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November Newsletter 2010

Our School Board Mission

We are a Catholic school system, called to work in partnership with home, parish and community, on our journey to understand and live the way of Jesus Christ. We are committed to excellence in Catholic education and to lifelong learning, so that those with whom we journey may become caring and contributing citizens in a world of constant challenge.

Principal's Message

On the P.A.Day, Friday, November 26, our staff will join the rest of the eastern half of the School Board for a Faith Day. We will spend the day at Holy Cross Catholic School where we will hear keynote speakers and participate in faith-based workshops. Our School Board is committed to providing time to reflect, learn and pray in the tradition of our Catholic faith. We are rooted in Christ and that makes us distinctive. A Faith Day helps us grow as members of the Church.

Faith News

Please join us for Mass at St. John the Apostle Church on **Friday, November 5th at 9:30 a.m.** For your information we would also like to inform you of some dates that have been established for the coming year.



Advent Community Mass:

Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m.

First Reconciliation:

Sacrament: Wednesday, January 19th at 6:30 p.m. Mass

First Communion:

Parent Meeting: TBA.

Sacrament: Sunday, May 1st at 10:30 Mass

Confirmation:

Sacrament: Sunday June 12th at 10:30 Mass

St. Peter Catholic School Council Meeting

Another month has passed and we now have our new climber installed. I hope the girls and boys are enjoying it. We had a BBQ at Walmart on the 23rd. A lot of customers gave donations for the new climber. We also ran a cheese fundraiser in October. Our final fundraiser in October was the No Peeking Magazine. Thank you to all who supported these fundraisers in October. They were very successful. We have a very good start to paying for the climber. Also, a very big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out. (Karen & Rachel, Hetti & Aileen, Marsha & Rebecca, Sheila & Holly, Rachel Young and Sandra Almeida for the BBQ. Thanks Marsha for co-ordinating the cheese fundraiser. The next cheese order will be sent out in December. The No Peeking Magazine orders should arrive at the school by or before November 28th. A reminder notice to pick up your order will be sent home. Thanks again. Our Council meeting is Monday November 1st, 6:30, in the library. All are welcome. St. Peter School Council- Sheila Kinstler(Chair)

Thank You For Arriving On Time

Thank you to parents and students who are making a sincere effort to arrive at school on time each day. As you know, punctual attendance is a great habit for life, in particular for high school, post secondary education and for the world of work. When parents express the importance of arriving at school on time, children will see it as a priority as well. Late attendance is disruptive to our morning routines at school and children miss out on important literacy lessons. Please continue to encourage your children to arrive on time. Parents are reminded that students should not be dropped off at the school prior to 8:30 a.m. Supervision begins at this time. Before this time, there is no one on the yard to ensure the safety of students. Students are expected to wait outside the gate until the supervising staff is on the yard.



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Picture Retakes

Lifetouch will be here on Tuesday, November 2nd for picture retakes.

Cross Country Running

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Board Cross Country Meet, which took place on October 14th at Fort Henry Hill. Our students did a great job representing St. Peter Catholic School. They showed skill, positive attitude and encouraged each other on to the finish line. Thank you to Ms. Markotich who coached the team. Thank you to Ms. Rodrigues who accompanied the team to the meet.

Please remember that November 26th is a P.A. Day.



Lest We Forget

To mark the importance of Remembrance Day, we will be hosting a Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11th (10:45 a.m.). Parents are welcome to attend.

Cool Weather Clothing

As the cooler weather approaches, please ensure that your children are warm enough for outdoor play. Also, please remind your children to wear the outdoor clothing that you send them in outside at recess time.



Pediculosis Check

Please continue to check your child(ren) regarding head lice. We will have a school wide check in the near future.

Thinking of Others – United Way

Throughout November the students and staff will be working together to raise funds for the United Way Campaign. The United Way organization supports many needy families in the Kingston area. The Student Council has organized some school spirit activities. To participate in these activities, the students are asked to donate \$1. There will be five Spirit Days so students could donate \$5 and participate in all five. The following are the dates and themes for the Spirit Days:

Monday, November 8th – Pyjama Day

Tuesday, November 9th – Hat Day

Wednesday, November 10th – Wacky Wednesday

Thursday, November 11th – Crazy Hair Day

Friday, November 12th – Sports Day

The Staff has also organized special breakfasts and dress down Fridays to support this cause.

Terrific Kids

At October's Good News Assembly we recognized, with the help of Kiwanis, our Terrific Kids for the month. The medallion winners were: JK/SK – Noah Millar, Grade 1/2 – Jack Simoes, Grade 3/4 – Lucas Reis, Grade 5/6 – Nino Agostino, Grade 7/8 – Josh Kirby, and French – Miranda Leonardo. Congratulations to all our recipients.



Caught Caring

Students who do random acts of kindness are recognized on our Caught Caring bulletin board. This month we chose 2 students from this group and recognized them at our Good News Assembly. This month we recognized Holly Kinstler and Rebecca Vincent. Thanks for being caring, Holly and Rebecca.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons are being offered at St. Peter Catholic School during the school day. Piano lessons also available at my home studio. Lessons are \$20 for a private 30-minute lesson – weekly or biweekly. Special rates for siblings! For more details, please contact: Annette McCaffrey, B.Mus., B.M.T. directly at annettemccaffrey@gmail.com or phone: 613-767-8691.



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Flu Season

The flu season has hit.. Please join us in reminding the children to keep germs under control by washing their hands regularly with soap and water, using hand sanitizer, not sharing personal items, and coughing and sneezing into a tissue or their sleeve. **If children are not feeling well and are unable to participate in the normal day to day activities, we ask that you keep them at home. This includes going outside for recess.** We do not have supervision for students staying inside for recess. If a child becomes sick during the day, we will be calling for you to pick up the child.

Report Cards and Interviews

The time for first term Progress Report cards has changed this year. This is a Province-wide change. First term report cards will not be sent home until November 19th.

Interviews requested either by the parent or the teacher will be scheduled November 24th and 25th. Please remember that you can talk to your child's teacher any time about his/her progress and do not have to wait to be invited to an interview for this to happen.

Halloween Dance

On October 29th the students enjoyed many Halloween activities. They were feeling scary items, making pumpkins and eating healthy treats. The most fun activity was the Halloween dance. All grades had an opportunity to show off their moves on the dance floor. There were spot dances and costume prizes for the older students. It was a fun day for all involved.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!

We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us on Nov. 24th & 25th.

Students will visit the Book Fair during class time and can purchase books during the visit. If you are unable to visit the Fair, look over the attached Book Fair flyer with your child and use the Student Wish list form to select books. Then, simply send it in with the correct amount of money to the school with your child. Drop into the school library on **Nov. 24th & 25th** where you'll find books for every person in your family. Don't forget to enter our Family Event Draw. You could win \$50.00 in books - \$25.00 for your family and \$25.00 for your child's classroom!

P.S. For every \$10.00 you spend at the Book Fair, up to \$6.00 goes back to our school. This allows us to purchase needed books and educational resources.



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