



NOVEMBER, 2020



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Ms. M. Quinn

A Prayer For Remembrance Day

Loving God,
Have mercy on your people, and open our hearts to
peace and love.

Reward all who have died for their country,
and grant that Canada and all the nations may continue to work for
peace and justice.

Bless us In your service, and help us to follow Jesus Christ,
who Is our Savior and our Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.



IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER WE CELEBRATE THE
CATHOLIC VIRTUE OF:

Justice

I WILL TREAT OTHERS IN A JUST, EQUITABLE AND
UNBIASED MANNER.

I WILL PLAY BY THE RULES, TAKE TURNS AND SHARE.

I WILL BE OPEN-MINDED AND LISTEN TO OTHERS



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Principal / Vice Principal's Message

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As we enter the third month of our school year, we are reminded how quickly time passes when we are hard at work with life's activities. Students continue to apply themselves responding to the demands of the current school year, while adjusting to increasing expectations of a new grade and adapting to different teaching and learning strategies with their teachers. We are happy with their participation, positive attitude and progress and we continue to work in partnership with home, school and Parish.

Although we could not participate in our Annual School Halloween Dance-a-thon fundraiser, the students had fun dressing up in their costumes and participating in classroom Halloween crafts, activities and performances.

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church and is celebrated annually on November 1. This date is dedicated to the saints of the church and it is the time we reflect on the works of our Saints. All Souls Day, on November 2nd is a holy day set aside for honouring the dead. Let us take time to venerate the faithfully departed and let us continue to pray for them. We look forward to our Remembrance Day Liturgy, which will be virtual and will take place on November 11 at 10:45am.

The Progress Report for grades 1-8, as well as Communication of Learning (Kindergarten), will go home on November 20. Both will help focus rich dialogue around student learning between teachers, their students, and parents/guardians. Parent-Teacher interviews will take place during the week of November 23-26. Teachers will contact parents and arrange a Google Meet and/or phone call for all interviews.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention week is November 15-21. We look forward to the many activities staff and students will be participating in to spread awareness.

Yours in Catholic Education

Mrs. D'Andrea

Principal

Mrs. Crocitto

Vice Principal

Progress Reports and Interviews

Progress Reports will be sent home with your child on **November 20**. The Progress Report will help to create rich dialogue between teachers, their students and parents/guardians, to help establish next steps and set a positive tone for the remainder of the school year. Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place the week of **November 23-26**. Due to safety protocols, interviews will be arranged in the form of a Google Meet or phone call.



Multi-Year Strategic Plan

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Mission Statement

Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.



Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.



Core Values



Strategic Commitments

- Integration of Our Catholic Faith
- Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement
- Effective Use of Our Resources
- Engaging Our Communities





Safe Arrival



Visitors to School



SAFE ARRIVAL

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

Before the bell time for the current day, please call 1-855-856-7862 or visit go.schoolmessenger.ca

Planned absences may be reported in advance.

Until further notice, visitors, including parents are not to enter the school during hours of operation unless identified through a prearranged exception.

- It is expected that parents/guardians first contact the school by telephone if assistance is required.
- Visitors will only be allowed to enter after they have read the self-assessment notification and have no outlined symptoms.



The first week in November is always celebrated as National Down Syndrome Awareness Week throughout Canada, with several Down Syndrome associations hosting 'Community Initiatives' to help promote inclusiveness and a positive image of people with Down Syndrome in their communities. This year it has been renamed "Canadian Down Syndrome Week" (CDSW).

November 1st- 7th, 2020 the Down Syndrome Association of York Region participates in an annual Buddy Walk. Throughout the week, we encourage classes and the SMY community to participate in a 21 minute walk daily to promote a positive image of people with Down syndrome as being valued community members. Please visit www.dsayr.ca/buddywalk/ to make a donation to help in supporting educational activities, various therapies and the arts in York Region





Remembrance Day Liturgy



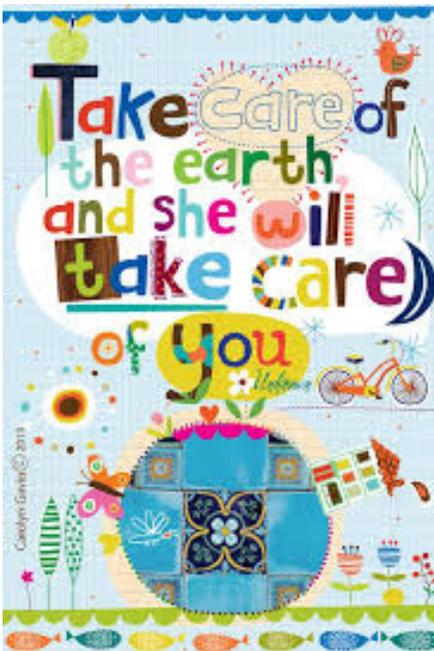
On November 11th we will be celebrating our Remembrance Day Liturgy virtually at 10:45 a.m. May we take this time to honor and remember the many men and women who have served and continue to serve our country during times of war and peace. As a whole school, we will pause to remind ourselves of how fortunate we are to live in this great country, Canada. A special thank you to Ms. Perry, Ms. Camerlango and Ms. McCarthy's classes for preparing and leading leading us In this liturgy.



Mindful Mondays



Weekly, we welcome Mindful Mondays at St. Mary's to focus and promote student mental health and wellbeing. Mindfulness practice can be an especially important component of a child's life. The goal of our Mindful Monday's is to engage in methods of relaxation to relieve stress and anxiety and to achieve mental, emotional and physical well-being. Additionally, it encourages self-regulation strategies so that students can learn to become aware and manage their behaviour in various environments. We thank Ms. Zoccoli and Ms. Maggisano for leading this Initiative.



St. Mary's Eco-Club

At St. Mary CES, we are making **green** living a part of our everyday school life.

As an Eco-Responsible School, St. Mary CES aims for learning to start in the classroom and expand to the community by engaging the next generation in action-based learning.

Throughout the year, SMY students will be engaged in various eco-friendly initiatives planned throughout the school year.



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Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week



November 15-21 is Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment. During Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week, students, school staff and parents are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being. Throughout the week we will be having theme days to promote anti-bullying awareness.

Bully Awareness and Prevention Week Nov 16-20 AT SMY

MONDAY

"Too Cool To Be A Bully"

Wear sunglasses today!



TUESDAY

"Hats Off To Bystanders"

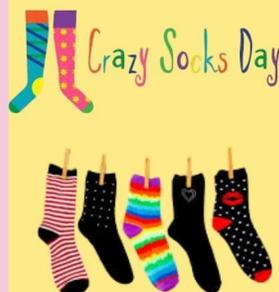
Wear your favorite hat today!



WEDNESDAY

"Sock It To Bullying"

Wear crazy or mis-match socks today!



THURSDAY

"Think Pink And Stand Up To Bullying"

Pink shirt day today!



FRIDAY

"Put Bullying To Rest"

Wear your comfy pj's today!

