



NOVEMBER 2023



ST. BASIL'S NEWS

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

We have had another great month of learning, laughing and growing together as a school community. Our students went on some great field trips to St. Kateri and the 5-8 students got to attend the Cross Country Race and represented our school and community with pride.

We are now accepting donations of winter outerwear that can be dropped off at any time. If you need winter gear for your child(ren) feel free to take a look at what we have and swap out for something new to you!

We had some special days of recognition in October. October 2nd was Custodian Appreciation Day, the staff and students made sure to thank Ms. Sauriol and let her know how much we appreciate her keeping our school safe and clean. October 5 was World Teacher Day where we celebrated and thanked our amazing teachers for all they do for our school and students each day. We have an amazing staff and they put a lot into making sure each of our students is safe, welcome and inspired to learn and grow each day.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Our Virtue winners for the month of October and the Virtue of Courage were:

K/1/2 – Alice Winsor

Gr. 2-4 – Gionni Bazzoni

Gr. 5-8 – Zoe Belisle & Gianna Beauvais

FSL/Arts – Sophie Greenwood

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Students have begun their visits to the Public Library and are always excited to choose new books. We also participated in the annual Walk for Wenjack as a part of the Downie + Wenjack Foundation. This walk is to raise awareness about the true history of residential schools and to honour Chanie Wenjack.

In October, students had a great time celebrating Halloween at both the dance and at school on Halloween. Students loved dressing in their costumes, dancing and playing Halloween games!

UPCOMING THIS MONTH

November will be an exciting month including some dress up days, hot lunch days, Remembrance Day, and progress reports! We will also be starting to prepare for our annual Christmas Play. This year students will be doing *A Fairy Tale Christmas Carol*.

Stay tuned to our Facebook groups for updates about events happening!



Kindergarten Grade One & Two NEWS

IN THE CLASSROOM

This class is rockin' the first two months of school! They have perfected (with some reminders) our daily routine, classroom rules, and classroom procedures. They love learning new letters, letters sounds, and our word games. Their letter formation and sentences are improving each day. They are becoming more brave with their independent writing and reading! I can't wait to see their progress by the end of Term 1.

The students will continue our new Open Court program. Kindergarten are beginning to use their letter sounds to explore words that begin with the new letters. Grade 1 and Grade 2 students are learning about Word Families. They are also continuing the Guided Reading Program. They are learning to use letters and pictures to decode words too.

This month we will focus our 6 + 1 Write Traits on Organization, with a clear beginning, middle and end to our stories.

The month of November is our Gingerbread Unit. We are going to have so much fun reading all the Gingerbread books, with many crafts, writing assignments, and hands-on activities. Way to go class!

In Math, K1 & K2 students will begin a new Math Unit: 2D shapes. They will learn the names and attributes, we will count the number of sides and observe the looks of each shape. The Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will also begin a new unit: Geometric Reasoning. The students will construct, sort, identify and describe 2D shapes. They will also explore calendar, dates, and seasons.

In Science, we are exploring Daily and Seasonal Changes! As the weather changes, we will be doing lots of observations and activities. Mid-month, we will be doing a Social Studies unit on Roles and Responsibilities. We will be talking about our responsibilities at home and at school. They will be sure to have fun!

In Religion, we will begin a new unit "The Road to Bethlehem". During this unit the students will learn that Advent is a time of anticipation, hope, and renewal. We will learn about the Advent Wreath, the Christmas stories, and the Three Wise Men.

Term 1 is flying by! I am so very proud of these students and their development and eagerness to learn!



Grade Two, Three, Four NEWS

Hello from the grade 2/3/4 class!

We have been enjoying the change in the season and socks are getting wet more often. Please pack some extra items in your child's bag.

November will bring new units in Math for all students. We will be continuing with Geometric Reasoning and moving on to Algebra and Variables. If your child is having difficulties with this, some work will be sent home for them to spend more time on it.

In Health, we are ending our Personal Safety and Injury Prevention unit and beginning Healthy Eating. Students will be learning about the main food groups and making good choices for themselves.

