



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.

Habit #5 **Habit 5 Seek First to Understand then to be Understood**

Before speaking, put yourself in someone else's shoes and try to understand where they are coming from. It is important to show empathy to others and their feelings.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. L. Holden, Principal

100th Day of School

On Tuesday, February 15th, show off your school spirit by celebrating the 100th day of classes in this school season. Come to school dressed up like you are 100 years old!

Parent Council

The Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is excited to invite parents to attend the PIC meeting on February 10th. Please let us know if you would like to attend and we can share the Zoom link and time information.

As well a reminder that Monday, February 21st is FAMILY DAY. TAKE TIME TO GET OUTSIDE AND ENJOY TIME WITH THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE!



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Please SLOW DOWN when you are on school property! There are more children being picked up due to bussing cancellations, and that means more foot traffic on our campus.

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.



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.

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.

PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

In efforts to continue keeping our Cubs safe, please read and adhere to the following instructions:

Drop-Off

- A facial covering must be worn outside of the vehicle.
- 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

- A facial covering must be worn outside of the vehicle.
- No pets are allowed at the pick-up zone (unless it is a registered service animal).
- Students being picked-up will wait at the bottom of the school yard path in the junior yard.
- Parents must be visible at the top of the hill before students are allowed to walk up.
- 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 or email 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!

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



SNOW DAYS are HERE! 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

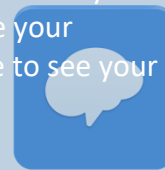
Text this message: @cubgroup

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.sudburycatholicsschools.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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please check our Facebook and Instagram pages regularly. Remember to ‘like’ and ‘follow’ us!



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