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November Newsletter

“Living, Celebrating and Proclaiming Our Faith”

Notre Dame would like to acknowledge that we are blessed to live, work, and play on Treaty 8 land, the traditional territory of the Cree, Sekani, Dunne-za, Dene-thah, Sauleaux, Chipewyan, and other Indigenous people who were not identified specifically in the treaty.

† Principal’s Message

Dear Notre Dame Students and Families,

As we enter November, our hearts turn to remembrance, gratitude, and partnership. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). In this spirit, our school community will gather on **Friday, November 14th**, for our Remembrance Day prayer. We will pray for all who have served and who continue to serve—especially Canadian veterans and peacekeepers—and we will remember the sacrifices made for the freedoms we enjoy today. Students are invited to wear their poppies with reverence this week, and to bring intentions for our Book of Remembrance.

November also brings **Student-Led Conferences**, which put students at the center of their learning stories. You’ll see evidence of growth, hear your child reflect on successes and next steps, and partner with the teacher on goals for the term.

To make the most of your visit:

Ask open questions: “What are you most proud of? What was hard, and how did you work through it?”

Celebrate effort and growth, not just marks.

Leave with one simple, actionable goal you can encourage at home.

As a Catholic school, we hold together memory and mission: We remember with gratitude and recommit to forming young people who seek truth, witness faith, and serve with joy. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and prayers for our students and staff. May Christ, the Prince of Peace, guide our words and actions this month.

God Bless, Your Partner in Education
C. Richard



From the Office

Student Led Conferences

Student-Led Conferences will be held on **Wednesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 20th**.

Students will be dismissed early at 1:45 on both days to allow for conferencing with families.

This year, conferences will be in person, with two families booked every 30 minutes, from 2:15 to 7:00 p.m. each day.

Students will need to be present with their families to lead the conference and then meet with the classroom teacher to discuss, answer questions and set goals for moving forward with the student.

Please watch for an email from the school to sign up for your specific time for your conference in the upcoming.

Continuous Improvement Plan

Our Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) is now available to review on our school website under the ‘Our School’ tab. We look forward to continuing to work together in this ongoing cycle of growth to best support our students.



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Book Fair November 17th to 21st

The **Notre Dame School book fair** is back from November 17 - 21 in the Maker Space room downstairs.

Times:

Lunch Recess (12:00 - 12:20)on

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Friday



During Student Led Conferences (2:00 to 7:00)

- Wednesday & Thursday

Special Request:

- Students are asked not to share money or make purchases for others to help prevent misunderstandings.

Thank you for your support. As a result, each classroom gets to choose books for its classroom library!



Thank you to our PSG & ND Coaching Team



Notre Dame School would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the **PSG** for generously providing our volleyball team with new jerseys.

Your support helps our students play with pride, teamwork, and school spirit! We are so grateful for your kindness and for cheering on our students both on and off the court.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to **Madame Juell and Mr. H** for volunteering their time after school and sharing their talents in coaching our volleyball teams. Your dedication, encouragement, and enthusiasm make a lasting impact on our students and help them grow both as athletes and as individuals.



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Key Dates This Month

Thursday, Nov. 6th

Hat & Jeans Day – Bring a Toonie for our Foster Children



Friday, Nov. 7th

Virtue Prayer & Awards in the gymnasium @ 9:00 am

Monday, Nov. 10th

PSG Monthly Meeting @ 5:00 pm



Tuesday, Nov. 11th

Remembrance Day – No School



Friday, Nov. 14th

Grade 3 Class Prayer @ 9:00 am in the gymnasium

Tuesday, Nov. 18th

School Council Monthly Meeting @ 6:30 pm



Wednesday, Nov. 19th & Thursday, Nov. 20th

Student Led-Conferences

Spirit Day – Notre Dame Apparel Day



Friday, Nov. 21st

Gr. 7 Mass Service @ 11:00 am at Notre Dame Parish



Tuesday, Nov. 25th

Science World @ 1:45-2:30 in the gymnasium for all grades

Friday, Nov. 28th

Non-Instructional Day – No School for students

Saturday, Nov. 29th

Season of Advent Begins

News from Our School Council

- ☐ Our next monthly meeting and AGM will be on **November 18th at 6:30 pm.**





Faith & Virtue Focus

For November, we will learn and practice the Virtue and Fruit of the Spirit, Peace.

What is Peace?

Peace is the calm that comes when we trust in God and treat others with love and respect. It means choosing kindness instead of anger, listening before speaking, and finding ways to solve problems peacefully. Peace starts within our hearts and spreads through our words and actions.

What is the Fruit of Peace?

The Fruit of Peace is a gift from the Holy Spirit that helps us live in harmony with God, ourselves, and others. When we live with peace, we bring comfort and understanding to those around us. It reminds us that Jesus calls us to be peacemakers in our homes, classrooms, and communities.

How Can Students Model Peace?

In the classroom:

Using calm voices, including others in games, helping to solve disagreements kindly, and showing patience when working with classmates.

At home:

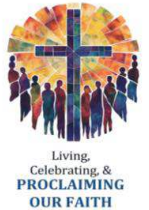
Speaking kindly to family members, helping with chores without arguing, saying sorry and forgiving quickly, and praying together as a family.

In our community:

Helping a neighbour, standing up for what is right, or offering friendship to someone who is lonely.

When we practice peace, we reflect the heart of Jesus, who said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Let us make November a month where we bring calm, kindness, and understanding wherever we go.



