

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL

February 2018

Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registrations

Registrations are currently being accepted for September 2018, in our 11 Catholic elementary schools serving North Bay, Mattawa, Powassan, Callander and West Nipissing. Kindergarten students must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2018 and Senior Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2018. Children that are already in school need not re-register for Senior Kindergarten.

Please call St. Alexander School main office for more information.

Family Day - February 19



Several years ago, the Government of Ontario announced the creation of a new province-wide statutory holiday, Family Day, to emphasize and celebrate family. This day is celebrated on the third Monday in February every year. Please note: All schools and administration offices in the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board **will be closed** on Monday, February 19.



Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Shrove Tuesday is on February 13, 2018. Our students will be served pancakes and syrup in the morning.

Our School will be celebrating Ash Wednesday on February 14 at 1:30 p.m. in our school gym. We invite all families to come and join us as we start our Lenten journey together!

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

- February 2 – P.A. Day
- February 13 – Shrove Tuesday
- February 14 – Report Card Distribution
- February 14 – Ash Wednesday
- February 19 – Family Day
- February 22 - Virtue Mass





Red/white/pink Day

Wednesday, February 14th is red, white and pink day. Students and staff are invited to come to school dressed in Valentine's colours!

Winter Electives

The Grade 4/5 and Grade 5/6 classes will have curling sessions in the gym with a representative from the North Bay Granite Club to teach our students how to curl. The dates we have scheduled are February 13th, 15th, 20th and February 22nd in the afternoon. Please watch for more details.

Virtue of the Month

The Virtue of the month of February is Understanding. Please plan on joining us for our Virtue Celebration on February 22nd at 9:30 a.m. in our school gym.

Lenten Project

This year as a Lenten Project the St. Alexander School Dragons will be supporting the North Bay Food Bank with Oral Hygiene Health specifically the collection of new toothbrushes. Toothpaste and dental floss will also be accepted. Good oral hygiene leads to good over all health. During the 40 days of Lent we will be having some incentive days. Our Lenten Project will be launched to the students after the Ash Wednesday Service.

Feb 16 - Wacky Hair
Feb 23 - Backwards Day
March 2 - Jersey Day
March 8 - Hat Day
March 23 - PJ Day

Once again thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Larmer.

Catholic School Advisory Council

Our next Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) will be held on March 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

RAZ Kids

Raz Kids is up and running. Through individual student accounts, student are able to read leveled books.

Pop Cans

Thanks to all the students who continue to bring in pop tabs. This is a year-round project. So keep them coming!!!! Drop off is located in Mrs. Larmer's classroom.



Maximum Learning Experience

We realize that mornings can be rough and sometimes it is hard to be on time. We really encourage all students to arrive on time for school at 8:45 am in order to optimize maximum learning. If you are running late, please observe the natural breaks as a re-entry point; 10:30-10:45 a.m. or 11:45-12:30 p.m. as not to disrupt the learning of other students. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Cold Weather!

The weather has certainly been unpredictable but it is essential that the students come to school dressed for outdoor play. The children are outside for all recesses and they should be dressed appropriately. It is a great idea for your child to have an extra pair of mitts and socks as these do get wet! Neck warmers or very short scarves are preferable to long ones that have to be tied. Please write your child's name on his/her coat, pants, mitts and boots. When there is an extreme wind chill factor, the students are kept indoors and provided with alternate activities.

