

Upcoming Dates:

November—December 2014:

- Nov 3 & 4—Staff Retreat—No School
- Nov 11—Remembrance Day—No School
- Nov 27—Report Cards/Progress Reports
- Nov 28—Inservice—No School
- Dec 4 evening Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Dec 5 morning Parent Teacher Interviews
- Dec 22—Jan 2 Christmas Break

Pritchard:

- Nov 5—Leadership Team at Pritchard
- Nov 14—K4&5 Class Show and Tell

Matheson Elementary School:

- Nov 10—Grade 3 & 4 Swimming
- Nov 17—Grade 3 & 4 Swimming
- Nov 24—Grade 3 & 4 Swimming
- Dec 1—Grade 3 & 4 Swimming
- Dec 8—Grade 3 & 4 Swimming (last day)

Middle School:

- Nov 6—Grade 5 & 6 Swimming
- Nov 13—Grade 5 & 6 Swimming
- Nov 20—Grade 5 & 6 Swimming
- Nov 27—Grade 5 & 6 Swimming
- Dec 4—Grade 5 & 6 Swimming (last day)

High School:

- Nov 24—Ignite 7pm
- Dec 10—House Potluck
- Dec 19—at YFC in Afternoon



**This Remembrance Day,
remember those who
have given their lives for
our freedom, and those
who continue to give
their lives in sacrifice.**

**“Greater love has no one than
this, that a man lay down his life
for his friends.” John 15:13**

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Parent Teacher Interviews are coming up:

Dec 4th 4:15pm—8:45pm and Dec 5th 9am –11:45am

Report Cards or Progress Reports will be sent home: November 27

It may seem like a long way into the future, but it's a good time to put the dates for Parent Teacher Interviews into your calendar. Interviews are important times to connect with your child's teacher and a great opportunity for you to get into the school and see where your child spends time each day.

Research conducted through the University of Michigan shows that when parents are involved in their student's education, academic performance is higher, motivation and self-esteem is increased and illegal activities are decreased. Reading your child's report card and going to Parent Teacher interviews are easy ways to connect with your child's school.

Here are some quick tips to prepare for the interviews:

1. Read the report card before the interview.
2. Ask your child for what they like and dislike about school.
3. The interviews are short, so be on time, and just plan to highlight any issues that may need longer attention and schedule a time to talk again.
4. Ask the teacher questions about how you can support learning from home.

Talking with the teacher helps you get some information about how your child is doing with school work and with friends in school. It will help you know what areas to support, encourage or celebrate. It may give insight into what homework should be coming home and how much you should be keeping track of how homework is getting finished. Meeting with your child's teacher also shows your child you are working together for their benefit.

When it is time to sign up for interviews make sure you get your name on the list early. Each campus will send a note home with your child telling you it is time to sign up. To sign up for an interview at Middle School or Pritchard you can list your top three requests on the form provided, and return it with your child. For appointments at Elementary or High School you can call the office to schedule a time (after November 21).

Reminder:

Remember the reduced speed zones in effect from Monday to Friday (7am to 5:30pm) September to June. Speed is 30 km/h on Matheson between Powers and Copp, on Powers between McAdam and Matheson and in front of the Middle School on Jefferson between Teakwood and Vanier.

School Days in November

There are a number of days off in November. Please take note of them:

November 3, 4, 11 and 28

Remembrance Day

Each campus will have a Remembrance Day service. Your child will have a chance to bring a donation in for a poppy.



GRADE 8 RETREAT 2014

Every year at the Middle School, we take the Grade 8's on a retreat to Red Rock Bible Camp for a time of building community as a class and being challenged in our faith in an environment free of distractions and surrounded by the majesty of God in His created nature.

This year, we had 36 grade 8's out at camp with 5 staff. We had a great time. There was plenty of delicious food (very important to 13 year olds, especially growing and active boys), fun games, cool activities like wall climbing and canoeing, nature hikes and sitting by the campfire. Some of the biggest highlights of our time there were during our chapels, singing and messages.

Our times of singing in worship were amazing. The staff were amazed at how the Grade 8's worshipped God. They didn't worship because they had to or it was time, but they truly gave of themselves in genuine praise because they wanted to connect with their Heavenly Father in song.

Students were also challenged in various talks with leaving behind all the things that hinder them from following God, and then looking forward with eternity in mind to how they will choose to live their lives for Him. This led into our fireside chats where they made it personal with confessions and commitments. We wrote out confessions of what hinders us and commitments of how we would grow and then threw these papers into the fire as a symbol of giving them to God.

It was a very rich time together and we came away excited for what this year would bring with such a group committed to following God together in the community of our daily school life.



FREE FLU SHOTS

FLU CLINICS:

Nov 3 North Centennial Centre	12—3:00
90 Sinclair St.	
Nov 4 Trinity Church—265 Flora Ave	11:00- 2:00
Nov 5 Salvation Army 180 Henry Ave	11:30- 1:00
Nov 6 Springs Church	9:30—12:00
648 Burrows Ave.	
Nov 12 Indigenous Family Centre	9:00—12:00
470 Selkirk Ave.	
Nov 13 Norquay Community Centre	2:00—6:00
65 Granville	
Nov 18 Salvation Army	11:30—1:00
180 Henry Ave	

Ignite—Student Led Worship Evening

For the last 7 years a group of high school students have organized a monthly worship evening called IGNITE.

The idea was started by a group of students in 2007 after they attended a worship evening and wanted to encourage their fellow students to take time to worship God in their own school building. Melanie Bailey and Cam Kroeker provided staff support for the group at that time and encouraged a youth worship team to begin practicing songs.

The monthly evening has continued under guidance from Agape Estabillo, with opportunities for various students to participate as part of the worship team. The evenings typically occur on the last Monday of each month from 7-9pm (check the monthly schedule). The evening includes a guest speaker, prayer and singing time. It is primarily for High School students to attend and is open to students from other schools, however parents and their other children are welcome to attend.

Staff Changes

We would like to say good bye to **Mrs. Dana Knapp** (High School) and **Mrs. Cathy Leopky** (Pritchard). Both these ladies are leaving on maternity leave. Their last day is October 31. We thank the Lord for two replacement teachers. **Miss Rowena Fehr** will be assuming the High School responsibilities for Dana. Rowena formally was in our Stonewall school.

Miss Marianne Labun will be taking the Pritchard K4/K5 position. She formerly taught in our Elementary area before taking a year off to teach in China. We are so thankful to the Lord answering prayers for these two teachers.

