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Pius Penguin News

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*Pius XII Catholic
Elementary School Vision:*

*"Everyone succeeds,
Everyone counts!"*

Value of the Month: Faith

Message from Administration

During the month of October, our Catholic Schools will be celebrating the value of **FAITH**. Catholic schools have the unique educational purpose of presenting a Catholic world view to our students. That means that in all we do, we share our faith looking at the world through a Catholic Church lens. Our faith also brings us together for we share a common belief in God and in the gospel of Christ. We are rooted in the Catholic faith and as a community, we express our identity through living out gospel values. Our faith must be manifest in three interconnected directions: spiritual growth, community building, and outreach. As a caring school community, we encourage our students to examine and evaluate their beliefs. We want them to make informed moral decisions, integrating faith with life.

The staff and I would like to encourage parents during the month of October to talk to your child about their faith and to help them and guide them with their questions. In your conversations, refer to the teachings of Jesus. Take opportunities to read the bible with them. Pray with your children for prayer brings us closer to God and we begin to know God as a friend. Opportunities to grow in faith come in every form. Together our Catholic graduates will show themselves to be:

- *Discerning believers formed in the Catholic Faith Community
- *Effective Communicators
- *Reflective and Creative Thinkers
- *Self-directed, Responsible, Life-long Learners
- *And Collaborative Contributors who know their Catholic faith

It all begins here in our school and in your homes!



Yours in Catholic Education,

Laurie Zahra

Principal

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Halloween Activities – All students are invited to wear (or bring) a costume to school on Tuesday, October 31st as our first Spirit Day of the year. Depending on your child’s costume, you may decide to send the apparel in a bag for your child to dress up at school rather than try to board a school bus in the costume. Please remember the comfort level of your child; too much face make-up will make him/her itchy and uncomfortable for the entire day. All costumes must be in keeping with our peaceful school environment – this means that daggers, swords, chains, any type of weapon (even though it is plastic) are not to be brought to school.

There will be Halloween Dance for all students throughout the day on the 31st.

More information about the dance will be coming your way later this month. Please remember that even with Halloween upon us, students must not bring treats/snacks to school that contain nut products.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Did you know that our school results on EQAO’s assessments are available for public viewing? Please go to www.eqao.com to see the results. It is important to consider the results in the context of other school data such as report cards, attendance, DRA, and support programs. EQAO believes classroom data is the richest source of student achievement data. EQAO results are an added source of information to inform classroom instruction and student achievement. The staff at Pius XII School will be utilizing EQAO data to formulate and set goals in the School Improvement Plan. If you would like more information, please contact the Principal.

School Attendance is linked to academic success:

According to the Ministry of Education, each school must have an attendance policy that depicts the responsibility for investigating all student non-attendance. Non-attendance issues arise when students miss school, and the absence is unexplained and/or when a pattern of late arrivals and absences develop. Therefore, if your child is away from school for 10 cumulative days without explanation, such as an illness or a funeral in the family, the Principal will send the parent a letter stating a concern. Once parents have been sent an attendance notice from the Principal, a meeting may be called to discuss anything further that would affect a student’s school attendance. We hope to see all of our students attend school regularly as this is relative to student success!

Pius & SCC Team Up for Food Drive: St. Charles College is teaming up with five feeder schools to hold an ambitious food drive to support the less fortunate in our Sudbury communities. The goal is to collect 60 000 non-perishable food items. We are counting on our Penguins to do their part in contributing to this worthy cause. Food items will be collected until October 19th. Go Penguins Go!!!



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