



# OUR LADY OF PEACE NOVEMBER 2018



## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

### **A Prayer for All Saints and All Souls**

God our Father, this month we celebrate the Church in Heaven

We remember all those quiet heroes of our faith, the saints.

Those men and women who understood what it is like to live life amid temptations.

Who struggled with the difficulties each day brings.

Who resisted those things which keep us away from You.

Who searched for You in both joyful and sad events.

And those who found You when they least expected.

They lived in the hope that they would join You in heaven.

May God Bless all of those in our community whom we have lost.

Welcome them and all the souls of all our dearly departed into your kingdom.

Amen

Yours in Catholic Education,

C. Van Balkom



*Peace, Performance, Possibilities*

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## OFFICE NEWS

### **ABSENCE REPORTING:**

**Please do not call the school to report any late entries, full day or half day absences.**

We are asking parents/guardians to do any of the following for ALL Absences and late entries:

1. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account using your email address. Select Attendance to Report an Absence. NOTE: Once you are logged in, please ensure that you update your message preferences.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). Use your new login information to access your account. Select Attendance to Report an Absence.
3. Call toll-free number **1-833-275-6703** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY LITURGY



On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Canadians all across Canada will stop and pay tribute to the men and women killed in Canada's peace-keeping operations.

In classrooms across Canada for a number of years, students have discussed Remembrance Day, recognizing the sacrifices that others have made and continue to make for Canada. It remains important for all of us to value freedom and to honour Canadian soldiers and peacemakers who have sacrificed to ensure our safety and the safety and dignity of others. A solemn liturgy will be held on Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the school gym. Parents are invited to attend.



Lest We Forget.

## CONFIRMATION

Students in grade 7 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church. This year we will be joined by our friends from St. Claire of Assisi. Please pray for them as they make this commitment to their faith.

## PILGRIMAGE

Thank you to the parents and students who walked with Mrs. D'Andrea at the Annual Walk with Christ: Justice for the Poor Pilgrimage. We are proud of our students and their families for supporting this event.

## PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>

## Parent Conference

The Parent Conference is being held on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School. More information will follow closer to the event. Registration forms are available on the board website: [www.hwcdsb.ca](http://www.hwcdsb.ca)

## INDOOR/OUTDOOR SHOES AND BOOTS

Please be reminded that ALL students need indoor and outdoor footwear for the cold and wet weather. Children spend a good portion of time outside and in addition to warm clothing, they require warm footwear. Also, we ask that children not wear wet footwear in the school for safety reasons. Should any family require assistance in this regard please contact the school.

## VIRTUE AWARD WINNERS

This year we will continue to recognize students for the demonstration of Catholic virtues. The following students were selected as exemplifying the virtue of empathy during the month of October 2018.

Miss. Layne/ Mrs. Graham - Ariel D.

Miss. Dalla Riva- Channing P.

Mrs. Skevas/ Mrs. DiVittorio- Xavier S.

Mr. Capretta- Xavier S.

Mrs. Morrone- Alexia A.

Mrs. Bierhuizen- Marley M.

Mrs. Santamaria- Sophia F.

Miss. Bombardieri- Martina I.

Mrs. Garofalo- Shawna P.

Mrs. Radencich- Luca S.

Mrs. Kagianis- Julia K.

Mrs. Rousseaux/ Miss. Ionico- Teagen P.

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY—MONDAY, NOV. 12<sup>th</sup>

## LATENESS

School begins promptly at 8:45 a.m. We have a number of students who are coming to school late. This is not only disruptive to the office, it also has consequences for your child and the classroom. Often teachers have already given out some instructions and your child will experience being hurried and perhaps miss out on some important information. It is also disruptive to the class. Please help your child to learn good habits by being at school on time. Thank you for your support in this area.

## DISMISSAL

The final class at school is from 2:35-3:15. Teachers are directed to teach to the bell as each subject area has a number of minutes assigned to it per week.

Students in K may be let out slightly earlier to allow parents to pick up their other children who are dismissed from different doors.

For all other students, they will be dismissed at 3:15 from their class. Hopefully this prevents everyone from arriving so early to the school. Thank you for your understanding.

## UNIFORM SWAP

On Thursday, November 15th your CSC will have tables set up in the gym with clean no longer needed uniforms from families in our community. You can then visit the gym and pick up some uniform items if needed. This is a great opportunity to re-use as part of our recycling efforts. If you have any uniform items, you are asked to donate them. Have your child give them to their teacher from November 1st to 9th.

We ask that the items do not have any stains or tears. We hope that this becomes an annual event.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

WED. NOVEMBER 14th @ 6:15 p.m.

Financial Report by Principal

## PARISH NEWS

Parish Fall Fair—Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00a.m. –2:00 p.m. Vendors, games, food and prizes!

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT—Monday, November 26th from 7:00 -8:30 in the Parish Centre. Youth Group members and their families are invited to take part.

Please rsvp to West at [soundofmusic986@gmail.com](mailto:soundofmusic986@gmail.com) by Wednesday, November 22nd.

The evening will include a dramatic presentation, music, prayer, a craft, and refreshments.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Students in Grades 3-7 are invited to sign up as actors, singers and readers.

Rehearsals at the Church on:

Sunday Dec. 9th 6:30 - 8:30

Sunday December 16th 6:30– 8:30

Saturday December 22nd from 12:00—3:00 p.m. in the Church (includes a party after practice!)

**Presentation: Monday, December 24th at Christmas Eve Mass**

**This is a very special opportunity for your children.**

## UNIFORMS

Please note that white and navy tights only are considered as uniform items.

As well, a number of students have been wearing leggings, jeggings, sweatpants and even jeans .

These are not considered uniform bottoms.

We will start to gently remind you if your child is out of uniform. If it happens more than twice we will call to ask that you kindly bring in the proper uniform bottom or top. Please note that no hoodies (except for grade grad hoodies) are permitted to be worn in school. Thanks for your understanding