THUNDER NEWS

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Why we stop at the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month:

Remembrance Day is held on November 11 to honor the soldiers who served and died in times of war. It marks the armistice that stopped the fighting on the Western Front took effect at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918. For students, this day is an important time to look back at history, examine why these conflicts started, and think about the heavy cost of global warfare. It helps us remember major events like the Battle of Vimy Ridge in 1917, where Canadian divisions fought together as one team for the first time a proud but painful moment that changed how Canada saw itself as a nation.





Many people this year brought flowers or cards to the Clock Tower in town, to honour those who have sacrificed themselves in war for us, and those struggling from the devastating fire at CFB Wainwright

Beyond the World Wars, this day also honors everyone else who stepped up to help in more recent conflicts and global peacekeeping missions. It is a time to remember all veterans, including Indigenous and Merchant Navy service members who bravely faced the dangers of war. Many of these diverse heroes did not get fair treatment or equal benefits when they returned home, making it even more important that we recognize their full history today. By standing for two minutes of silence, students promise to learn from these past conflicts and work together to build a more peaceful world.

By Abigail Rajotte and Indy Cusack



Faith Page



Bible Verse of the Month

Deuteronomy 31:6: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."



Local Church Events

- Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church: The Blessed Sacrament church hosted a catholic youth bowling night on November 7, 2026
- The Evangelical Free Church is hosting a youth bible study and fellowship every Friday. Bible study is 6:00-7:00 PM and fun and games are 7:00-10:00 PM, these nights are for grades 7-12.

St. Paul is the most influential figure in the spread of the early Christian Church. He started out as a man named Saul who fiercely persecuted early Christians, but his life completely changed after a dramatic vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus. As a missionary, Paul traveled thousands of miles across the Roman Empire to set up new churches. Along the way, he survived a shipwreck, snakebites, and prison, and God even used him to perform amazing miracles like healing the sick and raising a young man from the dead. Thirteen New Testament letters are traditionally attributed to Paul.

By Emmie and Abigail

Saint of the Week



- An Irish monk and abbot who founded the monastery of Clonfert.
- His famous voyage story tells of a journey in search of the Promised Land of the Saints.
- The voyage is remembered through a medieval legend.

Faith • Courage • Perseverance

How can faith help us face the unknown?

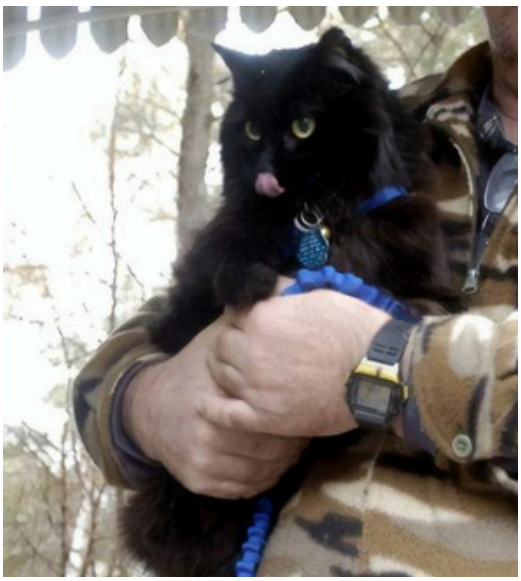
Times When Cats Were The Heroes



Tara the tabby cat that lives in California saved 4 year old Jeremy Triantafilo's life from a vicious dog named Scrappy. Tara body slammed Scrappy to protect Jeremy and chased Scrappy away. She received the 33rd Annual National Hero Dog Award but the organizer scratched out the word dog and engraved cat instead.



Masha a long-haired tabby cat saved a 2-3 month old baby from freezing to death on a cold winter night. The baby was in a cardboard box in an apartment stairwell in Russia. She stayed there meowing every time someone walked past until someone investigated and discovered the baby and called emergency services. The locals rewarded her with food and treats but she didn't get a National award.



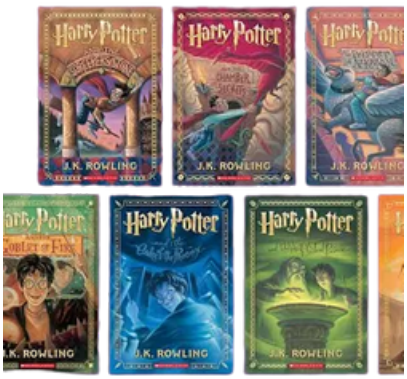
Schnautzie a six month old, black kitten woke her owner in the middle of the night because she smelt highly explosive gas, the firefighters said that if the furnace turned on the whole house would have exploded. She was awarded the Purple Paw Award by the Great Falls Animal Foundation.

