

ST. ALPHONSUS' NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022

Mrs. MacGregor, Principal --- Mrs. Bowers, Assistant Principal

A Remembrance Day Prayer NOVEMBER 11

*Loving God,
have mercy on your people,
and open our hearts to peace and love.
Reward all who have died for their country,
and grant that Canada and all nations
may continue to work for peace and justice.
Bless us in your service,
and help us to follow Jesus Christ,
who is our Saviour and our Lord
for ever and ever.
Amen.*



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Message from School Administration

Happy November! October was another busy month. We had four more classes attend Mass at St. Alphonsus Parish, our Thanksgiving celebration and our soccer team finished off their season. Our volleyball season has kicked off for the boys and girls. They had a fantastic Halloween tournament and now will be playing a game a week for the next several weeks. Keep an eye on our Instagram page, where their games are highlighted.

Our YONA students had a large rehearsal with the other two schools on Wednesday, the 26th- they are starting to sound great. We look forward to the Juniors performing the coming Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at 5:15.

Our grade 4 class will be having their Bible celebration with Fr. Glenn on Thursday, November 3rd. This is always a wonderful celebration and always so personal as it takes place in their classroom. These Bibles are meant to stay with them all through school and life.

November is a month that we reflect on how we can be a Peacemaker. How we can honor those who fought for our freedom and peace. We will be honoring those who served so that we may have peace on Thursday, Nov. 10th at 9:00. Please come by and participate in the ceremony if you are able. We will also be recognizing Indigenous Veterans day over broadcast on Tuesday, November 8th.

As a reminder we have our November break, November 11-15, returning to school on November 16th.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interviews will run on Thursday, November 24th from 1:30-5:00 and 6:00-7:30 in person ONLY. You will have 15 minutes to sit with your child's teacher(s) to discuss the learning and it is a chance for your child to show you what has been learned. Elementary students will meet their teacher in the classroom and junior high students will meet their teachers in the large gym.

Important Times:

8:00	Doors open for Junior High students to have breakfast
8:10	Supervision in the playground for elementary students
10:00-10:15	Recess for Elementary students
12:00-12:40	Lunch time for K-9 students (staggered)
3:00	Dismissal

Thursday early dismissal is 12:00PM

SCHOOL BUS APP- PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE DOWNLOADED THE BP DELAY APP FOR YOUR CHILD'S BUS TO KEEP UPDATES ON ITS STATUS.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that our school is open from 8:00 am—4:00 pm. After hours, the telephone answering machine is available to register absent students or to leave messages for the staff. Please remember that we will be happy to give your child a message at lunch or at the end of the school day. We do ask that if you need to speak to a teacher or administrator that you call the office and make an appointment.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

If your son or daughter is absent from school because they are ill, on vacation, at the doctor, or for some other reason, it is very important you phone the school and let us know. This will help us to keep track of student absences.

EXTENDED VACATIONS

Many families take their children away from school for extended vacations of two, three or more weeks. These types of vacations are very disruptive to student learning. Please know that if you are planning on doing so, you must request the permission of the principal for an extended absence from school registration. In addition, if your child is going to miss multiple weeks of school, you must request work from the teacher and your child must complete the work during the absence. Since children under the age of seventeen are required to attend school by law, parents, choosing to remove their children from school for extended periods, are required to request permission and ensure that schoolwork is completed prior to or during the absence.

STUDENT HEALTH

If your child is ill, your child should stay at home until he/she is healthy enough to participate in all school activities. Parents need to be aware that if a child is well enough to come to school then the child is well enough to go outside for recess. If your child needs to stay inside for medical reasons, then the school needs a doctor's note stating the specific conditions or temperature for which the child needs to be kept inside.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now due for the 2022-2023 school year. A reminder that our yellow bussing is free to those students that require the bus and the cost of an ETS bus pass is now \$61.50.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are once again back up and running. Field trips forms are required to be signed by the parents and returned for the student to attend a field trip. We cannot take permission over the phone. Please visit our website to get more information on the fees that may be associated with your child's grade/class field trips. You can pay for any field trips through your power school account.

CIRCLE OF SUPPORT- ROOM 104

We have our ECSD supports, Taina (FSLW) and Shireen (CT), who work in the room along with several community agencies working in conjunction with the United Way, who are partnered with St. Alphonsus school to provide supports to students and families. Their staff are on site working alongside our staff and are an integral part of our community. The partners are The Family Centre, E4C and Boys and Girls Club/Big Brothers Big Sisters.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 1st- All Saints Day

November 2nd- YONA rehearsal

November 10th- Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 11th- Remembrance Day- No School

November 14th and 15th- November Break- No School

November 16th- First day back from November break

November 24th- Demo of Learning 1:30-5:00 and 6:00-7:30

Please visit our website at www.stalphonsus.ecsd.net