Virtue & Fruit of the Spirit Awards for Hospitality & Joy

Congratulations to all the students and staff who have received awards, and to each of you for helping us practice the virtue of **HOSPITALITY** and the Fruit of the Spirit of **JOY**.

Kindergarten Awards: Henry Clement, Mia Dioquino

Grade One Awards: Harlon Shipton

Grade Two: Safrina Dimapilis, Mikel Bryson

Grade Three: Henry Giesbrecht, Amelia Knutson, Nisha Sandu

Grade Four: Luna Hora, Eli Sandberg, Audrey Floriant

Grade Five: Layla Nguyen, Kayden Mackie, Austin Fernandez

Grade Six: Kash Obrigewitch, Arianah Maming

Grade Seven: Greyson Norman-Hopcraft, Tenley Juell, Kevin Banocnoc

Staff: Shannon MacKenzie, Victoria Dyck



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Parent Community Information

From the PSG – Parent Support Group



Hello Families of Notre Dame!

October was a busy month, wasn't it?! Welcome to November! We are very happy with the Hot Lunch Program! Thank you to the coordinators and volunteers who have made this happen. Also, THANK YOU to the Grade Seven Class for volunteering to distribute the lunches to the classrooms. It is greatly appreciated by all!

PSG has kicked off our annual Holiday Purdy's fundraiser! Purdy's is the Top Canadian Chocolatier and is known for its wide variety of tasty chocolate products made with 100% sustainable cocoa and premium ingredients. Purdy's makes a great gift for friends, families, co-workers, employees and teachers! Reminder that all orders are due back by November 24th, 2025.

Customer Number to use is **53779**, and the campaign is called **NOTRE DAME SCHOOL 2025 CHRISTMAS**

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1788254-130126>

Basket Raffle 2025

It is that time of year when we begin collecting items for one of our **FAVOURITE** school fundraisers. Each classroom is responsible for collecting NEW items for a designated gift basket. Each child is asked to contribute an item(s) with at least a \$10-\$15 value. Alternatively, a monetary donation can be made, which will allow an item to be purchased for the basket. Students will be bringing home raffle tickets to be sold to family and friends in December. To ensure that our basket raffle is a success, please have your **ITEM** or **MONEY** brought to the classroom by **November 19th, 2025**.

We hosted the AGM on October 14th. The members voted for the board positions are :

President: Rachel Veiner

Vice-President: Allison Bijl

Treasurer: April Floriant

Secretary: Amy Kaempf

Fundraising Chair: open



Our next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on **November 10th at 5:00 p.m.** If you would like to receive the meeting agenda via email, please send a request to ndspsg@cispg.ca. It is a great way to follow along and stay in the loop on the PSG projects and events.



Morning & After School Care Spaces are still Available

Our Morning & after-school care program is available for kindergarten to grade 7 students within our school..

Hours of operation

Morning School Care: 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Afterschool Care: 2:45 pm – 5:45 pm.

Applications for the Morning & After-school Care Program are available on our school website or at the school office.

Notre Dame Pre-School with Ms. Patsy

Monday to Thursday

Morning classes: 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Afternoon classes: 12:30 pm -3:30 pm

Fridays

Morning classes only:

8:30 am – 11:30 am



We only have spots open in the afternoons for students to register.



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Reminders & Resources

Our Bell Schedule

8:30 Playground gates open:

Students enter the school through the playground gates and mudroom doors upon arrival at **8:30**. Students will change their shoes and then head to their classroom.

Morning Welcome

First bell, parking lot gate is locked

8:40 am

Second bell, bus gate is locked

8:45 am

Morning announcements & Classes Begin



Recess Breaks:

10:15-10:30

Lunch Breaks:

12:00-12:25

Outside Play

12:25-12:45

Eating in their classrooms



End of the Day Dismissal:

2:45 pm

End of the day exit from the playground. After school supervision is over at **3:00pm**, students must be picked up on time.

Student Safety is our #1 Priority

Cross Walk Safety:

Students are encouraged to cross the road **using the crosswalk** for safety. A crossing guard is paid and hired by the school for student safety.



Parking Lot Safety:

For student safety, Notre Dame Staff Parking will be closed at the beginning and end of each day. **Please park along the sidewalk in legal parking areas and walk to the gates**, or have your child meet you at the sidewalk. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.



School Absences:

Please **email, write a note, or call the school office (250-782-4923)** if your child will not be at school or will be arriving late. We would appreciate it if you could call in absences before 9 a.m.

This is a **safety issue**. When a child is not at school and parents have not called, the school will call you to make sure that your child is home safe with you. It is our responsibility to locate your child as soon as possible.



Numerous unexplained absences throughout the year also jeopardize our school funding. Absentee notes are important to our school funding!

Allergy 'Aware' School



Notre Dame School is **"Allergy Aware."** In September, classroom teachers sent alerts about allergies in individual classrooms. We ask that you consider peanut/nut alternatives for individual student lunches and snacks out of consideration for our students and staff with food sensitivities/allergies.

Students are reminded that snacks and lunch are to be eaten in the classroom and that food is not shared. For safety reasons, such as allergies, we cannot eat recess snacks or lunch on the playground.

School Newsletters & Calendars

Monthly school newsletters and calendars will be available on the [school website](#) at the beginning of each month and emailed out to families.

You can also check us out on Facebook for upcoming events.



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