

École Mother Teresa School

November Newsletter

As a school community, we have had some wonderful learning opportunities during the past few Professional Development days in October. Our staff has continued to build their knowledge of the new curriculum and the Schoology platform, while having opportunities to grow in our Faith. Our support staff have also engaged in learning through our division on Collaborative Problem Solving in challenging behaviours.

Some exciting news for our school community as we welcome a new grade 6 teacher to our staff, Mrs. Hewgill, allowing for smaller grade 6 classes. Thank you to our grade 6 students and families for having a growth mindset and being open to new opportunities. Please know that due to the additional class, **ALL**

students will have a new timetable; however, subject teachers and most exploratories will remain the same, unless otherwise notified. We are excited to begin this timetable on Nov 6th and we thank you for welcoming Mrs. Hewgill to our school community.



Important Information

- **Faith:** Please join us at 11:00 a.m. mass for Catholic Education Sunday on November 5th, at Our Lady of Assumption Church.
- **Parent Teacher Interviews:** Parent Teacher interviews will occur on November 7th and 8th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In connecting and gathering feedback from our School Council, we recognise the value and convenience of having both in-person and phone call interview options, therefore we will be offering both options on both nights. We will also be having our Book Fair on those nights and look forward to seeing you all. Please see the email sent on November 1 from our school for interview bookings.
- **Mental Health and Wellness:** We have started some wonderful programs at our school, in partnership with the town of Sylvan Lake. Press Pause is running at lunch time focusing on a variety of wellness and mental health strategies. We will also begin our Ment-to-Matter leadership program between our grade 5 and grade 9 students. Thank you to all students who have joined us during lunch hours or who have applied and volunteered to become a mentor.
- **Schoology:** Teachers are now consistently using Schoology for assessments so if you have not signed up as a parent on Schoology, please contact your child's homeroom teacher or if you have any questions, please connect with Mrs. Miller kristin.miller@rdcrs.ca.
- **Athletics:** Crusader athletics continue as our volleyball teams will head into finals this month. We are also looking forward to our grade 6 and 7 development program athletes participating in a tournament this month as well. Thank you to all our coaches who have

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Inspiré par Dieu dans une aventure à découvrir, grandir, et servir.*

volunteered countless hours to help our athletic programs run smoothly. Good luck with the rest of your seasons, Go Crusaders!

Important Dates

- **November 1st- All Saints Day**
- **November 2nd- All Souls Day**
- **November 5th- Catholic Education Sunday- mass at 11:00 p.m. at OLA**
- **November 6th - 8th - Scholastic Book Fair**
- **November 7th and 8th- Parent Teacher Interviews from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
- **November 8th- Remembrance Day celebration at 10:30 a.m.**
- **November 9th and 10th- NO SCHOOL**
- **November 11th - Remembrance Day**
- **November 14 - Lifetouch Picture Retake Day**
- **November 17th - Crazy Hair Day**
- **November 20th - Hot Lunch cutoff**
- **November 24th- PD day for staff- NO SCHOOL for students**
- **November 28th- School Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.**
- **Purdy's Christmas Fundraiser during the month of November**

Important Links

- [New curriculum info for parents](#)
- [EMTS schoology support for parents](#)
- [School calendar](#)

We want to thank you again for all your support and conversations over the past few months. As always, please do not hesitate to ask questions or reach out. Our school office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for phone calls and inquiries.

Yours in Christ,



Mme Erika Pottage