



ST. BASIL'S NEWS

October 2022

Thoughts from Our Principal

It's fall, y'all! The leaves are changing. Sadly some have already fallen, and Thanksgiving is literally around the corner. We have had an amazing start to the school year! Thank you to all parents for your support.

I would like to thank our newly elected Catholic School Council for volunteering to support our school from a parent and community lens:

Co-Chair: Darlene Bowser

Co-Chair: Chantal Wilson

Secretary: Tiffany Cote

OAPCE Representative: Randi Ducharme

Parent Representatives, CJ Lundquist, Leah Desmoulin

Community Representative: Charles Alderson

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October the 25th at 7:15 PM. We welcome all parents to join us!

This month has been full of a flurry of activity. We have learned verses from the Bible, gone to Mass, showed school spirit weekly on Bears Days, raised over \$2000.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation, and commemorated the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. All the while we have learned so very much in the classroom! Holy Moly! Oh! And we earned Holy Molyes for practicing the virtue of the month; Faith!

In the month ahead we are excited for the plethora of activities and clubs that will soon be announced. The virtue we will be practicing is Courage; the ability to do what is right in the face of adversity. Take the time to enjoy your family on the Thanksgiving weekend. Remember there is no school on Monday the 10th. I pray God will bless each of you and I leave you with the following verse; "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34

Mrs. Lambruschini

Sunday, October 2 is Caretaker Appreciation Day

Thank you Janice and Tom for all of your hard work keeping our school clean and safe!

Wednesday October 5th is World Teachers' Day

Thank you teachers and EA's for all of your hard work and effort spent every day to inspire and educate our children!



Everyone is asked not to bring anything with peanuts or Brazil nuts or products that "may contain nuts" in your lunch. We have children in the school who have a life-threatening peanut allergy. The well-being and safety of all of our students is our first priority.

Please remember we are also a scent-free school.



Fire Prevention Week October 9-15, 2022



Last day to submit orders is
Tuesday, October 11!

What's Happening at St. Basil's?

JK, SK & GRADE ONE

We have had such a wonderful start to the school year. We are so excited that the students are back in the classroom! They have brought the energy back to the halls, the teachers, the staff, and to our classes!

Our students are beginning to adjust to daily routines after their Summer Break. In October, the students began a new program called, "Open Court". This program encompasses reading, writing, and language arts curriculum that aligns with what we know about how students learn to read. It helps all students master the skills needed not only to move to proficiency, but also to achieve greater goals of reading independently with confidence. This will tie into our 6 + 1 Write Traits Program. The students will begin to gain confidence as writers by thinking, drawing, writing words, and then writing sentences and full stories. We have already begun our Write Traits Program and they love being brave and writing words and sentences. Way to go class!

In Math, K1 students will continue to compose and decompose numbers to 10 and K students numbers to 20.. They will listen to read alouds, play hands-on learning activities, and complete worksheets. They will be introduced to an amazing hands-on Math program called Mathology. Grade 1 students continue to explore Numbers. This unit involves skip counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's, exploring ones and tens using base ten blocks, finding numbers on a hundreds chart, and ordering numbers to 50. The Grade 1 students will also be introduced to the math program called Mathology, which connects read alouds and hands-on learning Math games to their daily lessons.

In Science, we will examine and perform experiments about Life Science: Parts of a Plant. This will tie into our theme for the month: apples. With many experiments, STEM, and hands-on learning, they are enjoying every minute of it!

In Religion, we will begin the I am a Child of God unit. This unit involves exploring the covenants with Noah, Abraham, and Moses. Students will also be introduced to the saints and will explore how they use them as models for their own lives.

We hope everyone is enjoying our new Facebook group! We will post as many pictures as possible to show you what is happening in our classroom. We love that you get a glimpse of our days together. This is going to be an exciting school year, and we are happy to be a part of your child's learning experience.

God Bless, Ms. McLean, Mrs. Mikus, Miss Ashley, and Ms. Godin

GRADES TWO, THREE & FOUR

We have been having a great time in Grade 2/3/4! The students are adjusting to the new schedule and routines and the learning we have already done is amazing!

We have started our literacy centres and next month we will be working on asking questions and predicting while reading or listening to texts. We will be writing short stories and learning about the parts of a story and what is needed to make a good story. I'm so excited to hear the stories the students write! We have also been working on capitalization and grammar to produce our best work!

