

# St.Teresa's School École Ste-Thérèse NEWSLETTER

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**A reminder to all parents/guardians that school will be closed on Friday, November 10 and Monday, November 13 for Remembrance Day.**

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

First term reports will be sent home on Tuesday November 28 and Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 30. Students will be dismissed at 11:30.

Parent teacher conferences start at 12:40 pm. Please ensure you book your appointment times to see your child's teacher. This can be done through OPTIS. Instructions will be sent home to you.

## **Morning Drop off Routines**

At this point in the year all students should be walking to their classrooms on their own. This helps to build independence and give our students some responsibility. Effective November 14 all parents/guardians will be asked to stop in the lobby next to the office and let their child(ren) walk to class alone. If you have questions about this please contact Mr. Dwyer.

## **School Closure - Due to weather, electrical outage, etc.**

In the event that school has to close due to weather, lack of electricity, etc., parents may be notified by phone through a system called School Connect Notify in PowerSchool. If this should occur before school opens in the morning, please listen to your local radio station. In the event that school should close once school has begun, the same system will be used, as well as an announcement on our website (new website currently under construction), plus the District Website, radio stations and a phone call or email from your child's teacher. If you are notified by a teacher through email, please respond as soon as possible via email, letting the teacher know that you have received the message. No child will be released from

school unless verification of transportation arrangements have been made. *It is crucial that if there is a change in your cell number, home phone number, or work number, that you contact the main office so that the necessary changes are made in our database. Please ensure that all contact numbers requested for School Connect Notify are direct telephone numbers.*

## **Parking Lot Safety**

We ask parents to be patient and vigilant when driving on the school lot. If you park in one of the parking stalls, please walk your child across the parking lot. No child should be permitted to weave in between parked vehicles while trying to cross the parking lot. We are also asking people not to park in our spaces designated for disabled parking only. There is only one lane only. Attempting to pass a car can result in a child being injured.

As well if you are dropping your child(ren) in the kiss and ride lane please ensure the safety of all students. This is one lane only. Do not pass cars in front of you. Please wait until you get near the school entrance to let your child out of the car. **DRIVE SLOWLY ON THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT!**



## **PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE -STUDENT/SCHOOL SECURITY**

In an attempt to create a safe and secure environment for all students, we ask all students, parents/ guardians or any visitor who comes to the school outside the regular school hours to use the main entrance and **do not proceed to the classroom area for any reason without clearance from the office.** We will gladly assist if you are dropping off an item for your child(ren) or picking them up. This school policy will allow our staff to know who is in the building at all times and ensure the safety of all or students. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

### **School Council**

Our next school council meeting will be on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>.

The members of our school council are:

Jarrett Morgan, Chair –

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### **Big Brothers Big Sisters In-School Mentoring Program**

In the School Based Mentoring Program, students are matched with mentors who meet with them at their school.

Mentoring activities vary from match to match but may include reading stories, playing games, doing arts and crafts activities, learning activities or simply ‘hanging out.’ Mentoring meetings take place during one lunch hour each week, throughout the school year. As in previous years, this program is actively up and running at our school.

### **DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)**

Throughout this term, the DARE program is being taught to all our Grade 6 students. During one hour per week, Constable Schwartz teaches the Grade Six students a variety of peer resistance and refusal skills so that they can say “no” to drugs and their friends who may want them to use drugs.

### **Breakfast Club**

At **St. Teresa’s school** we offer an inclusive breakfast club every day of the week which welcomes and encourages the participation of all students. It is easily accessible and ensures that no students are singled out or turned away. Parental support is essential to helping make Kids Eat Smart Clubs a success. YOU can help by donating foods listed below:

- **Whole Grain Cereal (less than 6 g sugar (no nuts))**
- **Yogurt**

- **Bread**
- **Milk – 2%**
- **Fruit – Fresh (No Kiwi)**
- **Waffles**
- **Margarine**

Your KES Club Coordinators are Candice Coady [candicecoady@nlesd.ca](mailto:candicecoady@nlesd.ca) and Alicia Murphy [aliciamurphy@nlesd.ca](mailto:aliciamurphy@nlesd.ca). You can contact them for more information. For information on Kids Eat Smart Foundation Newfoundland and Labrador check out [www.kidseatSMART.ca](http://www.kidseatSMART.ca) and follow us on Twitter and Facebook @KidsEatSmartNL

### **Book Fair**

We are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair November 27 - December 1. There will be a viewing time for all students before they have the opportunity to buy.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

Remembrance Day Celebration – Thursday, November 9 @ 11am  
Mid Fall Break- Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
Remembrance Day Holiday – Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
Book fair - November 27 - December 1  
Report Cards go out – November 28  
Parent teacher Conferences – November 30  
Last Day before Christmas – December 22