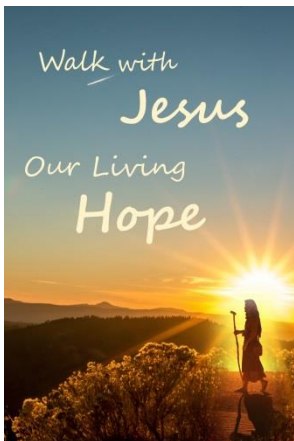


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Walk with Jesus in peace

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. – Romans 5.1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the month of All Souls. At this time of year, we are drawn to remember all of those who have gone before us. All of us have lost loved ones and each of us mourns in a unique way throughout the year, such as on birthdays and anniversaries. The month of November,

however, helps us to mourn together as a community of faith. We are able to gather as one to remember all who have died, and to pray for them on their journey to heaven.

We pray in a special way for the souls of our staff members' relatives who have died

recently: Mrs. Lena Turner, mother of Mrs. Fader; Mr. Jason Symington, husband of Mrs. Symington; and Mrs. Irena Miskiewicz, mother of Mrs. Iwanowicz. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

COVID-19

Thank you to all of you for your ongoing support of our efforts to keep everyone safe in our community. We recognize the hardship that it causes you to keep your children at home when they are not well, and to follow the safety guidelines, and we appreciate your

efforts to do so. Thank you also for considering the safety of Mrs. Oye and Mrs. Symington in keeping your visits to the office to a minimum. We pray for the ongoing safety and health of everyone in the St. Joseph's community.

Photo Retakes

Lifetouch will be at our school the morning of Monday, November 2 to retake individual photos. If your child was absent or you were not happy with your original photo, simply return your Proof Portrait Sheet and Order Form to the office so we can make sure your child is called for retakes.

First Friday Mass

Our November Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 6 at 9:00am at St. Joseph's Church. Our grade five class is preparing to lead our liturgy for All Souls. Of course, we are limited in the number of people who can attend the Mass, but it will be livestreamed through the parish website.

Important Dates:

November:

2nd — Photo Retakes
6th — First Friday Mass – Gr. 5 is in charge of the readings
10th — Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly
11th — **No School** Remembrance Day
13th — Interim Progress Reports: Communicating Student Learning – sent home
17th — Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences
20th — Professional Development Day – **NO SCHOOL**
23rd — Purdys orders due
29th — First Sunday of Advent
30th — Cultural Diversity Day

First Sunday of Advent

We will begin the holy season of Advent on Sunday, November 29. We will mark the weeks of our journey toward Christmas with our weekly virtual assemblies.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day will be on Wednesday, November 11 and the school will be closed on that day. Please take time to stop at 11:00am on that day for a minute of silence to say a prayer for those who gave their lives for our country. We will have a virtual Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday, November 10 in order to mark the occasion as a school community.

Professional Development Day: November 20

Please be reminded that there will be no school for the students on Friday, November 20. On that day, the staff will be engaged in professional development.

Cultural Diversity Day

On Monday, November 30, we will spend time learning about other cultures and appreciating our similarities and differences. On that day, the students may wear blue and white clothing instead of their uniforms, to symbolize the peace that we pray for in our world and which we are trying to build in our school and our homes. Given

Interim Progress Reports: Communicating Student Learning

Our interim progress reports will be sent home with the students on Friday, November 13. These reports will provide an overview of your child's progress during these first eight weeks of school. The information contained

in the report will help to inform your discussion with your child's teacher on November 17. Please read the report carefully and sign and return the cover to the school.

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences

Once again this year, the classroom teachers will meet individually with you and your child to discuss current progress and challenges on Tuesday, November 17. Due to the current situation, we will be holding these meetings virtually. More information and an opportunity to request your preferred time will follow soon.

Purdys

The information regarding our Purdys fundraiser has been sent home. Please be reminded that the orders are due (either online or to the school office) by Monday, November 23. Thank you for supporting our chocolate fundraiser.

the intolerance and unrest that we are witnessing regularly in our world on the news, we feel it is important to take a day to reflect upon our individual roles in building a world of acceptance, respect and peace. We are looking forward to a wonderful day of insight and discussion with the students.

Bottle Returns

As you know, we are not able to have our regular bottle drives this year due to the current situation. However, we have set up an account with Return-It to have funds from bottles credited directly to our school. The process is very simple: place your refundable bottles and cans into sealed, clear bags, (no need to sort or separate them) and enter the school phone number (604-872-5715) into the Express kiosk; after you are prompted to select the number of

bags that you are depositing, the kiosk will automatically print the same number of sticker tags displaying the school's Express account code; then you put a sticker tag on each of your bags and drop the bags off in the designated Express drop-off area to be counted and you are done! To get you started, we will be sending home a clear bag and label to each family soon. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Shopeasy Program

Christmas is coming and we can help with your shopping! Please remember that we are able to access gift cards from a great variety of retailers and restaurants. Simply email or phone the school office to place your order, and Mrs. Oye and Mrs. Symington will contact you to arrange for pick-up and payment. It really is Shop-Easy!

Traffic Signs

Thank you to the volunteers who have signed up for Traffic Duty; we greatly appreciate your help in this area of participation. Please ensure you return the stop/slow signs after your shift as we do use them during the day at times. Please check your vehicles if you helped with traffic last year, as some of our signs are missing and they are expensive to replace.

Winter Clothing

The students will be outside as much as possible during recess and lunch breaks this year, including on rainy days. This routine will allow them to have fresh air and will promote air circulation in the classrooms. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately, including boots, gloves and hats, so that they are ready for any weather.

Walkathon Thanks

Thank you for your support of our annual Walkathon. Even though it looked a bit different this year, the students had a lot of fun and showed great school spirit as they walked! If you have not yet submitted your funds to the office, please do so by November 6. We are looking forward to seeing the total!

A Prayer for All Souls Day

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Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us, as we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead. Strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.