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November 2011 Newsletter



Lest We Forget

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

John McCrae

Remembrance Day

On November 11th, Canadians all across the country stop and remember the men, women, and children who were killed in wars. There are parades and memorial services. Everyone stands in silence as they remember the more than 100,000 brave Canadians who were killed. World War One Armistice was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month and that is why November 11th is called Remembrance Day. On November 11th the students will be given a poppy supplied by the Royal Canadian Legion. Students are asked to bring a small donation to help support our veterans. We will also be having a Remembrance Day celebration at 11:00 a.m. on Thurs-

day, November 11th in the school gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

Professional Activity Day

On **Friday, November 18th, 2011**, teachers will be involved Professional Development. There is no school for students on this day.

School Fundraiser Update

Thank you to our staff and parent community for supporting our school fall fundraiser. A special thank you to our Catholic School Council for organizing the fundraiser. Special thank you also to Mdme Reilly for assisting Council with this fundraiser. Congratulations to our top sellers.

- Jennifer K.
- Ethan D.
- Sole C.

EQAO 2009-2010 Results

Recently EQAO released results for Bishop Francis Allen School for the primary (Grades 1-3) and junior (Grades 4-6) assessments of reading, writing and mathematics.

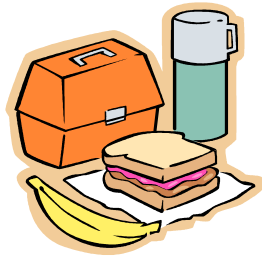
Our school results are as follows:

Grade 3

Reading 70%
Writing 82%
Mathematics 70%

Grade 6

Reading 62%
Writing 65%
Mathematics 58%



Hot Lunches at Bishop Francis Allen School

Please note the following dates for Hot Lunches at our school.

Our Pre-Paid Pizza dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, November 1st
- Tuesday, November 8th
- Tuesday, November 15th
- Tuesday, November 22nd
- Tuesday, November 29th

Pasta Day is:

Thursday, November 17th

Mr. Sub Day :

Thursday, November 24th

Inclement Weather Procedures

In the event of snowstorms which prevent safe travel, please listen to the following radio stations for announcements about bus transportation and school closures, usually beginning about **6:30 am**.

CKFM 99.9	CHUM 1050
Q107	CFTR 680
CFNY 102.1	CISS 92.5
CJCL 590	CHFI 98.1
CHIN 100.7	1540 AM
	640 AM

These announcements may take one of three forms:

- Some buses in some areas may be cancelled, but other buses are running and schools remain open for students who walk.
- Buses may be cancelled but the school will be open
- School may be cancelled entirely.

Buses that do not run in the morning do not run in the afternoon. If you drive your bus student to school on a day when buses are cancelled, you are responsible for provid-

ing transportation home at the end of the day as well.

It can be hazardous for small children to walk in extreme weather conditions when high winds and blowing snow obscure their vision and also prevent them from being seen. Please remember, you are the ultimate authority in deciding what weather conditions are safe for your child, whether the school is open or closed; it is better 'to err on the side of caution than to needlessly risk a child's safety.'



Dress Code

In keeping with the Board’s Mission and Catholic School teaching, each school is committed to standards of neatness, cleanliness, modesty and good taste as specified in the Appropriate Dress Code Policy of the Board: Students are required to dress in a manner and attire suitable for the occasion and appropriate to school environment. Failure to comply with this expectation shall result in disciplinary action.

- Shirts must be close to the arm and must not be low in the front or back. We must be able to tuck our tops into our pants i.e. no halter (thin straps) or tank tops that show midriff
- Shorts and skirts should be longer than arms length; no cutoffs or bicycle shorts are permitted
- Suggestive or inappropriate language or satanic symbols are not permitted on any clothing, shoes or personal belongings, i.e. skulls, deliberate tears, violent symbols, ethnic, racial, sexual, religious slurs. Any reference to gangs is also not permitted
- Sunglasses and hats are allowed to be worn only outdoors
- Bandanas may be worn only by females as hair bands; sweatbands may be worn for Physical Education classes only
- No black soled shoes are to be worn in the gym for physical education activities
- For physical education class, students must bring a change of top and if possible, shorts or track pants. Jewelry is not to be worn during gym class
- Make-up if worn must be modest and in good taste.
- No improper jewelry in terms of symbols and location
- Footwear must be worn at all times.

We ask that you take some time to go over the dress code with your children and we thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Dressing For Winter

While we have been blessed with moderate Fall weather, we can expect this to change at any time. Please assist us in encouraging the children to dress adequately for this weather. When on yard supervision, teachers are checking, not only on the activities/games children play, but also noting that they are wearing boots, hats, gloves and scarves when necessary. Except when the weather is extremely cold or wet, the students will be going outside during the recess and lunch periods. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School policy states **that consideration should be given for keeping students indoors during recesses when the wind chill reaches -20C. At -25C students will be kept indoors.** Playing outdoors is a pleasant & healthy activity when students are wearing suitable clothing. For the younger students, it would be helpful if parents were to label items of clothing with their child's name, so that each person can more easily locate his/her own clothing from the class coat rack area. Each term, items make their way to the Lost and Found and are never claimed. Labelled items can be returned more easily and mixed up items sorted out more readily. If your child brings home an item by mistake, please return it to the school so that this mix up may be corrected the next day!



Indoor Shoes

Soon we will begin to experience wet and slushy weather. In order to avoid tracking mud, water and snow into the classroom, it will be necessary for each student to have a pair of indoor running shoes. Students will change into this additional pair of shoes as soon as they come to their class. We are also requesting that the shoes the students

will wear indoors, have LIGHT coloured soles so that there will be no black scuff marks on the floors .

