

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL

November 2017

Support Catholic Education

Important information for eligible Catholic ratepayers

Catholic education has been an integral part of Ontario's history for more than 160 years. As a vital component of the province's publicly funded education system, Catholic schools educate nearly 600,000 students each year. Did You Know? Your school support defaults to English Public each time you move residences. You must re-declare yourself as English Separate. It is important to regularly verify your tax-directed support by checking your property tax bill or speaking to your landlord. You may also call the Municipal Property Assessment Office at 1-866-296-6722.

By ensuring that you are registered as a separate school supporter, you are helping to deliver a powerful message to the Ontario government about the level of support for publicly funded Catholic education in your district.

The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board wishes to thank the community of separate school supporters for their continued support of Catholic education in our district.

Grade 8 Parent Information Night

There will be a Grade 8 parent information evening at St. Joseph– Scollard Hall on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. The evening will include a tour of the school, a social and an opportunity to ask questions. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled to Thursday December 7 at 6:00pm. The staff and students of St. Joseph-Scollard Hall look forward to meeting with you.

Treaties Recognition Week

“November 6th – 10th is Treaties Recognition Week. Our school community will be celebrating in some very special ways, including making wampum belts, hosting guest speakers, smudging ceremonies, and more.”

Visitor Sign-In

*To ensure the safety and security of our students, we ask all visitors to adhere to the sign-in protocol. Please stop by the office upon arrival and sign yourself into our **Visitor Registry Book**, don't forget to sign out on your departure.*

Save the Dates

- PA Day November 6
- PA Day November 24
- Remembrance Day – November 11
- Remembrance Day Service – November 10 @ 9:15 a.m.
- Picture Retake Day – November 17
- Compassion Virtue Mass – November 22 @ 9:15 .m.
- Dental Screening – November 23
- Parent Teacher Interviews Novemer 23 – evening and November 24 - morning
- Interim Reports sent home – November 23
- November CSAC Meeting – November 21st @ 5:30 p.m.



Remembrance Day Service

Parents and families are invited to attend our Remembrance Day Service on November 10th at 9:15 a.m. in the gym. All parents/guardians/veterans are welcome to join us.



Wear a Poppy

Poppies will be handed out to the students for Remembrance Day. Please send a donation with your child. Thank you in advance. Let us show our support to our soldiers/veterans!!

Virtue Celebration

Our Virtue for the Month of November is Compassion. We will be having our Virtue Celebration on November 22nd at 9:15 a.m. Please plan on joining us.

Picture Retake Day



We will be having picture retakes on November 17th for those students who were absent for Picture Day or for those students wishing retakes. Remember to bring your smile!

Day Light Savings Time

Day Light Savings Time ends on November 5. Remember to set your clocks back!

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Bullying Awareness Week is November 19-25. The theme this year is Stand Up! (to bullying). During this week various activities will take place in our schools and classrooms to highlight this issue and help our students better understand how to help prevent bullying. Visit <http://www.bullyingawarenessweek.org/> for more information and resources. **Wear miss-matched socks on Monday, November 20th and wear a pink shirt on Wednesday, November 22nd to show your support.**

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is a great way for you to encourage your child to participate in school events and activities, without worrying about cash transactions at school. You can pay online in advance to ensure your child is able to participate in the school activity. You are encouraged to use this form of payment for **pizza days, sub days, field trips, fundraisers and more!** If you have not already registered please visit <https://npssc.schoolcashionline.com> for more details or call the school if you have any questions or need assistance to register.

CSAC Christmas with the Dragons

Yes! The time is flying by and Christmas is fast approaching! Again this year, our CSAC (Parent Council) will be hosting Christmas with the Dragons **on December 5th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** and have begun their planning. It is an evening of fun for our families with different crafts for the children. Also included at this event will be a Silent Auction and Bake Sale. If you wish to donate a new item for the Auction you may contact the office. If you love to bake and would like to contribute towards our Bake Sale we would love to hear from you as well. Please save this date!

Confirmation Preparation 2017



Dear Parents, Guardians & Confirmation Candidates,

Confirmation Preparation will once again involve candidates from the entire North Bay region. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other young people who are also preparing for their Confirmation and who will be celebrating the Sacrament along with you.

**A Confirmation Information Night will be held Thursday, November 16
at St. Peter the Apostle Church on Airport Road from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.**

**This meeting is mandatory as you will receive an overview of the preparation program.
Candidates and parents are asked to attend this meeting.**

We wish to congratulate you on taking this big step in your faith journey. Confirmation is a special time for a young person to commit to their faith and experience the Holy Spirit in their life. It is a sacrament that continues the welcoming and the belonging that began with Baptism and which continues with the celebration of Eucharist. We are hoping our Confirmation preparation will not only prepare you for the Sacrament of Confirmation, but will be a fun experience, that will help build new friendships, spark different interests and present personal challenges.

Please note that in requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation it is presumed that you are in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, call your parish office as soon as possible.

To Register for Confirmation before November 13 please call your parish office or visit:

<https://goo.gl/forms/3wxYoudDq0J20eqK2>

Dental Screening

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is visiting our school on November 23rd for Grades JK, SK, 2, 4, and 6 students. If you do not wish your child to participate, please contact the Public Health Dental Program. Further details to follow shortly.

Catholic School Advisory Council

Our next Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) will be held on November 21st at 5:30 p.m. Please plan on coming out and joining us!

Allergies

A friendly reminder, that there are children in our school with severe, life threatening allergies to peanuts and nuts. We maintain a peanut and nut aware school community, **peanut and nut products are not permitted.**

Medication

We cannot dispense medication to a student unless it is prescribed by a physician. If your child requires medication during the school year, please have your physician complete the "Request for Administration of Oral Medication" form that has been sent home with your child and you can obtain one at the office any time. All medication must be kept at the office with written instructions.

Inclement Weather

If the buses have been cancelled due to inclement weather and you bring your child to school, please ensure that there is a teacher staff member at the school to receive your child. If the weather is severe, the teachers may be delayed in arriving at school as well. The staff will make every effort to ensure the safety of your child. As always, if the buses are not running and you send your child to school, you must make arrangements to pick them up at 3:00 pm.