By Milla-Mari Weerepas

Book Series

Here are some series you might like...

Harry Potter



Harry Potter is a 7 book series, about a young boy named Harry, and his journey through school, home, and magic.

The Chronicles of Narnia



The Chronicles of Narnia is a seven-book series about going into a mysterious world through a wardrobe.

Percy Jackson



Percy Jackson is a 7 book series about modern day middle schoolers who find out they are the Demi God children of the Greek Gods.

Fablehaven



Fablehaven is a 5 book series about finding a secret sanctuary for dangerous monsters such as trolls and demons.

The Land of Stories



The Land of Stories is a 6 book series about twins who fell into a fairy tale book, and met classic characters.

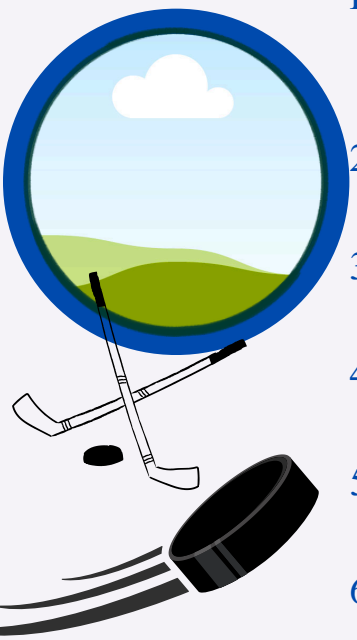
Wings of Fire

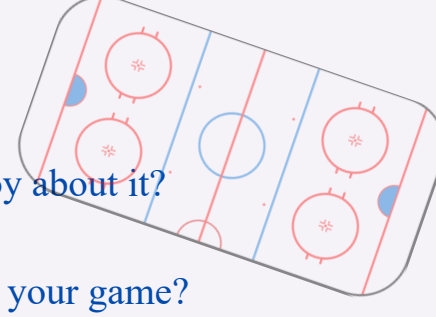


Wings of Fire, is a book series about dragons trying to fulfill ancient prophecies and end brutal wars.

By: Mia and Mya

Our option classes!





Lincoln:

1. Q- How did you first get interested in hockey?
   A- When I was young, I crawled on ice!
2. Q- What position do you play, and what do you enjoy about it?
   A- I play left wing in hockey.
3. Q- What are you currently working on improving in your game?
   A- I have been working on my Hockey IQ.
4. Q- What has been your biggest challenge in developing as a hockey player?
   A- Going into contact hockey.
5. Q- Who has had the biggest influence on your hockey development?
   A- My dad.
6. Q- Who is your favorite player?
   A- Sebastian Aho!



Eli:



1. Q- Do you have to write alot?
   A- No but when we have subs we do math
2. Q- What have you made this year so far? & what have you seen made?
   A- I'm working on my COT Jackster car and my glass frame that's a lily.
3. Q- Who do you work with in Shop?
   A- Chase Currier and Saige Veitch
4. Q- What's the hardest thing you have had/made in Shop this year so far?
   A- My COT jackster car
5. Q- Who is your teacher?
   A- Mr. Samson

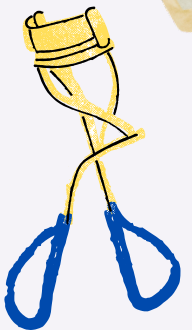


Rowyn:

1. Q- What do you want to work on in aesthetics?
   A- Hair
2. Q-Would you rather do nails, hair, or makeup and why?
   A- Hair because I think it it the easiest for me
3. Q- What's your favourite part in that class?
   A- Hanging out with my friends
4. Q- What have you learned this year so far?
   A- I've learned nails and how to braid
5. Q- Do you ever want to be an esthetician?
   A- No because I want to be more brainy.







Remembrance Day Crafts!

Here are some fun and easy crafts that you can do for the next Remembrance Day!

Cotton Pad Poppy Flowers Craft

To make this, the materials you need are: cotton pads, red and black paint, some green marker and a light tap of a hammer or just something from the kitchen!

