

# St. Teresa's School - École Ste-Thérèse 100 Mundy Pond Road, St. John's, NL A1E 1V1 Tel: 709-579-9111 Fax 709-579-2448 www.stsnl.ca

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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.



Private Gabriel Bourgeois

Great Grandfather of

Jane and John

World War I Veteran Royal Newfoundland Regiment

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.

## Other news

There is no school for students on October 30<sup>th</sup> 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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## Kids Eat Smart Walk to Breakfast/iWalk to school

On Friday, October 26 we are encouraging as many students as possible to walk to breakfast/school. To support this event, teachers will be on the west side of the St. Teresa's Church parking lot at 8:25 am and walk up around the parking lot and back to the school. This walk coincides with the City of St. John's Recreation Division International iWalk/iWheel to school. Registration forms will be sent home later this week or early next week. We are asking for donations to the KES Breakfast Club. Donations are gratefully accepted, such as cereal (Corn Flakes, Kellogg's Rice Krispies, Crispix and Multigrain Cheerios), Eggo's, yogurt, plain oatmeal, whole wheat bread, bagels and all fruits (exception: kiwi). Of course, we will also accept gift cards from Sobeys, Dominion, Colemans, Walmart or Costco. Thank you so much for your continued support.

## **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.

#### **Picture Retakes**

Picture retakes will happen on Monday, October 29.

### St. Teresa's Pride

In November, St. Teresa's Pride will be hosting its first annual Pride Parade in the school. This parade is to show support for our LGBTQ students and families. All students deserve love and support from their peers and, as a safe and caring school, St. Teresa's strives to advocate for all and provide an inclusive learning environment. Details will be provided at a later date.

## **Education Incentive Program**

Learn about cash incentives, tutoring and scholarship opportunities available for family members attending school, ABE and post-secondary programs. Please visit the Froude Avenue Community Centre on Tuesday, October 23 at 3:15 pm to find out more.

## **Learning Commons**

September 2018 marked a shift in our school as we began the switch from having a Library which functioned mainly as a place to exchange books to having a Library Learning Commons (LLC), a multi-purpose space which serves to engage students in a variety of activities. In the LLC students might be involved in engineering challenges to build towers from playdough and toothpicks or using a picture book to inspire their writing. They could be learning to code while coding a robot to find acts of kindness. The opportunities for students to make deep learning connections in the Learning Commons will continue to expand as we welcome guest speakers, new technology and a huge assortment of new reading materials, thanks to our partnership with Indigo and Coles - Avalon Mall. If you are interested in volunteering in the Learning Commons to help with upcoming Book Fairs and other activities, please contact Ms. Forward.

## **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 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 school community to keep our students safe.