We appreciate your assistance in this endeavor.

Student Illness— Staying in During Recess

Students who are ill should be kept home where they are most comfortable and can get better, sooner. A child who is too ill to go out for recess is too ill to be at school. Your co-operation to keep your child home when he/she is ill is appreciated.

Physical Education

Students participating in physical education must wear non-marking running shoes. In the interest of personal hygiene students should bring a change of clothes for physical education classes. In the interest of safety, students must remove jewelry prior to participating in physical education. Again we will continue with the Ministry mandated Daily Physical Activity Program. This program requires that all students from grades 1-8 be involved in 20 minutes of physical activity each day.



Telephone Use and Messages

There are a limited number of telephone lines available for use in the school. We would appreciate it if all arrangements that are necessary (after school, practices, etc.) be made prior to the start of each school day. This would help us in alleviating some of the congestion on the phone lines. Ultimately if something changes throughout the day we will be happy to relay the message to the teacher or student. However, if our lines are all busy then you are more than welcome to leave a message and it will be relayed. Please note that students can not be removed from their classes to receive telephone calls. The phone lines must be kept as free as possible in the event of an emergency. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



Late Busses

Due to circumstances over which we have no control at the school, buses are often irregular in schedules. We realize that this is an inconvenience for you when picking up your children at the bus stop. We have no way of knowing which bus is going to be late, and it is impossible to call parents to inform them of the delay. Regular bussing together with Special Program bussing offers quite a challenge to the Transportation department. At the school when buses are late, students remain under the supervision of the teachers who are on duty on that day.

Custody of Children

On rare occasions we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at our school asking to visit with their child or take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect the child when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and special instructions. If legal custody matters effect your family, please ensure that our office and classroom teachers are aware of custodial arrangements between parents that may effect your child during school hours. We require custodial parents to provide legal documentation for our files.



Casual Fridays

During the course of the year you may observe the staff in casual attire on Fridays. Our "Dress Down Day" donations are forwarded to the Board United Way/Share Life Campaign.



Street-proofing Tips

The safety of our students is a major concern here at the school. Teachers regularly review street-proofing with students and you are encouraged to do the same. Peel Police provided the following tips for parents/guardians and caregivers:

- Tell your children to never go anywhere with a stranger, not to talk to strangers and to never take anything from them. You have to teach them what a 'safe stranger' is in case they need help. A safe stranger includes a police officer, a fire fighter, a cashier, etc.
- Develop a 'what if' game for your children, to get them thinking of how they would respond if they felt threatened or afraid.
- Know whom your children play with and where they go. This includes keeping a list of their friends' addresses and phone numbers.
- Encourage your child to use a buddy system instead of walking alone.

Please be assured that we will continue to do all that we can to help make our school a safe environment for our students.

Virtuous Actions

The Virtue for the month of October was Empathy. The following students were the Virtue of the Month students in their classes for demonstrating the Virtue of Empathy on a regular basis.

Mrs. Spadafora	(am) Angel G. (pm) Rachel E.
Mrs. Sciberras	Brayden C.
Miss. Nedumpara	Ethan V.
Mrs. Beaton	Anthony T.
Mrs. Grainger	Anna T.
Mrs. Ricci	Madison T.
Mrs. Ricciuto	James H.
Mrs. Peterka	Ella U.
Ms. Serrentino	Celine R.

Mrs. Basha	Nicole V.
Miss Giovinazzo	Breanna L.
Mr. Virdo	Gunner R.
Mr. McCollum	Scarlett L.
Mrs. Dunne-Leslie	Maureen G.
Mrs. Ginn	Brianna W.

Catholic School Council's First Movie night is scheduled for Friday, November 25th, 2011 in our school gym. More information will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

Congratulations to the following student for winning four tickets to the Brampton Battalion Games for demonstrating this virtue.

Ethan V.— Game November 3
 Celine R.—Game November 6
 Gunner R.—Game November 11
 Brianna W.—Game November 13



November Virtue of the Month is Conscience

School Ad-vent Mass

Conscience is having the knowledge of your own acts as right or wrong.

This year the Bishop Francis Allen Community will celebrate our Christmas Advent Mass with the St. Kevin School Community on Wednesday, December 7th, 2011 at St. Mary's Parish. Following the mass our Catholic School Council will hold it's annual coffee reception back at our school in our gym. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to gather together during Advent to pray and celebrate together. We hope that many of you will mark this date in your calendars. More information will come forward in early December.

What does conscience do...

Look Like?

A person of conscience keeps his/her promises.

Sound Like?

A person of conscience admits his/her wrong doing and feels badly.

Feel Like?

A person of conscience chooses to do the "right thing" and feels good about it.

Did you know.....

from

An Historical Understanding of Key Issues Related to Catholic Education



Why did the United Legislature of Canada East and Canada West keep improving separate school legislation?

Bishop Francis Allen Catholic School Council

It responded to Catholic parents, trustees, bishops and priests, editors of the four Catholic newspapers, members of the business and professional world, all of who argued for legal and financial rights for separate schools.

Our next Catholic School Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Was there opposition to separate schools before Confederation?

Yes, as now, there were advocates of one school system. Protestant spokespersons believed in the adequacy of the common (now public) school's basic non-denominational Christianity, which constituted an important element of the common school's religion lessons and their readers. They held that beliefs specific to certain religions should be taught in the churches and homes.

Movie Night

