



# MONSIGNOR FEE OTTERSON

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



## A Profound Quote for the Month of November

**Mother Teresa**

" I will never attend an anti-war rally;  
if you have a peace rally, invite me."



**ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE**

## ☒ PEACE BEGINS WITH YOU ☒

At MFO, we recognize that 'peace' begins in our own hearts and in our daily interactions with one another. It is important for each one of us to reach out and share the spirit of peace with those we encounter daily. There is nothing more beautiful than observing the students model compassion, understanding, and forgiveness when needed. This enables us to reflect on the importance of creating that inner peace which celebrates the value of one another.

### BE A PEACEMAKER...

- By learning how to solve problems peacefully in your own life, because peace begins with you.
- By taking time to learn about yourself, about why you think, believe, feel, and act as you do.
- By learning how to listen and how to see things from another point of view.
- By learning about what is happening in the world around you.
- By learning about different ways of living and thinking.
- By being involved in the decisions being made on your behalf by parents, teachers, and significant others in your lives.



During our November journey, we will discover the peace within us and the peace that surrounds us at Monsignor Fee Otterson... where everyone belongs.

Principal Lily Kucy; Assistant Principals Mr. Madunicky; Mr. Kiryluk





## NEWS CREW

Our **Junior High Communications Crew** has been hard at work, since the start of the school year, to lead our morning announcements broadcast.



This practice will continue for the school year and is a daily time commitment, from 8:13 - 8:25 a.m. It is open to all junior high students who wish to share their gifts and talents in front of the camera or behind the scenes (tech support set up) in the following ways:

- A **caring** heart to work as a team player.
- The **knowledge** to plan, prepare and execute the morning broadcast for announcements.
- The ability to **communicate** appropriately and effectively to deliver information.
- The ability to demonstrate fair and sound **thinking** if/when unexpected situations occur.
- A **principled** attitude to make a commitment to arrive on time, complete responsibilities, remain calm, be patient, be creative and have FUN!
- A **reflective** response to challenges and things about ways to solve problems vs. giving up.
- A **balanced** person able to manage their time and other school duties.
- A **risk-taker** willing to try something new, collaborate with others and **serve as a role model!**

**Lunch Leaders (Grade 6 students)** demonstrate servant leadership by supporting younger students as they eat their lunches. This dedicated group of students will be demonstrating the following:

- A **caring** heart to supervise younger children.
- The **knowledge** to treat all students in a respectful, responsible, and fair manner.
- The ability to **communicate** appropriately in response to student requests and needs.
- The ability to demonstrate fair and sound **thinking** if/when unexpected situations occur.
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## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

### MFO STUDENTS

#### Wednesday, October 29

After a few quiet weeks, our school has come alive, once again, with the joyful energy of our students. Staff were truly excited to see everyone return. The hallways were filled with laughter, classrooms were buzzing and the simple joy of seeing smiling faces reminded us of the deep connections we share with our students. We are filled with hope and anticipation for the year ahead.



**Halloween Parade**



**Halloween Costumes**



**Yikes!**

## 👻 HALLOWEEN 🍬

### Friday, October 31

We all had a fun-filled Halloween at MFO this year! The morning began with our students showing off their awesome costumes as they entered the doors of the building. We 'kicked off' a Halloween Parade in the gymnasium in the afternoon. All students and staff showcased their costumes as we danced one lap around the gymnasium cheering each other on. There were many creative, funny, cute and even spooky costumes. Students then engaged in Halloween activities for the remainder of the afternoon. Thank you to our staff who made the classroom parties SO much fun for our students! There were games, art and goodies galore. Our students are blessed to have the opportunities to have fun at school every day, Halloween included. Hopefully your trick-or-treating experiences are just as fun.



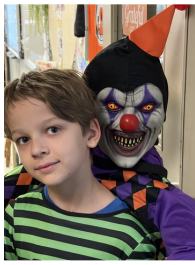
**More Costumes**



**Ninja's**



**Oh My!**



**Very Spooky**



**Whoa!**



**Frightening**

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## NOVEMBER EVENTS

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### Monday, November 3

#### IMMUNIZATIONS

Nurses from Alberta Health Services will be visiting our school to administer routine immunizations for Grade 6 students. These vaccinations are part of the provincial health program and help protect against preventable illnesses. Consent forms have been sent home and must be returned prior to the scheduled date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support in keeping our students healthy and safe.

