



St. Francis Xavier School

November 2016 Edition

News from 5C

Theme for 2016-2017: Care For Our Common Home



Dear Parents,

We are glad that the student planners had finally arrived! This tool should help your child stay organized with their work and assignments. Please be reminded that I expect students to have their *planners signed daily* to help keep them accountable. Thank you!

We will be celebrating All Saints Day (Nov. 1) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2). In connection with All Saints Day, the Grade 5s are learning about various Canadian saints in class who serve as excellent role models for our faith journey.

Furthermore, on November 11th we remember the men and women who served and died in the wars so that we may live in a peaceful and free country. One way we can show our appreciation and respect is by making a donation to the Canadian Legion and wearing a poppy.

Reverence for Life

In Religion class, students have been learning how to lead morning prayer with the basic elements: an introduction, scripture reading, petitions, and closing prayer. Students will take turns leading morning prayer in partners throughout the year.

We have also been learning the “*Prayer for Reverence for Life*” and discussing how each stage of life is a gift from God. Students have made prayer cards and are encouraged to say this prayer nightly.

Another concept that we’re studying is stewardship. We understand stewardship as our response to God’s many gifts, which includes respect for all life and the responsible care of the environment. Created in God’s image and likeness, we have the responsibility to care for all of God’s creation through our words and actions. This topic is a great connection to our school theme this year— “Care for our Common Home!”

Simple Machines

In Science, we have been learning about forces around us and how they affect the movement of objects. One experiment we did was explore how the slope of a ramp affects the distance that an object will roll. In the current chapter we’re studying, we looked at the mechanical definition of “work” as the result of using force to make something move.

As part of our investigation of simple machines, we will be participating in a *High Touch High Tech* workshop called “Finally Fun Machines” on Thursday, November 3rd. Permission forms had been sent home.

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming events:

- ♦ *Tuesday, November 1st: All Saints Day—School Mass*
- ♦ *Sunday, November 6th: Daylight Saving Time Ends*
- ♦ *Sunday, November 6th: 11:15am Mass—Grade 5 Class participate*
- ♦ *Wednesday, November 9th: School Mass (5D)*
- ♦ *Thursday, November 10th: 11am Remembrance Day Service Assembly*
- ♦ *Friday, November 11th: Remembrance Day—No School*
- ♦ *Monday, November 14th: Professional Development Day—No School*
- ♦ *Friday, November 18th: No School Mass—Priests*