Now here are the steps:

- 1: Using a green pen or marker, draw some flower stems onto a white card or paper. not forgetting to make some texture and flower buds too!
- 2: Add blobs of red paint on top of the stems you drew.
- 3: Place your cotton pads over the blobs of red paint, then ask an adult to give them a bang with a hammer or just use something safer in the kitchen, to make the flower petals!
- 4:Peel the cotton pads and allow the paint to dry!
- 5: Using your finger dab some black paint onto the center of the poppies and there you have it a rememberance poppy art work!



Egg Carton Poppy

For this craft the materials you need are: cardboard egg cartons, scissors, red and black paint. Optional: cardboard ring or paper plate if making a wreath. Instructions- 1:Cut apart the egg carton so they are separated into individual cups. This may require adult assistance. 2: Shape the cup so that it has three or four petals and the sharp corners are cut off. You can round the petals or leave them fairly square, depending on your preference. (This may require adult assistance.) 3: Paint the cups red on the inside and outside, and Let it dry. 4: Paint a black center into each cup. Alternatively, you can scrunch up some black tissue paper or use a black pom pom to create the centers, then Let it dry.(Now that your done as a choice you can even make a cardboard wreath to hang anywhere around your house!)





By Mia

MRS FOLEY'S MESSAGE

Every morning before the school bell rings, a unique daily routine unfolds in the office of Mrs. Foley: our Administrative Assistant. Each morning 5 boys Jasper Bohay, Oliver Soriao, Jet Verrier, Nixon Rae, and Wesley Boudreau step inside Mrs Foley's new office- a space decorated so beautifully it might just rival an interior design magazine. They visit her every morning to start the day off on a happy note.

It seems as though the energy is contagious, every single morning, a dedicated crew of sixth graders make a VIP stop at her door. Not because they are in trouble, because they want to start their day off with laughter, and make sure the school day kicks off on the right foot. While Mrs. Foley may have a new title and a stunning new office but it's this lively morning tradition that truly brings the space to life.

We asked Mrs. Foley and the boys some questions about this routine!

How do you feel the morning visits benefit your day? "They start my day with a smile and I look forward to seeing them everyday! Their smiles brighten mine." - Mrs. Foley

How did the routine start? Did it start with one person and keep growing or has it always been this way? "It started with me and Oliver, and then Wesley came in, and then Jet and then Nixon. So, yeah." - said Jasper

Why do you think it is important to start your day off on a happy note? "It describes the way your da going to go. Start it happy, and that's the way it will be." - Mrs. Foley

What is one piece of advice you would give to Mrs. Foley? "Stay positive." - Jasper. "Always give morning hugs". - Oliver. "Never be sad." - Wesley

What is one piece of advice you would give to the boys? "Don't ever stop coming in here to see me and never stop giving me hugs, whatever your age may be" - Mrs. Foley



These photos show Mrs. Foley with Oliver Soriao, Nixon Rae, Wesley Boudreau, Sawyer and Jasper Bohay, and Jet Verrier. They went to visit Mrs. Foley's office to give hugs and start the day off on a great note and look forward to going to class.



By Sawyer Bohay and Harper Rogers

Things to Make With Snow

Winter is coming around. Better get your jacket and gloves because it's snowing! Snow is the precipitation that falls down in winter. There are many possibilities with snow. Everyone must have built something with snow. If you haven't, try out these ideas!



One way you can play with snow is to make a snow fort. You can make this with friends and family and there is no limit to building what you want. Though there is only one rule to making a snow fort. It has to be strong and sturdy to hold its own weight. There are many ways to build one. Here's how I like to make my snow forts." I grab a container from my house usually a rectangle and big as my head. I fill the container with snow and pack it down so it is sturdy and solid. Then I make a lot more for the fort.

I stack them to make a fort and then it's done. But you can customize it any way you want.

Snowballs are one of my favourite things to make at home. They can be any size and they are so fun to make.You could make a thousand of these and still have more snow left over. You could also throw them at your friends. My favourite way to make them is to make them as big as possible. Usually it's a meter tall! Can you make a snow ball bigger than that?





Shoveling snow is so hard to do and when you're done, you just have a big mess on your lawn. What could you do with this? You could make it an open-top fort for secrets. Or you could climb it like Mount Everest. Though make sure you ask your mom for permission.

