The Good Shepherd Catholic School
Fall/ Winter Newsletter

Loving Learning Serving God

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Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board

Nurturing God's Family

Let us remember during the month of November, those individuals who serve or have served in defense of our country, helping us to enjoy democracy and freedom. Here is a prayer that is often used during Remembrance Day ceremonies. The theme of it is something that will be discussed in classrooms throughout the month.

Prayer of Remembrance
Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.
Amen

Curriculum

Summary of School Results

In late May/early June our Grade 3 & 6 students participated in the province wide EQAO testing. This testing allows us a snapshot of student learning. Individual student results have been sent home to parents of students currently in Grades 4 & 7. Here is a snapshot of our school/board/province results.

GRADE 3	Reading	Writing	Math
School	88%	62%	52%
Board	68%	64%	50%
Province	75%	72%	61%

GRADE 6	Reading	Writing	Math
School	83%	89%	56%
Board	79%	75%	37%
Province	82%	80%	49%

We will spend time analyzing our results and making plans to help our students in their studies.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be going home on Wednesday, November 14 and teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents/guardians regarding your child/children's progress the evening of Thursday, November 15, and during the day on Friday, November 16, 2018. You will be receiving a note shortly requesting that you sign up for interviews online through SchoolDay! We are looking forward to meeting with you!

Safety

Student Verification Notices

Please return your student Verification Notices. This is important for us to know if phone numbers have changed as well as emergency contacts. It allows us to update our files in the event we need to quickly be in contact with a parent.

Severe Weather

Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board guidelines state that students are to stay inside the school when the temperature (with the wind chill) is minus 28 degrees Celsius or minus 25 without the wind chill.
We will monitor the weather forecasts from various sources and make the decision just prior to each recess. We recognize that these targets are quite cold and will therefore often keep students inside even if the triggers aren't reached (especially for our kindergarten students).

Inclement Weather: SNOW DAYS

Winter is just around the corner. In the event that the bus company cancels service, please keep in mind the following items:

1) The Good Shepherd Catholic School is located in the Central Weather Zone.

2) Please listen to Rock 95, Kool FM 107.5 or B101 they will announce the bus/school cancellations and on morning news TV shows. You can follow us on Twitter @SMCDSB_GSH, download the School Board app and alerts will come right to your phone or go to www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca

3) If your child will not be attending school and your child takes the bus, you do NOT need to call the school.

4) If buses are cancelled and your child walks to school, it is at the discretion of the parent whether it is safe for the child to walk. **Please call the safe arrival number (705-728-2302)** to inform the school of your child's absence or use our website and click the Safe Arrival link to report your child's absence. We receive an email when you complete the information electronically.
We do safe arrival calls for our walkers only on snow days, NOT BUS STUDENTS.

5) Please note that the school will be open even if the buses are not running, AND if buses are cancelled in the morning, they WILL NOT run in the afternoon.

6) Hot lunches will be postponed for that day, so please send your child(ren) with a lunch.

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Community Matters

Poppy Donations

Remembrance Day is fast approaching, and any coin donations would be greatly appreciated. Simply send your donations in and we will collect the monies in the office. Each child will be receiving a poppy in time for our Remembrance Day Presentation on November 9, 2018. Parents are welcome to attend.

School Pictures

Picture re-takes are on Nov 14th, 2018.

Cold Weather Will Arrive…soon

Please assist us in encouraging all children to dress appropriately for the weather. Students should be wearing warm jackets, winter boots, hats or toques, and mittens or gloves. Also, please remember to **send in an extra pair of socks and mittens** with your child. Dry hands and warm feet make outside play that much more enjoyable and safe. Please ensure that all items of clothing are **labeled** with your child/children's name or initials in order to easily locate them in case they go astray. Please check our **Lost & Found** bins if any items of clothing have been lost.

School Day– Hot Lunch Orders

https://www.school-day.com/

Please ensure you make your orders on-line for subs. The website opens on October 9th and will close on October 23rd at 4pm. Food service will be provided from November 7 to December 19, 2018.

Orders for the New Year……

SchoolDay will be open on November 19 and close on December 14, 2018 at 4pm. Food service will include milk, subs and pizza provided from January 7 to February 28, 2019. Please note payments must be made online only. (Cash will not be accepted.)

Hot Lunch and Inclement Days

Special Note: If it's a 'Hot Food' lunch day on a snow day when buses are cancelled, please know that there will be **NO 'Hot Food' lunch service that day; the school will notify parents when it will be rescheduled and may not necessarily be the next day.** ENSURE you send a lunch with your child.

When Children Are Sick…

If your child is sick or is not feeling well enough to participate in all school activities, including gym and recesses, please make arrangements for your child to stay home or at a sitter.

If your child is at school, they will be expected to participate in all activities including recess.

Rams Wear

Once again we will be selling GSH sportswear on November 15 and 16, 2018. There will be sample sizes available and further information will be sent home prior to the date.

Rams Sports Update

Cross Country

Congratulations to the Cross Country team on their excellent performance. The following students will be going to the regional meet at Mount St. Louis on October 16, 2018, Alana J., Hayley T., Lexa M., Abby V., Caitlyn R., Madyson R., Rylee C., Konrad C., Jesse R., Scott M., Adam M., Taylor B. and Connor L.

Thank you to Mr. Ashford-Smith and Mrs. Kobayashi for coaching the team.

Catholic School Community Council

We are pleased to announce our members elect of our parent council 2018/2019:

Secretary: Chenia M
Treasurer: Laurie R

Our next council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:30pm in our school library. We welcome all community members to attend and become involved.

Save the Date:
Mass and Keynote address is scheduled for **Monday, November 12 from 6-8:30 pm** at St. Joan of Arc High School. The purpose of this evening is to have a commissioning of all CSCC and CPIC members. There will be daycare provided as well. Further details will be provided closer to the date

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Important Dates

Wed., Oct. 17	First Communion Meeting at St. Mary's @7pm Mass
Fri., Oct. 19	Swim to Survive Gr. 3
Sun., Oct. 21	Coffee Sunday
Mon., Oct. 22	Bus Safety Presentation
Tues., Oct. 23	JK/ SK Field Trip-Rounds Ranch 9 am-2:15pm
Wed., Oct. 24	Bus Driver Appreciation
Fri., Oct. 26	P.A. Day~ No School
Mon., Oct. 29	Internet/ Social Safety Presentation gr. 7 & 8
Thurs., Nov. 1	Rosary Apostolate
Fri., Nov. 9	Remembrance Day Assembly
Tues., Nov. 13	Picture Re-Takes Report Cards Go Home
Wed., Nov. 14	Gr. 8's visit JOA
Thurs., Nov. 15	Rams Wear on Sale Parent/ Teacher Interviews
Fri., Nov. 16	Parent/ Teacher Interviews
Mon. Nov. 19	Gr 7 Immunization
Wed., Nov. 21	Earth Rangers Presentation gr. 1-6
Wed., Nov. 29	Movie Night- Cookie Dough Fundraiser Concludes