



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, November 3, 2020

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Hello Polar Bears, you asked & we listened. Thanks to our School Council Vice Chair, Laura Hetu, we now have a Facebook Business Page. The FB is also linked to our Twitter feed so you can monitor both social media platforms in one place. @alcdsb #ALCDSBMYS



Please remember to complete the survey regarding child care, if you are interested, by Friday, November 6th. Communication was sent out via School Messenger, School Website and Twitter on October 22nd.



Our students & staff wore purple on Oct. 27th in support of Ontario's Children's Aid Societies' quest to raise awareness about the important role that individuals & communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, & families.

@alcdsb #ALCDSBMYS #PurpleShirtDay



Happy Halloween !



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Thanks Mrs. Cannon & our Faith Life Committee for sponsoring our spooktacular costume contests. Amazing levels of participation!

Ss chose the class winners & staff chose the school wide winners the Ss' choices. The decisions were not easy to make! Happy Hallowe'en. @alcdsb

MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR OCTOBER



Progress Reports & I.E.P.s go home today.



RAFFLE TICKETS

Our plan is to get the tickets home to you on Wednesday, November 4th (but it may end up being the 5th) Please return any tickets that are you are not going to sell so we may pass them on to someone else. School Council thanks you for your co-operation with this fundraiser!



Our next virtual school council meeting will be on November 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Remembrance Day



We will be having individual classroom liturgy & prayer service at 11 a.m. as well as pausing to observe a minute of silence on NOVEMBER 11th. Please remember to directly support Canada's serving and retired Veterans and their families, while ensuring Canada never forgets.

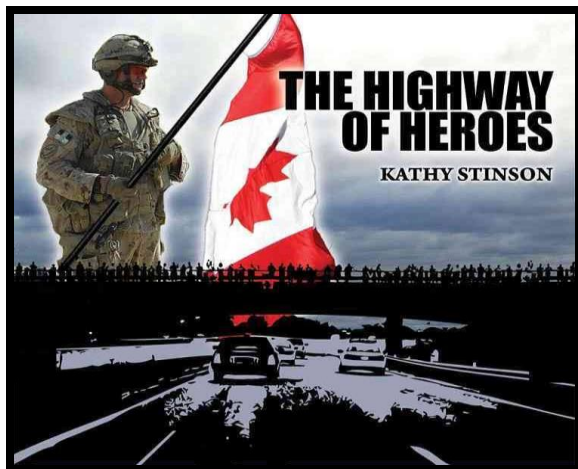
Poppies have arrived from the Legion. Please consider sending a donation in so your child(ren) can purchase one and wear it in support of those who served and those who continue to serve.



The 2020 Legion fundraising campaign in Canada starts October 30, online and on all digital devices at www.mypoppy.ca.

In return for a digital donation, the donor will receive via email a personalized Digital Poppy that can be posted to your social media platforms to show your support. Donations to the Poppy Fund will be dedicated to Legion programs and services for Veterans.

Our Lady of Mercy School Remembers Highway of Heroes



In celebration and tribute to our veterans we, as a school are creating our own, Highway of Heroes. All staff and students are asked to create a one page tribute to someone in their family, neighborhood etc. to express tribute to during Remembrance Day. Please compile a 'poster' style, one page acknowledgment by **Thursday, November 5th**. We will arrange the entire collection in our school gym and compile a video showing the pictures and create our own Highway of Heroes.

There is a link below to a video from Riverstone Public School in Grand Prairie, AB which tweaked the conception of OLM's Highway of Heroes.

<https://www.facebook.com/RiverstoneGPPSD/videos/riverstones-highway-of-heroes/1886851158017180/>

Please only first names and last initial and grade level of our students so we can share our hero video online.

Please no original photos. They are very precious and will be very difficult to keep safe.

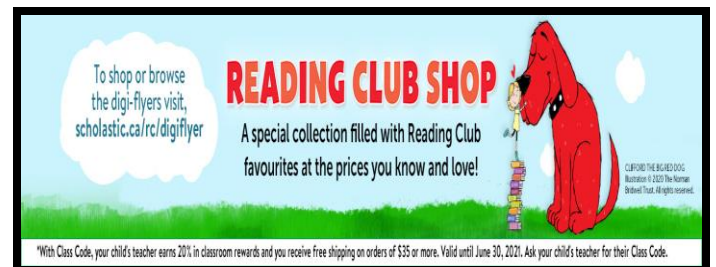
If there are any questions please direct them to me at the school.

Mrs. Gabourie

Sunday, November 29th is



Mass is at 9:00 a.m.



Scholastic Reading Club gives back to our school. Place your order online with our school's code:

RC208823

and we will earn 20% in rewards and you get free shipping to your home on orders of \$35 or more. All orders are placed online and shipped to your home!

Any questions, please contact me at the school.

Mrs. Gabourie

GREAT NEWS!



Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a Virtual Book Fair this year. The expected dates will be November 30 to December 4. More information will be coming soon!

BRRRRR!



Winter is here! Please be reminded that outdoor recess during the lunch period is 40 minutes and there can also be a lengthy wait at the end of the day for individual buses to arrive. **Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play at school; snow pants; warm, water-proof gloves/mittens, warm scarves & hats; and of course, boots. It is also a good idea to send in extra pairs of dry mittens and socks.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER BUS DELAYS & CANCELLATIONS



Parents of bussed students are reminded to review/update their emergency contact information with the school and listen to local radio stations for bus delays/cancellations. Parents can also log onto the Transportation Department's website at www.triboard.on.ca, look at "Is My Bus Running" at the top left side of the webpage. Select a school and view the status of all routes into that school OR type in a bus number and view the status of that individual bus route. Click on the "sign up" area on our home page (upper right area of home page) to receive an email/text notification of cancellations/delays affecting the bus you sign up for.

A New Way to Call in Your Child's Absence is Coming Soon!

Start date for Parents/Guardians to register online will be on **November 23rd**. More information will be shared with Parents/Guardians shortly. *Please know that the app is not yet live for OLM Parents/Guardians.*

<p>SchoolMessenger Mobile App</p>  <p>SchoolMessenger</p> <p><small>Download the app from the Apple App store or Google Play store.</small></p> <p><small>Sign up to create your account.</small></p> <p><small>To report an absence, select Absence, then Report an Absence.</small></p>	<p>SchoolMessenger Website</p>  <p>go.schoolmessenger.ca</p> <p><small>Sign up to create your account.</small></p> <p><small>To report an absence, select Absence, then Report an Absence.</small></p>	<p>Call toll-free</p>  <p>1-844-445-4383</p> <p><small>Call the toll-free number at 1-844-445-4383 to report your child's absence.</small></p> <p><small>You will be asked to enter your phone number that you have registered with the school.</small></p> <p><small>Follow the prompts to report your child's absence.</small></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">New Safe Arrivals Program</p> <p>The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is excited to launch the Safe Arrivals Program which will allow parents/guardians to report their child's absence in a new, more convenient way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive alerts from your school via text, email or phone • Send and receive attendance information in a more timely way • Enter in attendance in advance for student absences via mobile app, website or by automatic telephone system • Choose who will receive attendance notifications including who will be able to enter in attendance information for the student • Monitor your child's attendance through the website or mobile app • Receive push notifications with the mobile app <p><small>We recommend that parents/guardians create an account and verify contact information. Creating an account is simple and easy. Use the email and phone number the school has on file.</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>To learn how to use these tools review our online user guides on your school website</small></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">   </div>		