



# Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School

## November 2025 Newsletter

### Principal's Message

November is here! The crisp mornings and falling leaves remind us that autumn is well underway, and with it comes a chance to pause, reflect, and give thanks for all that has unfolded in these first months at Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School. What an incredible beginning to our journey together!



Our new community has come alive with energy, laughter, and faith. Students and staff have embraced new routines, built new friendships, and created a warm and welcoming environment where everyone belongs. Each day, we see examples of kindness, cooperation, and care that remind us what it means to be *Pilgrims of Hope*, walking together on our journey to holiness.

As we enter November, we also take time to reflect on the gift of peace and freedom. **November 11th**, *Remembrance Day*, offers us a moment to honour those who have sacrificed so much for the world we live in today. We will gather as a school community to remember, to pray, and to recommit ourselves to living as people of peace- at home, at school, and in our wider world.

May this month continue to bless our school family with gratitude, hope and joy as we grow together in faith and learning at **Pope Francis CES** - *Rising in Faith ~Together We Soar!*

### Remembrance Day

Take time

Time to pray, time to play, time to laugh, time to sing

Time to remember

Time to rebuild, time to restore, time to renew together

Mrs. Kerri Lomax, Principal



## School News and Announcements

### ★Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be sent home on **Monday, November 3, 2025**. Families will receive a **digital copy** of the report through our **Document Delivery system**, which will use the **email address(es) currently on file** for your family. Please ensure your contact information is up to date to avoid any delays in receiving your child's report.

### ★Parent-Teacher Interviews November 13th / 14th

Parents can book their own interview times using our online booking tool. A "How To" information sheet will be shared digitally with families. Please watch your email for the shared link. You will receive an email reminder closer to the date of your interview.

### ★School Bell Times

**8:30 am** - School Starts

**10:10 am - 10:50 am** - 1st Nutrition Break

**12:30 pm - 1:10 pm** - 2nd Nutrition Break

**2:50 pm** - School Dismissal

### ★Attendance Reminder

It's important for students to arrive **on time** every day. School starts at **8:30 a.m.**, and any student who is late must **report to the office**. Regular attendance and punctuality help students stay on track with learning and build strong connections with teachers and peers.

We understand that challenges can arise. If your child is struggling with attendance or other concerns, please reach out, we're here to help.

### ★P.D. Days

November 14, 2025

January 19, 2026

April 17, 2026

June 5, 2026

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## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

### ★Remembrance Day Ceremony

In order to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom, we will be having a Remembrance Day Ceremony on



Tuesday November 11th at 11:00 am, led by Mrs. Villella's grade 3 class.

*God of Peace, May each of us be instruments of Your peace. Help us be away of the many opportunities we have to promote peace and justice. May we never underestimate the power of our actions. Help us to know how best to promote peace and justice. Amen.*

### ✳️Blessing of Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School

We are excited to welcome **Father Jerome** to **Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School** on **Wednesday, November 12** for a special **Blessing of the School**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate our shared faith and new beginnings.

### ✳️Pizza Days

November 6

November 13

November 21

November 27

### ✳️Picture Retake Day

Picture retakes will take place on Friday November 28, 2025

### ✳️Spirit Days

**Twins Day at Pope Francis – Tuesday, November 19!** 🍁🍁🍁🍁

It's Twins Day at Pope Francis! Students are encouraged to grab a friend and dress alike to show off their school spirit. Whether it's matching shirts, hats, or full outfits, let's have some fun and celebrate our twin-tastic community!

### ✳️Bullying Awareness Week

Our board has designated the week of November 17 - 21 2025, as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment. During this week, teachers will be leading their classes in lessons appropriate for their grade and specific issues.



### ✳ Meet Our 2025–2026 Youth Leadership Team! ✳

We're so excited to introduce our new YTL Members! This awesome group of leaders will help plan spirit days, organize events, and make Pope Francis an even more fun and welcoming place for everyone!

Jezybelle B

Hana C

Adjoa A

Tesa W

Celine A

Mardhiyah B



### ★ Congratulations to our October Students of the Month!

This month, we're proud to recognize students who have gone above and beyond in demonstrating **responsibility**—whether it's staying on top of their work, helping others, or setting a positive example every day. Thank you for showing what it means to be dependable, accountable, and committed to doing your best. Keep up the great work! 🍀

🍀 Valentina V.

