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November 2020 SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Message from the Principal

It's hard to believe that we are now into our third month back to school. October was a very busy month at Notre Dame with student learning and our first two Mass services happening at the school. Classroom teachers are working alongside Father Vener to continue to offer our religion programs in meaningful and new ways following the COVID-19 guidelines. This provides an opportunity for teaching and learning more about the parts of a Mass service and our Catholic faith.

On daily visits to the classrooms, I see students very engaged and actively participating in their learning environments with topics ranging from Snap math, to the human body's digestive system, the different land types and what peace means to them. Our whole school community will join together for our Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday, November 10th by listening to the grade 5 class over Zoom on the smart boards in classrooms. We continue to find ways to share and celebrate together.

Please remember that my door is always open to answer questions or listen to any concern:

God Bless, C. Richard



Important Monthly Dates

- Tuesday, Nov. 3rd** – PSG Meeting over Zoom
- Wednesday, Nov. 4th** – Photo Retake Day
- Thursday, Nov. 5th** – Hat & Jeans Day
- Monday, Nov. 10th** – Gr. 5 Remembrance Day Service
- Monday, Nov. 11th** – Remembrance Day (No School)
- Tuesday, Nov. 17th** – School Council Zoom Meeting & AGM meeting at 6:30
- Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 18th & 19th** – Student Led Conferences – Early Dismissal (1:45)
- Thursday, Nov. 26th** – Jersey Day
- Friday, Nov. 26** – Non Instructional Day, No school for students

Newsworthy and Special Notice

Volunteers

We have such an amazing parent/guardian team at our school. Many of you have been asking if you can come volunteer. The COVID-19 guidelines state, "those individuals who are supporting activities that benefit student learning and well-being are allowed in the building." As well, we need to follow cohort limits of 60. That means for example: grade 2 and 4 students, plus those adults already working in the school are included in that number of 60 if they are supporting those two classrooms. Some cohorts can only have 1 or 2 additional supports this term. Please follow up with your child's cohort teachers to see what the cohort limit is and if they can include volunteers for student learning. A Volunteer form and interview with the principal must be completed as well before supporting student learning within the classroom.

Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences are happening this month for all classrooms on November 18th & 19th. Students will be dismissed early at 1:45 on Wednesday and Thursday. Please watch for a letter coming in regards to how we will hold the conferences meeting COVID-19 guidelines.

Classroom Sharing

This month's classroom sharing is an image from [Mrs. Johnson's grade 3 classroom](#):

A science task showing student understanding of the different types of landforms:



News From the Parent Support Group (PSG)

Hello Families of Notre Dame!

October was a busy month wasn't it?! PSG kicked off our annual Purdy's fundraiser. Purdy's Top Canadian Chocolatier is known for a wide variety of tasty chocolate products made with 100% sustainable cocoa and premium ingredients. They make a great gift for friends, families, co-workers, employees and teachers! Reminder that orders are due back November 20th, 2020.

Our next regular scheduled meeting will take place on November 3rd at 6:30 pm.

"Be the reason someone smiles today!"

Notices and Reminders

Reminder!

Our New Bell Schedule & Staggered Times in Learning Cohort Groups:

8:30 Playground gates open:

Students join their designated learning cohort line upon their arrival and enter the school with a teacher at staggered times.

8:40 am – First bell, parking lot gate is locked

8:45 am – Second bell, bus gate is locked

8:50 am - Morning announcements

Recess Breaks:

10:15-10:30 - 1st Recess –, Grades 7, 4/2, 1/K

10:30 – 10:45 - 2nd Recess –, Grades 6/5, 3F/3J

Lunch Breaks:

12:00-12:20 - Grades 7, 4/2, 1/K will play outside,

12:20-12:40 they will eat in their classrooms.

12:00-12:20 - Grades 6/5, 3F/3J will eat inside,

12:20-12:40 they will play outside.

End of the Day:

2:45 - Grades 7,4/2, 1 & K exiting on to the playground from two different doors

2:55 - Grades 5/6, 3F/3J exiting on to the playground

After school supervision is over at **3:00pm**, students must be picked up on time.



Staying Connected to the Lily Pad



School Council News

Our AGM will be held on November 17th at 6:00 pm. In order to welcome parents to attend, it will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. If you would like to attend please email ndsc@cispg.ca and you will be included in the email list with the meeting ID and passcode. Join in to see what we are currently working on, and what we are working towards in the near future.

Health & Safety Checks

Parents / caregivers are required to assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school (self-assessment tool: <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>). If a student develops symptoms while at home, the child is to remain at home.

Students are reminded to wash their hands before coming to school and upon arriving at school. [Review information on hand hygiene in a school setting](#) from the BCCDC.



Notre Dame School is **"Allergy AWARE"**. Please check with your classroom teacher for allergy alerts. Consider peanut/nut alternatives for individual student lunches and snacks out of consideration to our students and staff with food sensitivities/allergies.



A reminder about Halloween candy: "Halloween candy makes for great treats, but not great school snacks. One piece in a lunch will be enjoyed, but too much leads to sick tummies, sugar highs (and sugar lows), and a playground full of wrappers. Please keep packing those great healthy snacks!"

Parking Lot Safety: Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!



The Notre Dame Staff Parking will be **closed now at the beginning and end of the day for student safety**. The large gate at the parking lot will be open for students to exit while physical distancing. This will allow for easier student exiting at the end of the day. **Please park along the road** and walk to the gates or have your child meet you at the sidewalk. Thank you for your support in this safety issue.

Walk with Jesus our Living Hope