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### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

#### CEREMONY





*Lest We  
Forget*

## LITURGY

The poppy is proudly worn over our hearts as Remembrance Day draws near. On November 11, this national day, Canadians remember and honour our fellow soldiers who lost their lives.

Please join us for our school wide Remembrance Day Liturgy on

**Friday, November 7 at 2:00 pm.** Our students will gather in the gymnasium for a Liturgy of the Word to remember those who have died so we may live in peace. Families who wish to join us are welcome.

Poppies will be given to students that morning. We will be accepting donations to the poppy fund. Donations collected for the poppy fund will be greatly accepted.

May we take this moment of time to be reverent as we reflect upon all of those who sacrificed themselves so that we may have freedom and peace.

We are often reminded, on many occasions, of the importance of peace and we will continue to pray that our lives will be blessed with a peaceful world.



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## 📸 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7~ PICTURE DAY 📸

### 📸 MFO STUDENT PICTURES 📸

We're excited to announce that **Picture Day** will take place on **Thursday, November 7!**

We kindly ask that students come dressed in their **best outfit** and bring their **brightest smile** as we capture these special memories. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our students and their growth throughout the year.

Thank you for your support in helping make Picture Day a success!



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## REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND

### FALL BREAK

THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS...

Monday, November 10: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, November 11: Remembrance Day: NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 12: NO SCHOOL

Students Return to School On: Thursday, November 13

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## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 SAC/PFA MEETING

### SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL & PARENT FUNDRAISING ASSOCIATION

#### SAC/PFA

The next MFO School Advisory Council/Parent Fundraising Association meeting will take place in person on , **Thursday, November 13 at 6:30 pm** in the teacher staffroom.

As we continue to build a strong and inclusive school community, we are reaching out to invite your **participation** in our upcoming School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting.

At this meeting, we will be establishing a **new council and fundraising committee members** to support our school's initiatives and events. Your voice and involvement are vital, and we welcome all interested parents and guardians to consider joining these important roles.

- **Chair**

The Chair leads School Council meetings, sets agendas in collaboration with the principal, and ensures the council operates smoothly. They are the main point of contact between the council and the school administration.

- **Vice Chair**

The Vice Chair supports the Chair and steps in when the Chair is unavailable. They often take on special projects.

- **Secretary**

The Secretary is responsible for recording meeting minutes, maintaining council records, and managing communication between council members and the school community.

#### Parent Fundraising Society Roles

- **Treasurer**

The Treasurer manages the financial records of the Fundraising Society, including budgets, bank accounts, and reporting. They ensure transparency and accountability in all financial matters.

- **Casino Coordinator (Member at Large)**

This role oversees the organization and execution of casino fundraising events, liaising with AGLC and volunteers to ensure compliance and success. It's a key position for generating funds that support school initiatives.

- **Directors at Large**

These members contribute to discussions, support events, and bring forward ideas from the broader parent community. Their flexibility allows them to assist wherever needed.

Please come and join us for this important meeting in establishing new members. We greatly appreciate the support of our school community.

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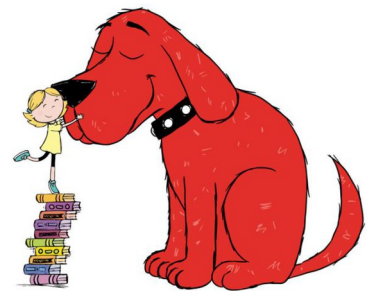
## **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17-20~ MFO BOOK FAIR**

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Get ready, readers! The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be at **Monsignor Fee Otterson** from **Monday, November 17 to Thursday, November 20!**

The Book Fair is a great way for students to discover exciting new stories, favorite series, and all the latest must reads. Each class will visit the Fair during school hours, so your child will have a chance to explore and find books that spark their imagination!

