

November 2018

# St. Ann School

## GRADE 6 BAKE SALE

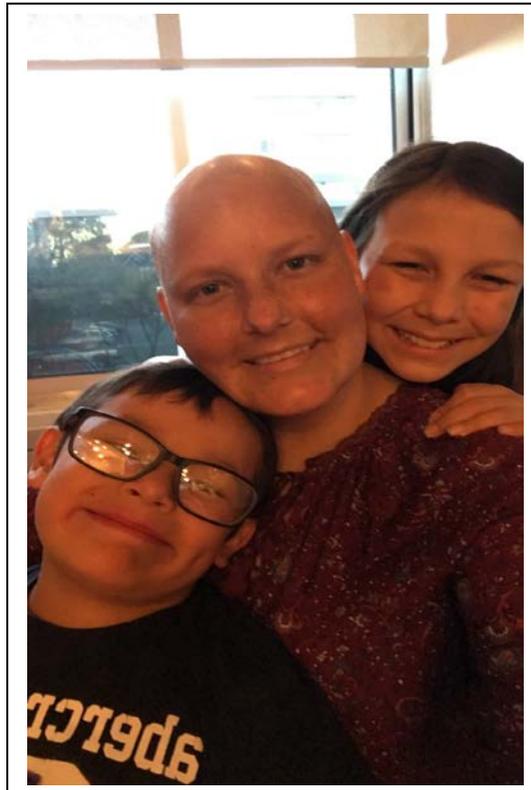
The Grade 6 Bake sale was a HUGE success!!! Parents and staff brought in 3 tables full of baking!!! The school made \$735 that will go towards a GREAT cause!!

A big shout out to “Uncle Richard” who donated \$100 !!!!!

All proceeds will be given to the Legarde/Esquega family, whose mom is battling cancer in Ottawa. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bess Legarde and her sons, Cameron (Grade 6) and Kolby (Grade 2).

Bess sent the school a text on Monday October 29, with an update for our community:

“Today marks the 74<sup>th</sup> day post-transplant. I’m doing very well considering I didn’t have a perfect match donor. There were a few hiccups along the way, but it’s looking like I’m going home according to plan in 3 weeks!!  
I wouldn’t have gotten through any of this if I wasn’t able to have my boys visit me. Just to fly the boys to Ottawa costs \$1600. It wouldn’t be possible without the support of the gofundme page, the support from the community, school, family and friends. Thank you to everyone”



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**HALLOWEEN DANCE-A-THON !!**

On Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 all of our students participated in an active community event, our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Halloween Dance-A-Thon! A DJ was on hand to inspire our children to participate in the various dances including the Chicken Dance and a crowd favourite the Monster Mash. Join us on our St. Ann Facebook Page and check out all the pictures - "St. Ann Elementary School"

Thank you to everyone who collected pledges!! Our school raised over \$400 this year!!!

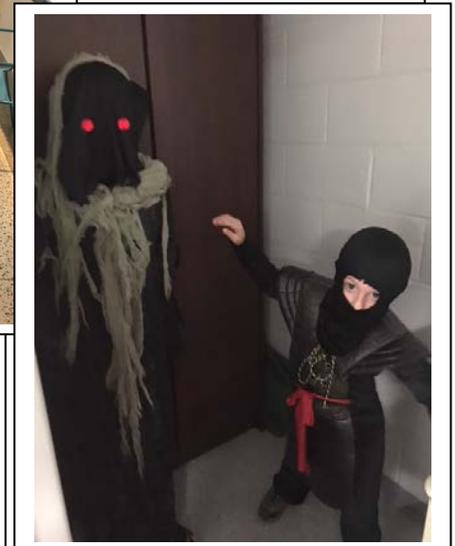
**ONTARIO TREATIES  
RECOGNITION WEEK  
Nov 4-10**

Did you know that we are all treaty partners?