By Zeddrik Mananguit

Winter Crafts

Paper Snowflakes



Paper snowflakes are a fun easy craft, perfect to do when you're bored. All you need are some scissors and whatever colour paper you want! To make a paper snowflake, you have to fold your paper in half at least two times. Then, you can cut little triangles or designs into your paper. After, you can unfold your paper, and you get a paper snowflake!



Stick Reindeer

You can create a herd of reindeer with supplies you find in nature. With tiny pieces of wood, twigs, and mini pinecones! Also the help of hot glue form these cute little deer, these supplies are fun to find in nature, at a local park or backyard!



By Mya and Mia

Turning 3D



By:Malcolm Burrough

EXPLAINING A RANDOM SINGER/BAND

THIS WEEKS BAND IS "GOOD KID"





THE BAND

WHO ARE THEY?

Good Kid is an independent rock band from Toronto, Ontario, made up of five software programmers and engineers. Their fast-paced music draws on 2000s indie rock, pop punk, and J-rock. Since forming in 2015, the band has built a large online following. Its members are Nick Frosst (lead vocals), Jacob Tsafatinos (guitar), David Wood (guitar), Michael Kozakov (bass), and Jon Kereliuk (drums).

Good Kid gained popularity in gaming and streaming communities, with songs like "Nomu" and "Witches" reaching listeners on Twitch and Fortnite Radio. The band's website says creators can use its music on YouTube and Twitch for free and asks them to credit the band.

Fans can join the band's Discord server, solve online riddles, and explore an imaginary world through animated music videos. The band's mascot is Nomu Kid, an orange character with a square head. Good Kid has released several self-titled EPs, earned Juno Award nominations, and released its debut album, Can We Hang Out Sometime?

By Malcolm Burrough

The History of the Christmas Tree

The tradition of decorating Christmas trees has roots in Germany. By the early 1600s, people were decorating evergreen trees with candles, paper flowers, and sweets. Because evergreens stay green through the winter, they became a symbol of life and hope.

Over time, the tradition spread to other parts of Europe. In the 1800s, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert helped popularize Christmas trees in Britain. In 1848, an illustration of the royal family gathered around a decorated tree appeared in a newspaper, helping to make the custom more widely known. Christmas trees also became a popular part of holiday celebrations in North America.

Electric lights eventually replaced candles on many trees. Today, people decorate Christmas trees with colourful ornaments, tinsel, and stars in homes, schools, and public spaces around the world. For many families, putting up the tree is a special part of the holiday season.



By Elize Burger

CHRISTMAS

IS COMING UP!

Here are some stocking stuffer ideas



Really any squishy is a good stocking stuffer!
You can even find really festive ones like these!



Any Lipgloss is a great small thing to put in a stocking!



You can put funny Christmas socks in a stocking!



Bracelets are a great homemade {or bought} cheap thing for stockings!

There are some really festive chocolate's and candies you can try with friends or family!







Any stuffie is the cutest stocking stuffer item ever!

By Aleen Bou Mehdi and Indy Cusack



CHRISTMAS CORNER



Some very fun Christmas activities.

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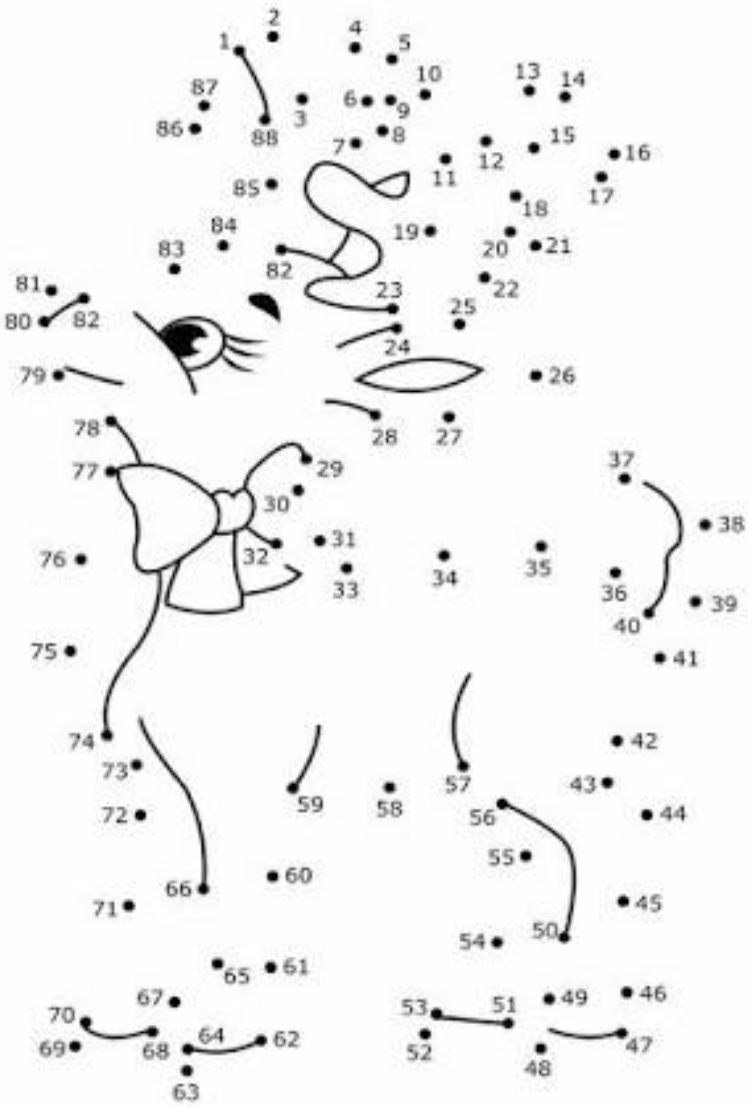


