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KINDNESS MATTERS-TRANSFORM

November 2020 NEWSLETTER



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless [acts](#) they perform for us in our [time](#) of need. And help us to remember the sacrifices that they made by recognizing Remembrance Day. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our [Lord](#). Amen



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

During the month of November we honour all the Saints of our Faith. We also pray for the Faithfully Departed, our loved ones who have died. Let us remember our family members who have gone to their eternal rest with Jesus. May they rest in peace.

November 11th is Remembrance Day. Please take the time to remember Canada's Veterans, Brave and Proud. There are approximately 594,300 veterans of the regular forces and primary reserves in Canada. Notre Dame will be having a Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov. 11th. We will be handing out poppies on that day. Donations are welcome.

Progress reports will be sent home Nov. 6th. These reports give a good indication of how your child is achieving in their learning skills and how that is translating to the various curriculum areas. Next steps are provided to ensure your child reaches their potential. Parent Teacher interviews are November 12th & 13th.

Sincerely,
Karen Wilkinson



Absences

If you know your child/ren are going to be absent or late to school, **please call the school at 519-756-2288 before 9:00 am.** Please feel free to call anytime in the evening or through the night and leave a message on our answering machine. If a child's absence is unexplained, the school office staff will call your home, place of work, or the emergency contact number to ensure that your child is safe and accounted for.



St Pius News

A Message from our Pastoral Team: Christmas @ St Pius Parish

It's been an unusual year, that's for sure. We know that your family has faced many disruptions - changes to school schedules, learning from home, the adoption of face coverings, and perhaps even layoffs and job losses. The world is not what it was when we celebrated Halloween last year. Please know that we have been praying for your family in this trying time, and for all those involved in our school system. If there is some way that you'd like us to pray for you in a special way, please get in touch and let us know. There's a link to make a prayer request on our website, or just give us a call. We have a dedicated team of nearly 30 individuals who bring these prayer requests to God on a daily basis, and we'd love to pray for you.

In the middle of September, while many of you were getting into the swing of a return to school, we were already having another conversation at the church - what will Christmas look like? We know that for you, as for us, Christmas is one of the most special times of year. There's no doubt that with the pandemic raging on, Christmas will be different this year. We excitedly welcomed nearly 900 people to our 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass last year, and still had four more well-attended Masses. With physical distancing requirements, we'll be lucky to fit 900 into the church across all five Masses this year. As a result, while we'll be happy to welcome those who would like to join us, we'd also like to encourage you to consider joining us in another format - online, from home. You'll hear a lot more about this in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, we'd love you to participate in helping us keep Christmas special. One way you can help? If you have a picture from the past year of your engagement with the Parish (a Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, attendance at an event, etc.) and you'd be willing to share it publicly, pass it along! We'll be including a picture slideshow of the past year as part of our online program for Christmas Eve. You can forward any pictures to pastoralassociate@stpiusbrantford.ca

First Eucharist & First Reconciliation

A reminder to all parents that registration for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist in the spring of 2021 is now available. Head to <https://stpiusbrantford.ca/first-communion/> to find out more or to register. If you have any questions please contact the parish office at 519-753-8439 and speak with Andrew.

Youth Ministry

Our Youth Ministry Program for young people in grades 6 and above has been on hold since the middle of March. However, we have a special project in mind for Christmas. If you're interested in more information, please contact Andrew at 519-753-8439 or email pastoralassociate@stpiusbrantford.ca.

Confirmation

Confirmation preparation began approximately a week ago, and we're excited that nearly 60 young people have chosen to move forward with receiving this Sacrament despite the pandemic. Please pray for them - and our leadership team! - as we navigate this complicated preparation process together. We are blessed to have these young people seeking the Lord's good gifts!

Children Not Yet Baptized

If you have a child you would like to have Baptized, please call the Church Office at 519-753-8439. Baptisms take place monthly, except during Lent.

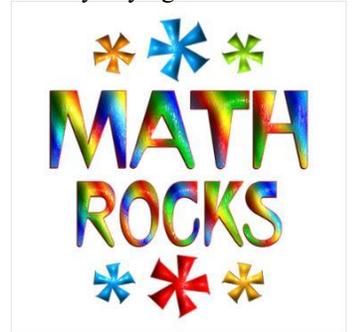
If your child is over the Age of Reason (around age 7), they will need to go through a special preparation process and will celebrate all three Sacraments of Initiation at once. If your child is interested in this program, please contact Andrew at the Church Office as soon as possible. This preparation journey is scheduled to begin at the end of November.

MATH at Home...Newspaper Search

*Give your child the grocery section of the newspaper. Have them make a list of foods that will feed the family for a week and also meet a budget of a certain amount of money. If the total for the groceries is more than you have budgeted for, talk about which items can be eliminated? Could the list be cut down by a few items or by buying less of another item? What would best serve the needs of the family?

*Have your child search for the same items at different prices. Compare the differences

* Look at temperatures and graph the highs and lows looking for weekly trends.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of weather that may effect school transportation, parents are asked to keep in mind the following information. Notre Dame is a Zone 4 school . If bus transportation is cancelled in Zone 4 (as announced by local radio stations) Notre Dame will **be closed** for students. Decisions to cancel or delay transportation will be made prior to 6:30 a.m. and be announced prior to 6:45 a.m. Please listen to the Brantford radio station 92.1 FM for bus cancellation information.

When Notre Dame requires an emergency closing due to weather conditions, each child or family of children will only be dismissed when the parent has been contacted by school personnel and/or volunteers.

WINTER WEAR



This is the time of year to dig out those snow suits, hats and mittens. Remember to label all your child's outerwear. Please ensure that your child has proper clothing for the weather. An extra pair of mittens and socks is not a bad idea.

Parking

"Kiss-Drop-and Drive on" areas. These are not parking areas!

If you must park, please use the parking spots and the parking along Brantwood Park Road.

Remember:

- 1. The circle area is a no parking area.** This is used to pick up your child. If when you are picking your child up and they are not ready please continue to drive in a loop around the parking lot to keep the flow of traffic moving. No stopping and waiting is permitted in the circle area.
- 2. The Fire Routes along the sidewalks are No Parking areas.**
- 3. Slow Down!!!**

HELP US PAINT OUR WAY TO A GREENER PLAY YARD

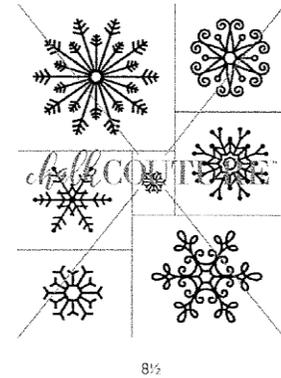
With this fun, DIY take home Christmas ornament craft kit!

\$45.00 per kit • 12 DIY Christmas Ornaments • While supplies last!



JOIN US!

Looking for a fun, DIY craft you can do with your family over the Christmas holidays? This fun, DIY craft kit has all you need to create some beautiful Christmas ornaments at home, all while giving back to our school community to help raise funds for our play yard. Instructions and materials needed are included! Order yours on School Cash Online today!



Kit Includes:
Snowflake Medley Transfer (above)
12 wooden disks
1 squeegee
2 Paste Singles (White/Silver)

DETAILS

Payment can be made on School Cash Online.

Order by: **Tuesday, November 10th** (the earlier the better, these kits are available while supplies last!) We will contact you when kits are ready for pick up.

\$45. per kit, with up to a 27% return to the Greening Project (that's up to \$12 from each kit donated back to the school!)