In Math we will be continuing learning about 3 and 4 digit numbers, different ways to read and write them and how to show them with manipulatives. We will then begin our spatial sense units and we will learn about shapes and polygons.

In Science we will continue our discussions on plants and animals. We have been discussing what makes plants and animals alike and how they are different. We will be doing more hands-on exploration to enhance our understanding.

We will begin our first Social Studies unit on Family Traditions and Communities in Canada. We will be discussing different traditions our families have around holidays like Thanksgiving, and comparing and contrasting to learn more about one another!

I look forward to another month of learning together and growing as a classroom family!

Ms. Lethbridge



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

The cooler autumn weather is here! The temperature can change very quickly at this time of year. Weather permitting, students are outside for recess. Classes sometimes go for nature walks or other local excursions.

Please ensure that your child has a coat or heavy sweater, a hat and a light pair of mittens at school every day. Once the snow arrives, ski pants are a must for playing in the snow.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING October 10, 2022

(no school for staff and students)

GRADES FIVE TO EIGHT

Things are going great in the Grade 5/6/7/8 class! Students are more or less adjusted to the routines of a new year and are getting used to their new classmates. I'm happy that everyone treats each other with kindness and patience. We have been working on ways for each class to work effectively, both independently while doing their own work, and in small groups, while doing group assignments.

We completed a review of numeracy in Math, and each class is now working on a unit in patterning. In Science, we are working on a unit on heat. We started a novel study, with two groups reading different novels, working independently at times, and sometimes collaboratively.

Our class participated enthusiastically in the Terry Fox Run, and did a great job of collecting pledges. We are looking forward to visiting St. Kateri for some outdoor activities at the end of the month. More information will follow.

Parents, if you haven't yet signed on to the Remind app for the class, please take a moment to do that. Instructions were sent home with your child, so the paper may still be in their backpacks if you haven't seen it!

Thank you, Mr. Boucher

FRENCH AND THE ARTS

We have had such a great start to the school year in the French & Art classroom. September has just flown right by! In the JK/SK/1 class, we have been learning some basic conversation starters, introducing ourselves with "Je m'appelle" and "Comment ça va?" We have learned some classroom vocabulary words and have been focusing on our colours this month. We discuss the colours that we see and love drawing and colouring pictures in the colour that we focused on that particular day. Next month, we will be doing some Fall, Thanksgiving and Halloween Art and learning some of the vocabulary in French.

In the Grade 2/3/4 class, we have been focusing on learning the school supply words so that we can ask for what we need in French, throughout the year. We have been practicing our conversation starters and questions such as: "Puis-je aller boire de l'eau? J'ai besoin d'aide. J'ai une question!" We've been practicing our calendar words, weather words, how to introduce ourselves or ask others how they are feeling that day. Next month, we will be doing some Fall, Thanksgiving and Halloween activities and learning the French vocabulary for them, as well as some fun Art projects!

In Grade 5-8, we have been working on speaking and interpreting in French. We have been working on how to begin a conversation with someone and learning our school vocabulary throughout a variety

of activities we have completed. We are learning new phrases and questions to ask in French. Next month, we will begin writing and doing some reading responses. We also have some fun Fall themed Art projects to look forward to!

Mme Dennis

Happy Halloween!



Monday, October 31, 2022

On Friday, October 28th, there will be a Family Halloween Party and Haunted House from 6:00 – 9:00 pm in the gym. Proceeds will be used to purchase gym equipment.

On Monday, October 31, students can wear their Halloween costumes to school if they wish or black and orange. A note will be sent to parents closer to Halloween with more details.



If you want milk for your child at lunch in November, please return your form or place your order online. November milk orders are due Thursday, October 27. The cost for milk for the month of November is \$ 21.00.



VISIT US ONLINE

Have you visited our school website yet? hscdsb.on.ca/stbasilscatholicschool You can find our monthly newsletter and calendar, our Parent Handbook, and Code of Conduct, school council and staff information and much more.

We also have a Facebook page St. Basil's Catholic School. Please check the Facebook page often and if you haven't yet joined, please join our group St. Basil's Bears Family for current pictures, information and updates. This year we ask that, if possible, you place orders for milk and other fundraising at: <https://hscdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

In an effort to reduce the amount of materials that are sent between home and school, this year we will be sending your monthly newsletter by email as well as many notes to parents.