The theme for the month of November is “Courage”.

Welcome back! We are so happy that we will be seeing all of you students in person. Hope you are ready to learn!

This week is “Respect and Diversity” week. This week gives our students an opportunity to learn more about inclusiveness and respect. Everyone needs to feel safe when they enter the building.

We are a nut free and scent free environment. As a school in ASD-S we recognize and remember the importance of food allergies and safety all year long!

Big shout out to Anneke in Grade 8 and Shawna in Grade 6, their essays on “Kindness” were in the Telegraph Journal on Saturday for the Empty Stocking Fund. Beautiful essays girls, well done. Go Lightning!

**Important Dates:**

* Picture re-takes are this Wednesday, November 17th. In speaking with Harvey Studios; all the pictures will be ready before the holidays.
* There is NO school for students this Friday, November 19th. All teachers will be working on your report cards. Since there is no school on Friday there will be no Hot Lunch this week.
* Monday, November 29th (two weeks from today): All students will be receiving their Report Cards.
* Parent/Teacher conferences will be held virtually on Thursday, December 2nd from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
* Friday, December 3rd: There are NO classes for students, it is a Professional Learning Day and Parent/Teacher conferences from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This year the conferences will be virtual using Microsoft Teams.

**Athletics and Activities:**

Phys. Ed. classes will be inside this week so please bring a change of clothes and indoor sneakers.

There will be badminton tryouts this week. Each tryout will be from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. so please have your drive here by 4:30 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, November 16th – grade 8 boys

Wednesday, November 17th – grade 8 girls

Thursday, November 18th – grade 7 boys

The grade 7 girls and all the grade 6 students will be the following week. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Graham before the tryout!

Attention to all soccer players. Please return your uniform to Mrs. Graham as soon as possible.

Speaking of Phys. Ed. events ~ a huge congratulations to John Gray the high school Co-op student in Phys. Ed. on his Football Championship. Way to go Saint John High!

Lost and found – there is a table in the front foyer with all the items, please come claim your lost item, whatever is left goes to charity.

SOCKTOBER – thank you for all your donations – we have numerous bags of socks that we are going to donate to charity.

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Have a marvelous Monday.