



# November 2017



## NEWMARKET DISTRICT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWS

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### ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE - by Lynda Coghill

At NDCA, we maintain that clear and well-timed communication among teachers, parents and students regarding student achievement encourages students to set goals for learning, assists parents in supporting learning at home and helps teachers establish plans for teaching.

Your child's progress report will be sent home on November 21<sup>st</sup>. On Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and the morning of Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> you will have the opportunity to conference with your child's teacher/teachers.

As educators at NDCA, we maintain that the development of learning skills and work habits, along with academic subjects, is an integral part of a student's learning. After consulting national and international research on the topic, the Ontario Ministry of Education identified specific learning skills and work habits as important in terms of student achievement. These aptitudes are responsibility, independence, organization, initiative, collaboration and self-regulation.

On the NDCA progress report card, the development of these skills and habits will be reported as "excellent", "good", "satisfactory" or "needs improvement." Also, a large space will be provided for teacher comments about students' strengths and areas for improvement. Most important, the fall progress report card indicates for parents how well their child is progressing in all the subjects and provides an early indication of those subjects where the student may need additional help. For various subjects, teachers will check whether the students are: (1) Progressing with Difficulty, (2) Progressing Well, or (3) Progressing Very Well. You may wonder why there are no grades or marks for subjects on the progress report card. Our rationale is that early in the fall term, students have just begun their learning in the subjects and teachers do not have substantial evidence to accurately assign a grade or mark. However, in the fall, teachers do have enough information to report to parents whether or not a student is making progress.

It is our hope that the fall progress report will be a helpful method to facilitate communication with parents and set a positive tone for the remainder of the year.



### Upcoming Events

#### Volleyball Practices this Week!

**Senior (Gr. 7&8) –Wed. 7:30 a.m.**

**Thurs. after school until 5:00.**

**Junior (Gr. 4-6) - Friday 7:30 a.m.**

**Tues. Nov. 7- PTF Meeting (6:30)**

**Wed., Nov. 8 – Pancake Lunch (for those who order)**

**Fri., Nov.10 – Pizza Day, shoe boxes due!**

**Mon., Nov. 13 –Remembrance Day Service 10:30 a.m. All are Welcome! Poppies will be given to students (please send a donation)  
Picture Orders Due Back Today!**

**Fri., Nov. 17 – Sub & Loonie Day**

**Tues., Nov. 21 – Progress Reports go home**

**Thurs., Nov 23 – Parent Interview Night**

**Fri., Nov. 24 – P.A. Day/ Interviews (a.m.)**

**Mon. Nov. 27 –Retake Day & Grad Photos**

**Fri., Dec. 1 – Pizza & Loonie Day**

**Mon., Dec. 4 – Gr. 7 & 8 Boys Volleyball Tournament**

**Tues., Dec. 5 – Gr. 7 & 8 Girls Volleyball Tournament, PTF Meeting (6:30)**

**Fri., Dec. 8 – Sub Day**

**Tues., Dec. 12 – Gr. 5/6 Co-ed Volleyball Tournament**

**Thurs., Dec. 14 – Christmas Program**

**Fri., Dec. 15 – Pizza and Loonie Day**

**Tues., Dec. 19 – Pasta Lunch & Red & Green Day!**

**Mon., Dec. 25 – Jan. 8, 2018 – Christmas Holidays**

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. Ephesians 3:20**



# Chapel



Anna Bowman, the Children's Pastor from Grace Church, spoke about 5 things that we need to do to be close to God. They are reading the Bible, praying, memorizing God's word, telling others about God and going to Church.



Mrs. Benner talked about the Parable of the Sower. She also gave a wonderful and humorous illustration reinforcing that it is only when she allowed God into her heart that it was then God could use her.



Mary, the mother of Jesus (Jodi Greenstreet), told her story of how an angel spoke to her about the upcoming birth of her baby.



Pastor Kirk MacLeod, from the Keswick Presbyterian Church spoke to us about how fun it is to wear a mask at a costume party. He explained that Jesus doesn't want us to wear a pretend mask in everyday life and pretend to be someone else (like a hypocrite)!



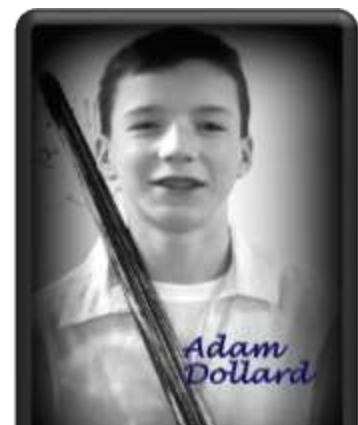
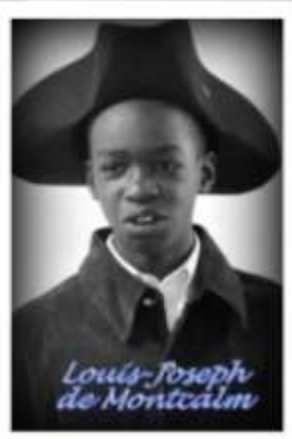
I will say of the Lord. He is my refuge and my fortress: In Him will I trust.  
*Psalm 91:2*



# Cross Country Meet



# Historical Figures from New France







**Fall is Here!**



**Fieldtrip to Earthbound Kids (JK-Gr. 2)**



**Science (Gr.1/2)**  
**Materials,**  
**Objects &**  
**Everyday**  
**Structures**



**Science (Gr.3/4) Understanding Life Systems (Growth and Changes in Plants)**



**Art - The students painted some decorative pots to hold their plants.**



# Grade 5/6 Art



This is the day which the Lord hath made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
*Psalm 118:24*

# Literacy Centres in Kindergarten





# Teddy Bear & Pajama Day for the K – Gr. 2's