Social Studies is focused on the same topics from last month and we will be wrapping these up to start Science! Students will learn about Simple Machines and Movement in grade 2, Strong and Stable Machines in grade 3 and Machines and their Mechanisms in grade 4. These are fun, hands-on activities that all students really enjoy, we are looking forward to this!



All students will be practising their poem writing, grade 2 will become familiar with dictionary use, and they will also learn to identify the several types of voice with grade 3's as well that can be used in stories. Grade 4 students will be comparing 2 different topics to learn how to provide evidence and write a factual piece.

Have a great month!

Warmest Regards, Ms. Belisle



**Don't forget to set
your clocks back
one hour on Sunday,
November 5th
as Daylight Savings
ends.**

Grade Five to Eight

FSL & THE ARTS

As the days get shorter and shorter, the Grade 5/6/7/8 class is looking forward to the coming of the snow and the winter activities that we enjoy so much. Everyone loves multiplication and long division, which we will focus on for the next couple of weeks... I feel like it should be a break from Algebra. Maybe it's just me. We'll be moving into a History unit, and begin working on procedural writing as well. I'm grateful that the craziness that comes with Halloween is over, and we can begin to start thinking about Winter and Christmas activities. I also look forward to Remembrance Day and the activities we do that focus on that topic.

October was a great month. I'm really happy about how much progress students are making in their coursework, and how quickly they settled into our daily routine. Usually it takes a couple of months to get settled into the new school year. This class adapted to the changes in routine and began to work independently very quickly. We had two great trips to the Sault, for our outdoor activities at St. Kateri, and for the Cross Country Running competition. We wrapped up the month with our annual Halloween hike up Tower Hill to see the remaining Fall colours.

Until next month, I wish everyone the best!
Mr. Boucher



October was such a fun month! We were able to learn some new French vocabulary around Fall and Halloween!

The JK-2 class has been hard at work learning how to introduce themselves and how to ask about their feelings and the weather! They are doing a great job at learning French as a second language!

The 2-4 class has been doing well with sentence formation and how to make proper sentences in French! We just started journals as well where we are given a question, and we try to form our answer using proper sentence structure!

The 5-8 class has had many things to focus on. We have been introducing new vocabulary as well as conjugating verbs! They have also started journals this month where they are given a scenario and asked to use sentences to describe their responses. With the winter coming, we are going to shift our learning into clothing!

In the Arts, we shifted from music so that we could put some focus onto our Remembrance Day posters! We have been hard at work creating beautiful coloured and black & white posters to remember all of the soldiers who have fought and are still fighting for us. We are very excited for everybody to see the art displayed at the Legion!

Have a wonderful month and stay warm!

Miss Ashley

ST. BASIL'S SCHOOL

What's happening in November?

St. Basil's School is holding a

WINTER OUTERWEAR DRIVE/SWAP



Donate gently used or new clothing and bring home what you need!

Drop off any Winter coats, boots, snow pants, etc. Starting Tuesday, October 24

Swap begins:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023



No School for Students Friday, November 10th

Progress Reports for Term 1 will be sent home on November 17th. Please contact your child's teacher for a parent-teacher interview

Christmas Inflatables Raffle

Tickets will soon be available for a draw for one of two Christmas inflatables.

Proceeds from the draw will be used for our student snack program and for lunch items for students who may occasionally need a lunch

Tickets are \$2. each or 3 for \$5 and will be drawn December 21

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Since Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday this year, St. Basil's School will be holding a Remembrance Day Ceremony in the gym at 10:50 on November 9. The Royal Canadian Legion will be holding their ceremony on Saturday, November 11th. Please join them with your family.



We will be having a Hot Dog Day lunch and a Subway lunch in November. Order forms will be sent home or you can purchase them on School Cash.



**December Milk orders Due
November 23rd - \$16.00**

<https://hscdsb.schoolcashonline.com>

Reminders

Please sign and return the purple Field Trip form that was sent home last week. Although we did send home a school-generated form at the beginning of September, the School Board has requested that we use the form that they created.