When you shop at the Book Fair, you're not only encouraging your child's love of reading but you're also helping our school earn new books and resources for our classrooms and library.



Thank you for supporting our readers and our school. We can't wait to see you at the Book Fair!

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## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 & TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18~ MFO CASINO FUNDRAISER**

### **MFO CASINO/PARENT FUNDRAISING ASSOCIATION**

It is casino time again! We are looking for volunteers which will help us raise funds for the school. Every 2 years schools and other charitable/non-profit organizations are given a two-day time slot to provide volunteers to work at one of the Edmonton-area casinos in exchange for a portion of the profits. We generally earn between \$75,000 and \$80,000, so our volunteers for this event are crucial. This is by far the School Advisory Council's largest fundraiser. In the last 2 years, casino funds have paid for literacy supplies, math supplies, technology such as laptops and Chromebooks and new musical instruments for students. These funds help to purchase many large ticket items for the school and help to reduce the amount parents pay out of pocket.

There are a number of different jobs that you can sign up for and there is a professional advisor who will train the volunteers and is present to help out throughout the event. No prior experience or knowledge of casino games is expected. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents from the school and is a fun day/night out. A meal and snacks are provided free of charge for every



shift. We need volunteers to help run the casino. Please sign up using the link below. We welcome parents, grandparents, and family friends as volunteers. Volunteers must be over the age of 18.



### 2025 Casino Volunteer Schedule Sign Up

The Casino Fundraiser is a VERY important source of fundraising for the school. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you for your support!

🔗 [signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com)

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## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18~ COSC

### COSC Parent Engagement Evening

We invite our School Council Chair and Executive to participate in the upcoming Council of School Councils (COSC) engagement session. This is a valuable opportunity to connect with other school councils across the division, share insights, and collaborate on initiatives that support student success and community engagement.

We're grateful for the leadership and commitment of our School Council and look forward to their continued contributions.

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## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21~ HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL DAY

### Honoring Holodomor Day

We will pause to remember the victims of the Holodomor, a devastating famine that took the lives of millions in Ukraine during 1932–1933. This solemn day reminds us of the importance of truth, resilience, and the enduring strength of communities. We honor their memory in recognition and remembrance.

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## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28~ PD

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Please note that Friday, November 28 is a scheduled Professional Development (PD) Day for staff. There will be **no classes for students** on this day. Our team will be engaging in collaborative learning and planning to continue enhancing student success. Thank you for your continued support!



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## A FRIENDLY...

### **SCHOOL REGISTRATION FEES**

#### **Paying Fees**

The 2025/2026 School Registration Fees support the operational decisions made and we are dependent on this financial support to carry out the educational goals set for the school year. If you have not already paid the 2025/2026 School Registration Fees, please check your PowerSchool account for any outstanding balances. Parents can access “**Parent Portal**” by going to the website <https://powerschool.ecsd.net> . We would appreciate school fees being paid as soon as possible! We appreciate your attention to this request.

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### **NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH**

#### **DATES**

**Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch:**

**Friday, November 7: Subway**

**Friday, November 21: Boston Pizza**



#### **Healthy Hunger**

Your school just signed up and you're ready for your first round of simple online lunch ordering.

[healthyhunger.ca](https://healthyhunger.ca)

#### **Healthy Hunger Creating an Account**

HOW IT WORKS

Step 1: Create An Account ➤ Click "REGISTER ACCOUNT" and create your new parent account. If you already have an account, you can just login.

Step 2: Add Student ➤ Login and add your child(ren) to the account (name, province, city, school, grade).

Step 3: View Upcoming Lunches ➤ View the upcoming lunch dates.

Step 4: Place Your Orders And Make Payment Online ➤ Place your orders and make payment online with Visa or MasterCard.

\*Orders can be placed for individual dates or for all available dates.

**NOTE:** If your child is absent on hot lunch day and you'd like to pick up his/her order, please contact the school by 10:30am. If no arrangements are made for pick up, his/her order will be donated to a student who does not have lunch. You can cancel orders up to the deadline date. If the order is not canceled, no refund can be issued.



**Smore**

Beautiful class updates in a snap

