

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL

March 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 at 705-472-9141 for more information.

Save the Date: April 26!

Our Parent Involvement Committee is pleased to welcome Dr. Michael Ungar to NPSC. Dr. Ungar is the founder and Director of the Resilience Research Centre and is Canada's Research Chair in Child, Family and Community Resilience. Join us April 26, 2018, for an engaging presentation to learn practical strategies for parents, caregivers, and educators to help young people of all ages heal, no matter a child's emotional, psychological or behavioral problems. Details and registration information available at npsc.ca.

Virtue of the Month

Each month we continue to focus on a specific Catholic Virtue. The Virtue of the month of March is Forgiveness. Please watch for more details regarding our Virtue Mass.

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

- Board Holiday - March 9
- March Break, March 12-16
- Healthy Hands – March 21
- Turkey Lunch – March 28
- Good Friday - March 30
- Easter Monday – April 2
- April 26 - Dr. Michael Ungar
- May 16 – Carousel Evening

THERE IS NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS MARCH 30TH AS IT IS GOOD FRIDAY AND NO SCHOOL ON APRIL 2ND AS IT IS EASTER MONDAY.



Daylight Savings



Daylight savings begins on Sunday, March 11th. Do not forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour!

Lenten Project

As our Lenten Project continues, St. Alexander School is continuing to collect toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss in support of the North Bay Food Bank. Please note the incentive days below:

March 2nd – Jersey Day

March 8 – Hat Day

March 23 – PJ Day

Thank you for your support.



Turkey Lunch

Our CSAC Committee will be preparing a turkey lunch for our students on March 28th! Students will be served a delicious turkey dinner complete with mashed potatoes, vegetables, juice and dessert. Please watch for more details to follow.

Google Hangout with Dr. Robert Ballard

On Tuesday, March 20th, the Grade 1 to 6 students will have a unique and exciting opportunity through the use of a Google Hangout to chat with Dr. Robert Ballard. Dr. Ballard is an oceanographer and underwater archaeologist who discovered the remains of the Titanic and the Bismark. Currently a professor at the University of Rhode Island, Dr. Ballard will be sharing stories with the students on his adventures underwater. Students are encouraged to research the story of the Titanic over the March Break. For more information contact Mrs. Larmer.

March Break

Friday, March 9 is a Board Holiday and there is no school for students this day. The March Break is from March 12 to March 16 inclusive and there will be no school on these days.



Healthy Hands

The North Bay Health Unit will be making a presentation on Wednesday, March 28th to students in Grades JK/SK, Grade 1/2, Grade 2/3 and Grade 4/5 on the importance of hand washing.

Catholic School Advisory Council

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

Inclement Weather

Now that the days are warming up, the playgrounds can be very wet. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the cool, wet weather. An extra set of dry clothes are strongly recommended to be sent to school.

Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program



Beginning February to June 2018, your child's school will provide students with two weekly servings of vegetables and fruit via the Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program.

While giving students the opportunity to experiment with a variety of vegetables and fruit, the program also educates students on the benefits of health eating and physical activity for overall health.

The program is being brought to you by the Ministry of health and Long-term Care in partnership with the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and your child's school. Please contact the school for further information.



Together In Faith

The Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association (OCSTA) is launching a new campaign to strengthen the support for Catholic Education in Ontario, called Together in Faith. NPSC invites you to learn more about this campaign at www.togetherinfaith.ca and consider signing your name to show your support.