



# SAINT NICHOLAS SCHOOL NOVEMBER 2018

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### NOVEMBER

- 05-07 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SCREENING ALL PRIMARY STUDENTS AND NEW STUDENTS IN ELEMENTARY
- 06 PARENT ADVISORY MEETING AT NOON
- 09 FALL FESTIVAL 2:00-5:00PM
- 19-20 USBORNE BOOK FAIR
- 20 GRANDPARENTS DAY BRUNCH; FALL CONCERT
- 21-23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS; SCHOOL CLOSED
- 29 RE-TAKE DAY – INDIVIDUAL PICTURES

## THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION FOR GRANDPARENTS DAY

Our Thanksgiving celebration for Grandparents Day will be on Tuesday, November 20th. Invitations will be sent out and there will be a form for grandparents' mailing information. The hours are 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. The children will be following their regular schedule. We are inviting families to visit the classrooms between 8:30 AM and 9:30 AM and they are invited to brunch at our dining room afterwards at 9:30 AM. Our celebration will end with a Fall Concert at 10:30 AM with Primary through Elementary performing. Valet Parking will be provided.

## USBORNE BOOKFAIR

We will be having our Usborne Book Fair on November 19 and 20th. We will be sending out more information about this event soon.

## PRIMARY AND ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM UPDATE

The **Primary** classes have been enjoying the change of seasons. The theme of fall has been included in the Montessori materials, artwork, science lessons, and literature. The **Primary I and II** students have been working on learning sounds and writing letters using our Montessori and *Languages through Phonics* curriculum. They have also been working on increasing their vocabulary and working on math skills. They enjoy rhyming words and their *Focus* curriculum. They are working on their grace and courtesy to prepare for the Grandparent's Day Program.

The **Primary III** students have been working on the *Language through Phonics Level R* and are excited to continue working on their Handwriting and Language skills. In LP they learn letters and sounds and then put them together to make words with the movable alphabet. They are also enjoying working on their numeration skills in Math. In geography they studied the earth and seven continents. In Science they are learning about plants and how they grow. They will be planting pumpkin seeds after the Fall Festival.

**Primary IV** and **Kindergarten** students have been working with the movable alphabet and are learning to read sentences with short vowel words.

In math they are working in the Montessori area as well as studying geometric shapes and learning to write numbers. In science they are learning about insects and spiders. They have also been learning about the relationships between insects and plants.

We are also working on a map of the Eastern and Western hemispheres in geography. In chapel we have recently learned about the patriarchs and are just beginning the story of Exodus.

**Elementary** students have continued their gardening project with Mr. Williams and are very proud of it.

We have been studying Native Americans and their different environments. Now we are learning about the colony of Jamestown, Virginia and soon we will also study Plymouth, Massachusetts.

**Grade 3** is learning how to write a book report and how to use an outline to prepare a report. We will be reading 'Surviving Jamestown' relating English and history. We are also starting on our second reading textbook for the year and studying 'Farmer Boy' by Laura Ingalls Wilder to build reading & composition skills.

**Grade 1** is building general reading fluency and learning how to add suffixes to verbs in our writing. We are also learning all the main parts of speech. In LP we are beginning work on consonant digraphs and more complex vowel sounds.