CANDY CANE	HOLLY	SANTA
CAROLS	LIGHTS	SLEIGH
CHRISTMAS	MERRY	STOCKING
DECEMBER	NORTH POLE	TREE
ELVES	ORNAMENTS	WINTER
GINGERBREAD	PRESENTS	WREATH
JINGLE	REINDEER	







By Emmie and Abigail

FUN CHRISTMAS MOVIES!



Elf is a great Christmas movie if you want a laugh! about a guy who wants to find his real dad!



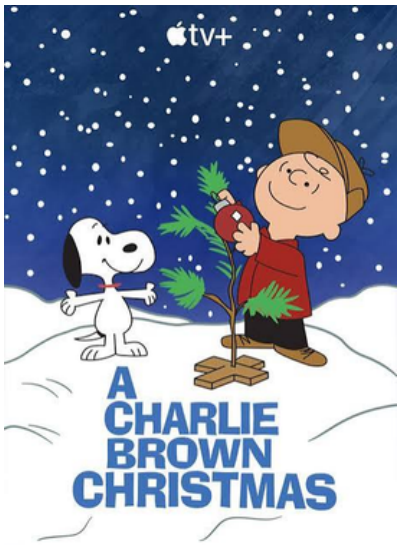
Home Alone is really fun and a good movie to watch with family!



How The Grinch Stole Christmas is a really good heartfelt movie if you want to feel good on Christmas



A boy desperately wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas, despite everyone warning him, "You'll shoot your eye out!" This is a very good Christmas movie!



Charlie Brown is feeling sad because everyone is focusing on toys and decorations instead of the true meaning of Christmas. This movie teaches an important lesson.



The Christmas Chronicles is a really good suspenseful movie about Santa and some kids saving Christmas!

By:Aleen Bou Mehdi and Indy Cusack

Christmas Characters from old movies!

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer



Chicago's Montgomery Wards Department store, decided to write a Christmas story book for 1939. Even though it was during the great depression,One of their copywriters, 34-year old Robert wrote the story himself! Upon release in 1939, 2.4 million copies were distributed.

Frosty the Snowman



Frosty the Snowman started off as a commercial holiday song written in 1950. In 1951, Frosty the Snowman was in the little golden books, and had a comic book series too. Later in 1969, a 25 minute animated TV special came out. Frosty the Snowman is now a loved holiday classic.

By Mya and Mia

Happy Global News

Are you tired of always seeing sad news online? Here are some recent developments that will cheer you up!

This year, scientists discovered a penguin species called the southeastern gentoo penguin living on the Kerguelen Islands. The penguins aren't actually new; scientists just recently discovered that they are a different species by studying their DNA. This exciting discovery helps scientists learn more about penguins and how to protect them from climate change.





Bolivia created a new wildlife reserve covering about 1,130 square kilometres of the Amazon rainforest. This protected area will help keep animals safe, protect plants and connect two existing nature parks. It's an important step toward protecting the rainforest and the many animals that call it home!



A nearly three-metre-long female dusky shark nicknamed Bukangi returned to the sea on October 21 after spending more than a month in a canal in Busan, South Korea.

By Elize and Willow