



# ST BRIGID BULLETIN: November 2018

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## From the Principal

This 11 November marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the armistice that ended the “War to End all Wars.” Sadly, as we all know, war, conflict and discord are still very much a part of our world. The St Brigid Bison will be participating in several events and activities during November, in part to help build empathy and understanding amongst all of God’s peoples. The month starts with the dual celebrations of All Saints’ and All Souls’ days, whereon we remember all who have pleased God through the ages and those who have died in His mercy. On 7 Nov we will be travelling to Geraldton to see the renowned *Afrique en cirque* and celebrate some of the diverse cultures of that continent. And, of course, we will remember those who gave their tomorrows for our today as we mark Remembrance Day at the school on 9 Nov and in the community on 11 Nov. Thank you for your support as we continue to work toward peace and justice at St Brigid School *Mr. Jewiss*

## NOVEMBER’s Virtue – JUSTICE:

Justice means that we deal fairly with others, recognizing the equality and dignity of all. It requires that we work to insure that all people, especially the poor and the weak, have access to opportunities. It assumes that none of us is free until all of us are. Catholic teaching promotes peace as a positive, action-oriented concept. “Peace is not just the absence of war,” said Pope John Paul II, “it involves mutual respect and confidence between peoples and nations. It involves collaboration and binding agreements.” Peace and justice are linked: peace is the fruit of justice.

From Mrs. Jewiss: It has been a busy month for the primary class at St. Brigid! Not only did we have a fabulous time at Gammondale Farm at Pumpkinfest, but we wrote a silly Hallowe'en story together about how Minions take over the school to get out of math class. We have been reading and learning about sharks and other aquatic animals in language and science and sharing our learning throughout the school. Lastly, we have been working on our imaginations and building towers during our pretend play with our friends. To close out October, we had a Hallowe'en dance, games and costumes and All Saints Day on November 1st where we did special saint activities before the Remembrance Day Bake Sale in the afternoon!

From Ms. Lines: Craft Club continues on Wednesdays, and this month we’ll be working ahead on Advent and Christmas. Don’t forget that I’m also available every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday after school for “Homework Club.” Whenever students need extra time or help, I’ll be there!

From Mrs. Gardiner: My favourite part about teaching has always been the relationships I have the opportunity to form with the kids that I’m working with. I’m so grateful to the Bison, big and small, for welcoming me into their herd and sharing pieces of their lives and being interested in my life as well. I love the growth I’m seeing in the “daily writing journals” from the older bison and the younger ones are giving 100% in their poetry unit. The best part of the week for me is now our karate recorder programme that we began a couple of weeks ago. The kids are enthusiastic and positive and will be earning their “karate” belts in no time. Keep up the good work, bison!



The Bison combine science, art & math as they carve & examine pumpkins & sort & count the seeds.



We would love to have the pleasure of your presence at our student-led conferences and parent/teacher meetings on Thursday November 8. There, you will have the chance to see some of the work that has been done, some of the goals that have been set, discuss any concerns and celebrate the successes.

Please contact the school as soon as you can with a preferred time **between 3:00 pm and 4:30 on Thursday November 8** to schedule a time to meet with your child(ren)’s teachers.


















Some of our Bison at Gammondale Farms' Pumpkinfest

### REMINDERS....

- Student-led conferences will be held at the school from ~3:00 pm to ~4:30 pm. Please contact the school with your preferred time within that timeslot.
- The Bison will be going to *Afrique en cirque* at GCHS on Wednesday 7 November 2018.
- There will be a Remembrance Day service for schools at 10:15 am on Friday 9 November in the gym, and prizes for the Legion poster and literary contests will be presented. The community service will still be held on Sunday 11 November.

## NOVEMBER 2018

### Virtue of the Month – JUSTICE Month of the Holy Souls

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
 1:30 pm Mass at St Brigid Church					 Nakina Schools' Remembrance Day service @ 10:15 am	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
 REMEMBRANCE DAY <i>Let us not forget</i>				 10:45 am @ St. Brigid Church	Journée Louis Riel Day 	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
 1:30 pm Mass at St Brigid Church					PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT <b>DAY</b> 	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
 1:30 pm Mass at St Brigid Church						

The St. Brigid Bison are partnering with St Brigid Parish to give children in need a happy and blessed Christmas through Operation Christmas Child! Donations of small toys, toiletries, school supplies or money (suggested donation: \$10) can be brought to Saint Brigid Catholic Church before or after Mass at 1:30pm on Sunday or 4 November or to Saint Brigid Catholic School before 9 November.

