



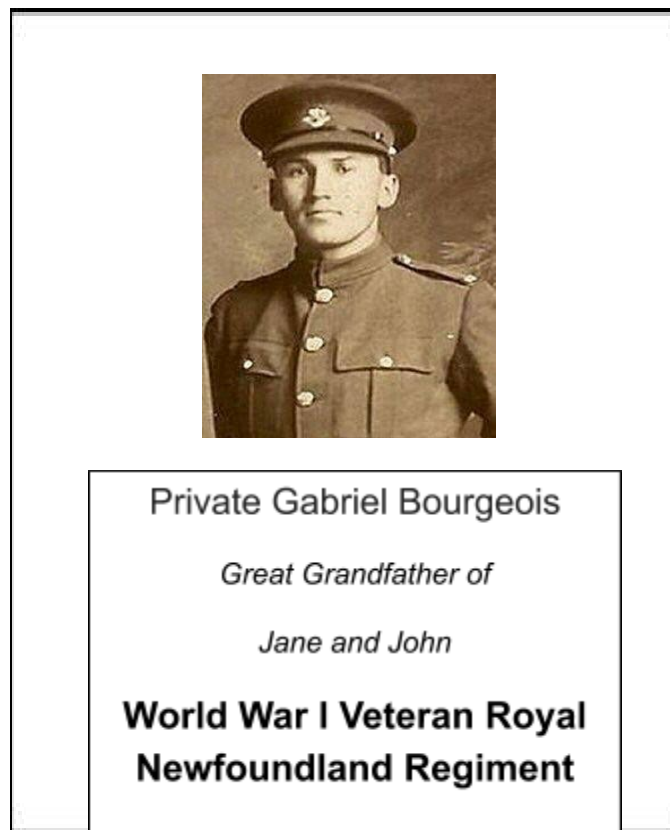
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October 4, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In preparation for Remembrance Day, we would like to create a Wall of Honour in our school to remember and honour relatives of our students who have served our country in the past and more recently in Afghanistan. As well as those currently serving in the military.

If your child has a relative who is/was a veteran of war, we would like you to provide a photocopy of a photograph, the name of the veteran, relation to the student, and the manner in which he/she served our country. Here is an example of how this information will be displayed for your family member.



We would like to display these photographs in a prominent place in our school to thank you for helping us honour your loved ones on this special occasion and help our students understand the significance of Remembrance Day.

Please bring your family member's photo and information to the office by October 29 so that we can begin the display for early November. **Please remember that your photo will not be returned so ensure it is indeed a copy.** It is our intent to keep the finished posters of the relatives of students who will remain in the school next year but send home the posters of relatives of our Grade 6 students if you would like them.

Professional

There is no school for students on October 29th due to a teacher professional development day.

Label Clothing

Our lost and found box is starting to overflow with clothing, lunch bags, water bottles etc... Please take the time to put your child's name on clothing and other important items so that if lost we can return them in a timely manner.



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Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will happen on October 30.

Kids Eat Smart Walk to Breakfast

Thank you to all families who supported our KES Walk to Breakfast. Thanks to volunteer teachers, parents and community partners we serve over two hundred students each day. It is an awesome way to start the day in a fun, social way. **This year we have a coffee/tea corner for our parents and caregivers. Drop by for a coffee and a chat.**

Our breakfast program is up and running. It is being offered five days a week. Students access the breakfast program through the cafeteria door between 8:25 and 8:35. Supervision of students take place in the cafeteria between those times. From 8:35 onward students can enter through the main door. Students are welcome to eat breakfast or sit and wait until 8:35 when they can proceed to their classroom and this is when duty starts in all areas of the school. We are always looking for more volunteers to help with the breakfast program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Ms. Coady at candicecoady@nlesd.ca or Ms. Roche at aliciamurphy@nlesd.ca

Video/Electronic Security Systems

St. Teresa's School is equipped with Video/Electronic Security Systems. There are cameras inside and outside the building. The Video/Electronic Security System is monitored by the school administration. If you have questions please call 579-9111.

Attached are some articles to browse and hopefully they help your child. If you cannot open them and would like a paper copy let your child's teacher know and we can send you home a copy.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are asking students to bring a non-perishable food item in support of our Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Thanksgiving Day assembly which is Friday, October 10 @ 1:15 am. Our grade one classes will be doing the assembly. Doors will open at 1 PM for parents/guardians who wish to attend the assembly. All food collected will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Jamarama Day

On October 25th, our school will be participating in Jamarama Day to support the Janeway. All students and staff are encouraged to wear their pajamas to school and bring in a \$2 donation toward the Janeway Children's Hospital Foundation.

Kinderstart Registration

KinderStart sessions will start in the next few months. If your child was born in the year 2015 please call the school to register them for KinderStart.

School Attendance

School attendance is critical to a student's academic success but more importantly research shows that low performance at school, generally leads to a more difficult life with less access to good jobs.

School absenteeism from a young age has significant negative consequences that can last a lifetime.

Research indicates that absenteeism in kindergarten is associated with negative grade one outcomes, such as; greater absenteeism in the future, as well as, lower student achievement in math, reading and general knowledge.

Any student who misses a school day misses an opportunity to learn.

Please take a look at the attached link and read about how attendance and achievement are related.

<http://www.sncdsb.on.ca/blog/5-things-you-must-know-about-school-attendance>

Helping an Anxious Child

The link below will take you to an article called What to Do (and Not Do) When Children Are Anxious! This may help your child if needed to work through an anxious time or situation.

Parents Can Help With Reading

It was discussed at curriculum night that there is a strong focus on reading at St. Teresa's School. In the link provided you will find some great information on how you can help your child read. Please give us feedback on how this works for you.

<http://www.fortheteachers.org/ways-a-parent-can-help-a-child-with-reading>

Parking Lot Safety

We ask parents to be patient and vigilant when driving on the school parking 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 disability parking only. Parents/guardians are stopping in the drive thru lanes, too often very close to the crosswalk and it is creating very unsafe conditions for our students. Please do not park in the drive thru lanes. If you stop or park it must be in a parking stall. Also, please drive very slowly around all areas of the school.

It is the responsibility of the school community to keep our students safe. Cars should not be passing other cars in the kiss and ride lane.

Calendar at a Glance

October 3-6 STS Baseball Tournament
October 10 – Thanksgiving Day Assembly @ 1:15 pm(Grade 1)
October 14 – Thanksgiving Day Holiday
October 25 - Janeway Jamarama Day
October 29 – School Close out for PL
October 30 – Picture Retakes
November 8 – Holiday No School
November 11 – Remembrance Day No School
November 12 – Teacher Professional learning Day - No School for students