🍀 Shamari C.

🍀 Rinoa Paulyne V.

🍀 Justin A.

🍀 Anthony A.

🍀 Madeline J.

🍀 Steven V.

🍀 Sariah B.

🍀 Roman T.

🍀 Zim O.

🍀 Imisi A.

🍀 Amelia P.

🍀 Anu A.

🍀 Azaria G.

### ✳ Flag Football Tournament

The Flag football team participated in the board wide tournament. The team did an amazing job and made the coaches and school proud! The team moved on to the semifinal game where they lost in a very close game by 1 touchdown. Team offensive joint MVP's go to Keiyon and Bryan and the defensive MVP goes to Fifi!! Congratulations to all that participated! 🏆

### ★ Grade 8 Year End Trip Fundraiser

The grade 8 class will be participating in a fundraiser to offset the cost of the year-end graduation trip. If you are interested in purchasing any of the Christmas Greenery items on the attached pdf, you have 2 options:

1. You can contact a grade 8 student directly (funds go directly to that student).
2. Email one of the classroom teachers listed below (the profits from teacher sales will be distributed to students who may need additional financial support).



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### ★Cash Online Donations

We truly appreciate the generosity of our school community – your support helps make great things possible for our students!

With colder temperatures on the way, please make sure your child(ren) are **dressed appropriately for outdoor play**. Students go outside for recess and outdoor learning **every day**, weather permitting.

Please send your child with a **warm winter coat, snow pants, boots, hat, mittens, and indoor shoes**. We also recommend **an extra set of clothes and an extra pair of mittens** in case items get wet during the day.

Being properly dressed helps children stay comfortable, focused, and ready to learn — even on chilly days!

 **School Advisory Council**

➤ **Next SAC Meeting.....**

The next School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the library.** All parents and guardians are welcome to attend and share their ideas to help support our school community



### ★SAC - Volunteers Needed

Our **School Advisory Council (SAC)** plays an important role in supporting school initiatives, building community spirit, and helping to enhance the learning environment for all students.

We're always looking for **parents and guardians** who would like to get involved! Whether you can attend meetings, help with planning events, or lend a hand occasionally, your participation makes a big difference.

If you're interested in joining or learning more, please contact the school office — we'd love to have you be part of our team!

### ★McMillan Fundraiser Order Update - We Need Your Help To Reach Our Goal!

A huge thank you to all the families who have already placed orders for our McMillan fundraiser, we've raised just over **\$1000** so far! Your support means so much and helps us get closer to our goal of **\$3000**.

There's still time to participate! Orders are due **Monday, November 4th by 5 pm**, so let's rally together and make a final push. Every order counts, whether it's a sweet treat or a savoury snack, your purchase helps support our school community.

### ★Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraising Night

**Date: Friday, November 14**

**Time: 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Location: Little Caesar's - 351 Argyle St. S. Caledonia ON**

Join us for a special Fundraising Night in support of Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School!

When parents, teachers, and friends of the school order for Little Caesar's between 3:00pm and 8:00pm, 30% of all sales will be donated back to the school.

Just print the attached flyer and present it to the staff when placing your order- in-store, online, or by phone, and your purchase will count toward the fundraiser!

It's an easy and delicious way to support our school community.

Thank you for your continued support- and a big thank-you to Little Caesars for partnering with us!



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## 🏰Parish News and Information

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**

107 Orkney St. East

Caledonia ON

905-765-2729

Father Jerome Mascarenhas

Secretary: Suzanne Hunter

**Mass Times:**

Saturday @5pm

Sunday @8:30am or 10:30am



★ **All-Saints Day Party**

A reminder of the All-Saints Day Party, Sunday November 2, 2025 @ 10:30 am at St. Patrick's Church

★ **Grade 2 First Reconciliation**

Our Grade 2 students will be participating in their **First Reconciliation** on **Wednesday, November 26th at 6:00 pm** at **St. Patrick's Church**. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey and experience God's love and forgiveness for the first time. †



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