



Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School

Home of the Cubs!

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the month of February we celebrate the virtue of *COMPASSION*. In Luke's Gospel we read "Be compassionate as God is compassionate." We understand compassion not only as the ability to empathize with another but also to act on behalf of that other person. It is evident when we care deeply and want to help others, even if we do not know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you. We practice *COMPASSION* when we:

- are helpful to a person or animal in need
- notice when someone is hurt or needs a friend
- imagine how another person might be feeling
- take time to show you care
- forgive others when they make mistakes
- reach out in the broader community to share our resources and skills The more we talk, teach and learn about compassion, the closer our graduates come to dedicating themselves to the common good and to doing God's work.

THINK WIN-WIN Habit #4 -

*Yours in Christ,
Mrs. S. Venturi, Principal*

Booking a Trip?

If you plan to be away from school for more than 5 consecutive days because of a family vacation or any other reason, travel forms are available in the main office. By filling out a form, the prolonged absence will not count towards your child's attendance. Always remember to inform your classroom teacher as soon as possible to ensure that a work package is ready.

From St. Patrick's Parish

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION at ST. PATRICK'S PARISH:

First Communion and Reconciliation registration has begun at St. Patrick's Parish. This year it is open to children in grade 2 and 3 (or older). Registration forms are online at

www.stpatrickchurchsudbury.com under [Sacraments: Our Life in Christ and His Church](#) OR registration

forms can be picked up at the Parish office or at the entrance of the Church.

Registration for Sacraments are due on Monday, April 15th, 2020.



www.stpatrickchurchsudbury.com



Parent Council

The Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is excited to invite parents and community members alike to our annual carousel event! Together, we will discuss how we can all succeed in leading a happy and healthy lifestyle. Rotation topics will include healthy eating, living within a budget, helping youth overcome addictions and much more!

When: Tuesday, April 7 beginning at 6 p.m.

Where: St. Benedict Catholic Elementary School

Further information on how to register for this even will be coming soon!
We look forward to seeing everyone there!

February is Black History Month in Canada!

During Black History Month, Canadians celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation it is today.

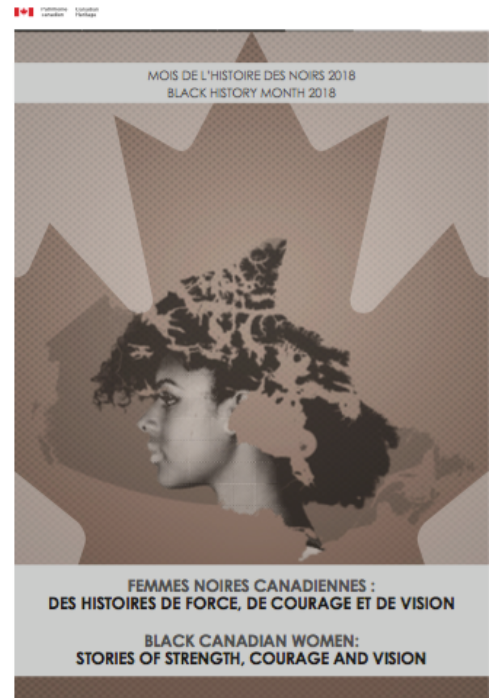
Black history in Canada

People of African descent have been a part of shaping Canada's heritage and identity since the arrival of Mathieu Da Costa, a navigator and interpreter, whose presence in Canada dates back to the early 1600s.

The role of Blacks in Canada has not always been viewed as a key feature in Canada's historic landscape. There is little mention that some of the Loyalists who came here after the American Revolution and settled in the Maritimes were Blacks, or of the many sacrifices made in wartime by Black Canadian soldiers as far back as the War of 1812. Few Canadians are aware of the fact that African people were once enslaved in the territory that is now Canada, or of how those who fought enslavement helped to lay the foundation of Canada's diverse and inclusive society.

Black History Month is a time to learn more about these Canadian stories and the many other important contributions of Black Canadians to the settlement, growth and development of Canada, and about the diversity of Black communities in Canada and their importance to the history of this country.

Many activities will be happening around the school to celebrate these achievements.