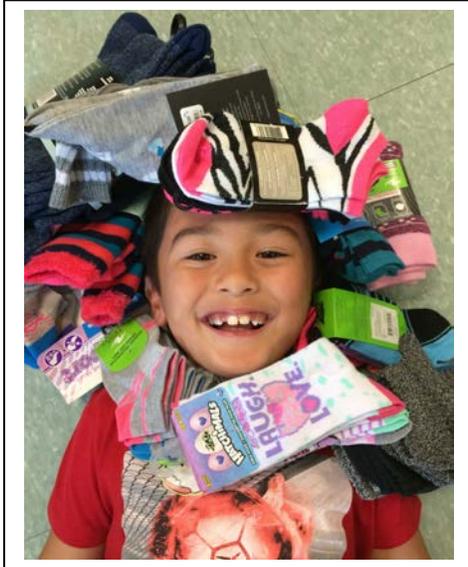
St. Ann School, and the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board, would like to acknowledge that we are treaty partners in the Robinson-Superior 1850 Treaty territory. St. Ann school is excited to celebrate Ontario's first annual **Treaties Recognition Week** from November 4-10, 2018. During this week, students and staff will have exciting opportunities to discuss and celebrate the significance of treaties and treaty relationships in Ontario and Canada.

**Report Cards/Parent Teacher  
Interviews**

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Nov.15, 2018



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## SOCKTOBER

Thank you to all the families who donated socks to the Grade 2 Socktober initiative. It was the first time we participated in this event and we were very pleased with our success. Our initial goal was 99 pairs of new socks. Wow! We were surprised by the generosity! We were able to give the Shelter House 272 pairs of new socks to help many men, women and children. There will be many warm feet in Thunder Bay this year thanks to everyone who donated. A special thank you to Canadian Tire, Mountain Warehouse, Eclipse, Bootlegger and Maurices for donating socks too!

The Grade 2 students will be delivering the socks to the Shelter house in November.



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## Anti-bullying Week

The week of November 19<sup>th</sup> through to the 23<sup>rd</sup> is Anti-bullying Week in the schools. St. Ann School community is in the process of developing a culture of pride which is founded on respect. On a daily basis we are consistently working at creating a learning environment free of bullying. It is important that we demonstrate in word and deed a safe and caring Catholic school culture. Our school will be engaging in a number of activities and initiatives this month to support anti-bullying. Teachers will be focusing on the topic of bullying in their Christian Living programs, and there will be school events run each day of anti-bullying week.

In addition information sheets about bullying will be sent home to our families as to heighten awareness of bullying and how to deal with it. And finally, there will be a pink shirt day on Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup>. On this day all students and staff will be asked to wear pink/red shirts to school to show that we are against bullying. We will also be pre-ordering pink Persians to eat on this day. Please return your order forms or pay online by Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Everyone has a responsibility to help stop bullying and be a peacemaker/peacekeeper. Spread the word that bullying isn't cool.

## Turkey Trot

Turkey trot was a big success. St Ann School gave away 18 turkeys and 18 pumpkin pies to race winners along with students who showed Skyhawk pride and sportsmanship. Congratulations to the following turkey winners!!

ELKP1 - Rylan & William	Grade 3 - Avery & Kara
ELKP2 - Cecil & Elvis	Grade 4 - Jenna & Elektra
Grade 1 - Raiyah & Naomi	Grade 5 - Brandy & Dalton
Grade 1/2V - Cameron & Michael	Grade 6 - Gabriel & Hayden
Grade 2 - Taylor & Kolby	

## PARENTS PAGE

### Upward Bound Tutoring

St. Ann's "Upward Bound After School Tutoring Program" will start on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and will run until November 30<sup>th</sup>. The program will resume again in the New Year on January 7 to March 7. It will be held in the library every Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:20 - 4:50 p.m. Miss. Mauro will be helping students with literacy, numeracy and assisting students to finish up homework or projects. Registration forms were sent home, however they are still available at the office. Please note that students must be picked up promptly at 4:50 p.m. We thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

### (CSC) Catholic School Council

Our School council held its first meeting in October, The meeting was very positive, and it was nice to see new faces and share information. Our next meeting will be held on November 7 @ 6 pm. Please check the online calendar for dates.

### Christmas Mass

Our Christmas Mass will be on Tuesday December 18 @ 1:45 p.m at St. Agnes Church.

