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Friendly Friday Update # 10: Nov. 13th - Nov. 17th



Heavenly Father,

We lift up our hearts to you acknowledging the sacrifices of the many men and women who sacrificed themselves in times of war.

We pray for peace to reign not only in the Church, in our families, and among nations but also within our hearts. We ask you, Lord, to grant our leaders and those around the world the wisdom and insight to choose peace.

May we be blessed to become a people of peace, as we pray for all throughout the world to turn their hearts toward peace. For you, Jesus, are the Prince of Peace.

Amen

Week at a Glance

Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th
Happy Monday	Progress Reports available to Parents/Guardians	Happy Wednesday	Parent Teacher Interviews, Afternoon and evening	Parent Teacher Interviews, 9 - 12 pm PA Day - PM

Looking Ahead:

- November 18th - Confirmation Enrollment Mass, 5:00 pm
- November 20th - 24th - Friendship Week/Bullying Prevention Week
- November 23rd - Guest Speaker: Karl Subban - **Standing Against Bullying**
- November 24th - **Pink Shirt/ Civvies Day**, Friendship Assembly
- December 3rd - **First Sunday of Advent**
- December 10th - **Second Sunday of Advent**
- December 15th - School Advent Mass, 1:30 pm
- December 17th - **Third Sunday of Advent**
- December 22nd - **Last Day Before Christmas Break**

Safe and Caring School Environments

Friendship Week - Bullying Prevention Week

We are kicking off our Friendship/Bullying Prevention Week on **Monday, November 20th!** This fun filled week will run from **Monday, November 20 to Friday, November 24.** Every day during this week students will participate in a variety of activities as a class and as a school. At SAM we are a family and through these activities we will be creating new friendships, forming stronger bonds and memories to last a lifetime. To reinforce the message 'Standing Against Bullying", is Special Guest, Karl Subban who will present to SAM students and parents/guardians on Thursday, November 23, 2023. Please see [Karl Subban visits SAM](#). More information regarding Friendship Week will be shared in subsequent communication updates.

Safe and Caring School Environments

School Day Routines: *We know that students need to be at school, receiving direct instruction, to support their learning and achievement.* We are excited to share that we have had a tremendous reduction in the number of students arriving late each morning. In fact, there were two consecutive days this week with zero late arrivals, which is truly amazing. Keep it up!!! Our next focus is on early dismissal. Every minute of the school day is essential to student learning. Students are encouraged to remain at school for the full day, as much as possible, to support their learning goals. We thank you for your continued support in recognizing the importance of a full school day for all students.

Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

Progress Reports: Progress Reports will be available via the Parent Portal Tuesday, November 14, 2023. All Parent -Teacher interviews will be held in gymnasium, with each interview lasting ten minutes. Recognizing that everyone's time is valuable, if more time is required with a teacher, we kindly ask that a follow up meeting be scheduled on a later date.

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

Remembrance Day Liturgy: *Our Remembrance Day Liturgy, facilitated by the Grade 7 Class, was a truly special and memorable experience for our school community. We were honoured to have Sgt Jesse Vander Beek speak to our staff and students. Through his message we were reminded how fortunate we are to have the many freedoms and opportunities in our lives.*



November's Virtue of the Month: Justice

This Year's 2023-24 Catholic Education Theme and Faith Day 2023 Theme:

Catholic Education: We are Called to Love