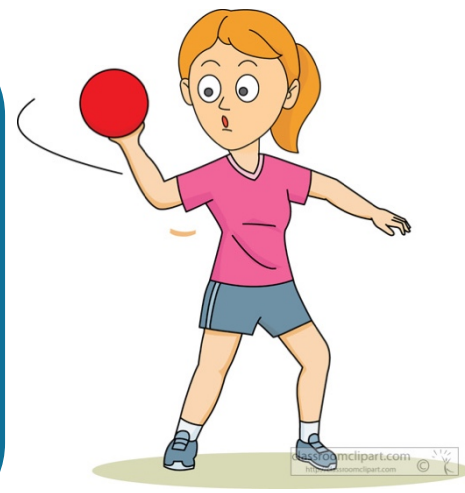
Good Luck to our Junior Handball Teams as they compete in the Flames tournament at St. Francis School!

Boys – Sat. Feb. 22th

Girls – Sun. Feb. 23rd

Thank you to our coaches:

**Mrs. Massimiliano, Mrs. Petroski
& Mrs. Bardswich**



Student Safety at Holy Cross

In the interest of student safety, please note that there is NO supervision before 8:35 a.m.

HEALTH CONCERNS

We have students with severe allergies and food sensitivities. Holy Cross is a “Nut Controlled” environment. Please refrain from sending food items to school that contain nuts. Please also refrain from sending “food treats” to school. More information on this can be found in the Student Handbook.

PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A NEW OR CHANGED MEDICAL CONDITION – It is important that you contact the school (phone or agenda) to request forms that need to be completed. **ALL** medication must be in the original container with the prescription label attached and the appropriate forms completed.

DROP OFF

AND PICK UP

In efforts to continue keeping our Cubs safe, Holy Cross school is still implementing a new ‘Pick-up & Drop-off’ policy. Please read and adhere to the following instructions:

Drop-Off

- No pets are allowed at the drop-off zone (unless it is a registered service animal).
- Do not drop off your child off **prior to 8:35am** as there is no supervision (if you arrive early, you must wait with your child).
- The snow pile is off limits to **all students**.

Pick-Up

- No pets are allowed at the pick-up zone (unless it is a registered service animal).
- Students being picked-up will now wait at the bottom of the school yard path in the junior yard.
- Parents are asked to come down to the path to meet their children.
- On snow days when busses are not running, students will be dismissed from the **main office only**.

Thank you in advance for assisting us in this process. As always, if you have any questions regarding our policies and procedures, please contact us at (705) 586-3686.

If your child will be absent, please call the school to notify us. You can also leave a message on the machine. To ensure student safety and minimize disruptions at dismissal time, please ensure you call the school **before 2:00 pm** to notify us of student pick up! Thank you for your support!



SNOW DAYS are upon us! If transportation is cancelled in the morning, please call the school to inform us that your child is at home. You can leave a message on our machine if the lines are busy. According to Safe Arrivals policy, we must phone for each student who is not present if we have not heard from a parent/guardian. ****Remember – you must pick up your child at the school by 3:05. If there is no transportation in the morning, there will not be any in the afternoon as well. Thank you for your support!**



School Communication

Communication between the school and home is important for both student safety and student success. There are several ways to get information from the school, and to share information with the school.



REMIND APP

We will continue to relay information to parents using the “REMIND” app. You will be able to use this app to receive messages on your cell phone or your email. It is a great way to receive updates and notifications from the school. We will continue to send the monthly newsletters and calendar via the Remind app. You can subscribe in two ways:

Via text:

Enter this number: (705) 230-3040

Text this message: @cubgroup

Via email:

Email: cubgroup@mail.remind.com

You can leave the subject line and message space blank

After you have sent this text or email, you will be invited to join our Holy Cross group. We ask that when you are prompted, to please send your name so that we know who has subscribed. Please also include your child(ren)’s name(s) so that we are sure to know which families are on our list. We will not be able to see your contact information, nor will any other subscribers.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please visit our NEW school website at <http://holycross.sudburycatholicschools.ca/>, where you will find the monthly calendar and newsletter. All newsletters will be posted electronically on our school website, as well as on Facebook and our Remind App.

FACEBOOK

Please check our Facebook page regularly, and remember to ‘like’ and ‘follow’ us!

<https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicschoolsudburyontario/>

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The safety and well-being of students and staff are priorities at Holy Cross. For this reason, we have outlined the routines and rules in the Student Handbook. For students in Grades 1-6, this is found in the agenda. All Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) students have receive a copy of this handbook from their teacher.

AGENDA

Communication is imperative in positive relationships. This is an effective tool for parents and teachers to maintain open communication, as well as teaching organizational skills to students. Please read and sign the agenda daily.