### Communication Between Home and School

We will keep you informed of all events and activities in your child's life at school in addition to his or her progress. You should have already received a school calendar and the grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students also received a St. Ann Catholic Agenda Planner or Handbook. The Catholic Agenda Planner is a great instrument to use to communicate between home and school. Students record daily work, assignments, upcoming tests and special dates in the planner (agenda). Parents are asked to sign the agenda book daily. Parents and teachers can use the agenda planner to communicate when necessary.

### Parent Lending Library

Don't forget to come and visit our Parent Lending Library. We have over 50 fantastic book titles to choose from including tips on parenting, cook books, bullying and homework strategies. If you would like to borrow a book from the library please make sure you sign it out in the record book. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

As winter approaches the District of Thunder Bay, we are reminding all students and parents to be prepared to adjust to school bus delays and cancellations due to poor weather and road conditions. Not only is it important to dress warmly while waiting for the bus, parents and their children must have a plan in place for what to do if the bus doesn't arrive or what will happen if busing is cancelled.

One of the most challenging decisions for Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay is whether to cancel busing during inclement weather. The process starts at 5:00 a.m. with the STSTB Consortium Manager receiving reports on weather and road conditions from our contracted bus companies who compile information from experienced, professional school bus drivers living throughout the district. Additional information is obtained from the MTO and municipal road crews and Environment Canada. After reviewing all the data and further consultation with the school bus contractors and area roads maintenance supervisors, the Consortium Manager then decides whether to cancel busing. The decision to cancel is then relayed to the Directors of Education, or their designates, for each school board via conference call for confirmation by 6:30 a.m. Any further decision to close schools remains solely with each school board's Director or designate.

With such a large area, it is not unusual for weather to be bad in some parts of the district and not others. However, to limit confusion, bus cancellations fall under one of only two scenarios, either Rural-Only or System-Wide (rural and city). As many rural high school routes cross more than one school zone and transfers occur at rural elementary schools it would be confusing to narrow Rural-Only cancellations down to only specific areas. Therefore a rural closure affects all rural areas. Parents may get frustrated if roads in their area look fine, however, travel elsewhere in the district that the bus their child rides on may be unsafe.

Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay understands that cancelling buses in inclement weather has a big effect on families; however, student safety is our number one priority, so there are times we simply must cancel busing in the interest of keeping everyone safe. Once again, we remind all families to have an alternate plan in place should busing and/or schools be closed.

School Bus Transportation Cancellation notices can be found at:

- [www.ststb.ca](http://www.ststb.ca)
- STSTB Emergency Weather Closure phone number: 625-1661
- Local radio stations

## **ST. AGNES PARISH NEWS:**

St. Agnes is hoping to have a **Children's Choir** sing at the Christmas morning mass on December 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Children will be practicing during the month of December in preparation for Christmas morning. If our child is interested in participating, please contact Janice at the Parish Office at 475-7489. More information will follow in December.

The "**Amped**" **Youth Group** meets every Thursday from 3:30 until 5:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. All students in Grade 3 – 6 are welcome to attend. Students meet in the St. Martin school library at 3:30 p.m. and then walk to the church with the Youth Ministry Leaders. A small snack is provided along with lots of fun activities.

**Altar Servers needed:** Have you celebrated your First Communion? Are you in Grade 3 – 6 and would like to become an altar server? St. Agnes Church is currently looking for altar servers for weekend masses. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 475-7489 for further information.

**Children's Liturgy** classes have started once again at St. Agnes church. Classes run every Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. mass, except the third Sunday of the month when the Family Mass occurs. Children from JK – Grade 4 are invited to the church hall to engage in meaningful interpretations of the readings and Gospel and to participate in hands-on activities.

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**Catholic Virtues in Action**  
**November - Peacemakers**

The month of November is typically associated with Remembrance Day. We continue to take part in the activities and celebrations that are associated with peace. We remember the many men and women who have given their lives to preserve and promote world peace. We are also reminded of the many events that engage our communities as we work together to create peace in our own immediate surroundings. As a school community we will be focusing our efforts to maintain a peaceful school environment especially around Nov.11<sup>th</sup> and during National Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week (Nov 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>).

**Fall Fundraisers**

Our Fall Fundraisers have come to a close and we are very pleased with the results. We raised over \$1200 for our school!! Congratulations to our community on a great effort.

- 1) Halloween Chips - \$800
- 2) Dance-A-Thon - \$400

