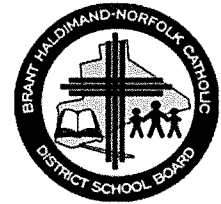


# November 2023 Newsletter



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Remembrance Prayer for Children.

We remember those who stood for love and truth, And thank you for the sacrifice they made for me and you.

Thank you that we can now enjoy peace and learn to love not fight, Thank you that we can now sing and play, and not be scared or hide.

We pray for other countries where children live in fear, And there is war and fighting and many are in tears.

Please help to make things better, and bring some peace to them.

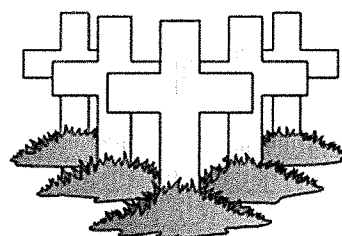
Protect all those who try and help to make friends again.

Amen.

## Remembrance Day

In honour of Remembrance Day, students and staff will be having a Remembrance Day service on Thursday, November 10th. We also ask students and staff to dress in Red / White.

We will be accepting donations for the purchase of poppies through the Royal Canadian Legion.



▪ **Parish Information**  
 ▪ **St. Michael's Catholic Church**

▪ **Parish Pastor:** Father Seejo John  
 ▪ **Parish Priest:** Father Sekar Raj

▪ **Masses:**

▪ Sacred Heart Langton  
 ▪ Sat. 5:00 pm Sun. 10:30 am  
 ▪ St. Michael's Sun. 8:30

### School Website

▪ Just a reminder that you can register on our school website page to receive alerts as to what is being sent home, such as newsletters, class trip forms, etc. With these alerts you will never have to worry about not getting a form brought home!! Please register at [www.stmichaelwalsh.ca](http://www.stmichaelwalsh.ca). For more information, please call the Board Office at 519-756-6505 or email at [info@bhncdsb.ca](mailto:info@bhncdsb.ca)



### Reminder

Please note that Friday, November 17th is a PA Day for students. There will be no school or transportation that day.

### Progress Reports and Interviews

Progress reports will be sent home on Monday, November 6th. Interviews will be held Thursday, November 16th from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Friday, November 17th from 8:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. JK/SK interviews will be held on Friday, November 17th only. A note has been sent home to book your interview time with the teacher. **Times for the interviews will be sent home.**

### St. Michael's Spirit Wear

A letter has been sent home in regards to purchasing School Spirit Wear. It is the same items that were sold last year. Last date to purchase them will be November 13th. This is done online through Schooltee, in Ayr, Ontario

### Vittoria Fire Department

Thank you very much to the Vittoria Fire Department for a generous donation to be put towards our year end celebration.

## Norfolk County Fair Road Race

Thank you goes out to Emily O., Ava D., and Haven J. for participating and representing our school in the Norfolk County Fair Road Race on Tuesday, October 3rd. Congratulations to Emily O. for finishing in second place, way to go Emily!!

Special thanks to Mrs. Christine Deconinck-O'Neil for supervising them at the race and Mrs. Defreyne for organizing!!


## Cross Country

Thank you to Mrs. Defreyne for coaching and working with our Cross Country team over the last month. Our team consisted of: Alaina B., Arianna D., Makayla D., Bella H., Remy P., Jaxon F., Aubree A., Olivia D., Liliana S., Etta W., Alexa D., Riley B., Mason B., Matthew O., Cylis P., Jordyn R., Emily O., and Ronny R.

Congratulations to Mason B. for finishing third in his division and to Emily O. for finishing 6th in her division. All of our runners represented St. Michael's very well at the Cross Country meet held at the Shadow Lake Trail in Waterford on Thursday, October 26th.

## Parent Council Jensen Cheese Fundraiser


The Parent Council will be doing a Jensen Cheese Fundraiser in November. Orders will be due on Monday, November 20th at 9:00 a.m.. The orders will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, December 13th from 2:00—4:00 at the school. Please make our fundraiser a success!!




# How to Teach Your Child

## About Diversity and Inclusion

1. **Lead by example:** Children learn by observing the behavior of the adults around them. Show your child how to be respectful, open-minded, and inclusive towards people who are different from them.
2. **Discuss differences:** Encourage your child to ask questions about differences they observe in others, and help them understand that everyone is unique and special in their own way.
3. **Read diverse books:** Read books that showcase a variety of cultures, families, and experiences. This can help your child understand and appreciate diversity.
4. **Teach empathy:** Encourage your child to put themselves in someone else's shoes, and to understand and respect others' feelings and perspectives.
5. **Encourage respect for all:** Teach your child to respect all individuals, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or abilities.
6. **Encourage self-reflection:** Encourage your child to reflect on their own experiences and biases, and to continue learning and growing in their understanding of diversity and inclusion.
7. **Model inclusive language:** Use inclusive language and avoid language that may be offensive or hurtful to others.
8. **Address biases and prejudices:** If your child expresses biases or prejudices, address them openly and respectfully, and help them understand the harm these attitudes can cause.





**Health and  
Social Services**  
Halifax and Norfolk



## **Spirit Day's at St. Michael's**

Warrior Day will take place each Wednesday in November, November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Gum day will be held each Friday. Students can bring gum and pay .25 cents to chew it. All proceeds will go to charity

Pyjama Day will be Tuesday, November 14th and on Tuesday, November 28th it will be Colour day. More information will follow in regards to colour day.

Get creative and show your school spirit!!

## **School Photo Retake Day**

Those students that didn't have their photo taken in October or would like a retake done will have the opportunity to do so on Monday, November 27th.



## **Students of the Month for September**

Congratulations to Andie F., Blake V., Kayleigh V., Knox B., Sydney D., Bruno L., Etta W., Levi O., Lucas V., and Haven J. for being the Students of the Month for September, Being a Good Friend.

Also congratulations to the following students who will have a pizza lunch with Mrs. Petrella for being the Pawcha winners: Zoey D., Clark P., Levi O., Ford K., Noah S., and Lucas V.

## **Students of the Month for October**

Congratulations to Cheyanne K., Jacob B., Matthew V., Tom W., Jordyn R., Olivia D., Bruce P., Noah S., Ryan B., and Mason D. or being the students of the Month for October for Being a Team Player.

Also congratulations to the following students who will have a pizza lunch with Mrs. Petrella for being the Pawcha winners: Mason D., Bruce P., Ronny A., Dylan V., and Jaxon F.

