visitors:

During the day, visitors to the school must sign in at the office and obtain a 'visitor's pass'. Thank you for your cooperation!

No Nuts at St. Peter the Apostle:

We have students who have life-threatening nut and egg allergies. We are asking that students' lunches and snacks be nut-free and egg free in the Kindergarten room.

Allergies and Medication:

If you did not alert us that your child has food, environmental or drug allergies, please notify the office immediately. Thank you.



If your child requires any medication to be administered at school, a medication form must be completed and returned to the office. In addition, a new form must be completed each school year. Medication must be given to the school in its original container. All medication must be kept in the office and dispensed from the office. Likewise, life-threatening conditions and reactions must also be updated with the office and an Emergency Plan created and updated yearly.

Eat Well To Excel Morning Snack:

Volunteers are still needed for Tuesday morning program to be successful! If you are able to give of your time, even for a couple of days a month, please contact the office. This is a fun way to get involved with your school community!



We are now in full swing with using School Day! Parents will be able to set up their **Parent -Teacher Interviews** using **School Day!** Please watch for the instructions that will be coming out soon. If you need help with this, please call the school and we will gladly help you!



School Skating:

Our school skating program is in full swing! Our first school skating session was on Tuesday October 23.

Our next skating day will be held on Tuesday November 27, 2018 at the Bobby Orr Community Centre. Parents are always welcome to come enjoy the fun! It was wonderful to see so many parents/guardians at the rink last year. We appreciate your help with tying skates too!

JK/SK – Grade 3 1:30 pm - 2:10 pm
Grades 4 –8 2:10 pm - 2:50 pm



Music Scores Program:

Our grade 4-6 classes will be participating in the Music Scores Program on November 20th in our school gymnasium. The students will also experience a morning concert at the Stockey Centre at a later date. We are fortunate to have this experience for our students!

Bringing Personal Property to School:

We request that students do not bring valued personal property to school. This includes video games, MP3 players, cell phones, trading cards, etc. These items can easily be lost or damaged. Please note that the school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items. These items are also often a distraction from the classroom learning environment. Students should not bring money to school. If your child is required to bring money for school events or activities, i.e., pizza day or field trips, please ensure it remains in your child's school bag until the teacher collects it first thing in the morning.



Communication of School Events:

We do our very best to keep you informed of school activities and events. Parents are encouraged to read our monthly newsletters so that they can be informed of upcoming events. The monthly newsletter, is emailed out each month. Please remember to sign up for the newsletter by visiting the school website <http://spe.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/>. We will also be sending it out on School Day. If you would like to receive a paper copy, please contact the office.

Paperless Newsletters:

In an effort to reduce paper consumption, we are encouraging families to choose to receive the monthly school e-newsletter, instead of a paper version. If you are interested in receiving the



school newsletter via email, please go to our school website to sign up <http://spe.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/> You can also contact the office and Mrs. Hill will help you with this. Thank you for supporting our efforts to go green!

Grade 8 Parent Information Night:

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

December 5, 6 p.m.

A great opportunity for parents of Grade 7 & 8 students who are ready for a more personalized education. Explore our beautiful school, learn about our unique programs, and meet our great faculty.

St. Dominic Catholic Secondary
School is open to everyone.



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