



November Principal's Message:



November 2, 2023

Dear St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy families,

Welcome to the busy month of November!

Recapping some of the SMEC/A highlights from Mi'kmaq history month of October administration and staff is proud of the continued hard work, leadership, and modelling display of our student council and leadership group!

Our school community had excellent opportunities and activities with our Halloween social, dance, and in school activities. Thank you for all the outstanding preparation and time spent on behalf of our leadership team and staff to provide these positive and community building opportunities.

SMEC/A School Advisory Council meeting for the month of October was a great success with nominations of our Chair Holly Cook, Vice Chair Jolene Hudson, and the establishment of our voting members. SAC meeting minutes can be accessed on our SMEC/A website page. The next SAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 5 (5pm) at the school. All are welcome!

Extra-curricular activities continue to grow here at SMEC/A. The junior soccer team concluded their season on a positive note and our Senior Girl's volleyball team continues to impress demonstrating significant improvements in their season to this point. Starting up at SMEC/A this month is our Junior Girls Volleyball teams and a rebirth of our Senior Boys Basketball team.

Various clubs and activities operate on a weekly basis with the GSA, HALT, Art & Crafts, Crochet, Dance, Choir, and Intramurals all on the docket. Participation and attendance with our extra-curricular activities continues to demonstrate positive growth.

November is Inclusive Education and Diabetes Awareness month! SMEC/A will participate and engage in activities throughout the month in recognition of both these significant events.

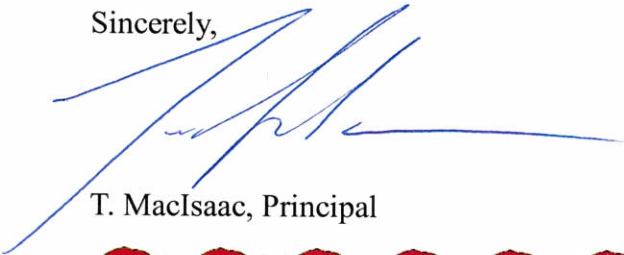
Highlighting the month of November will be the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. Our staff and students have begun preparations and planning to honour all who have given for our freedoms of today.

Reporting periods will occur this month with Q1 reporting for our grade 9 to 12 students and T1 reporting for our grade Primary to 8 students. Grade 9 to 12 report card distribution will take place on Thursday, November 16. Grade Primary to 8 report card distribution will take place on Monday, November 20. Parent-teacher interviews will take place Thursday, November 23.

November is bringing our first tastes of winter weather. Please equip your children with appropriate clothing for our changing weather. We will continue to communicate to families through the message alert system and our weekly 'Sparty Splash'.

Wishing all families, a great month of November!

Sincerely,



T. MacIsaac, Principal

