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WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWS***



**Dates to remember:**

- Nov 11**            **Remembrance Day (no school)**
- Nov 14**            **No school (In Lieu Day)**
- Nov 15**            **No school (PD for teachers)**
- Nov 16**            **Deadline for Balzac Meat orders**
- Nov 18**            **International Chapel**
- Nov 22**            **Report cards issued**
- Nov 22**            **School newsletter issued with report cards**
- Nov 24**            **Parent/Teacher interviews 3:30 – 8:00**
- Nov 24**            **Deadline for Poinsettia orders**
- Nov 25**            **Parent/Teacher interviews 9:00 – noon**
- Nov 25**            **Deadline for Fundscrip**
- Nov 26**            **Family Photo day 9 – 4:00**  
***Book your photo time at the front office.***
- Nov 30**            **Pizza Day**
- Nov 30**            **Annual General Meeting @ 7:00 pm**

***Sweet Interlude***

Sweet Interlude was a fun evening of great desserts and lively entertainment this past Saturday, November 5.



Thanks to all those who attended and invited friends to join them! Volunteers worked hard on Friday evening setting up the gym, and then again on Saturday, beginning at 4:30, with the last ones going home around 10:30. Cakes were baked by volunteers from our school for the dessert buffet. We were thankful for the six willing volunteers who baked the incredible cakes for the cake auction, hosted by Bernie Woods. Thank you to the grade 9's for serving and helping. The cake auction brought in \$9,390.00

## ***Poinsettias for Sail(ing)!!!!***

Additional order forms at the desk.



Dear Menno Families,

It is our annual Poinsettia fundraiser time.

It has become a tradition for our Grade Nine class to celebrate the end of their time here with a Sailing Trip together. The S.A.L.T.S. (Sailing and Life Training Society) experience is an incredible team-building opportunity that we as a school are proud to be able to offer. It is not inexpensive however; the Grade Nine Students are responsible for the cost of the trip. Poinsettia sales are a way in which you can help offset each student's cost while enjoying beautiful seasonal plants from DeVry Greenhouses.

DeVry Greenhouses are a Canadian owned family based company that has provided us with a consistently high quality product for many years. The Poinsettias have always arrived huge and healthy and are always welcome gifts.

<http://www.menosimonschristianschool.ca/docs/library/Nov%202011%20Poinsettia%20Order%20form.pdf>

*Order forms can be left at the front desk.*

*Deadline for orders to be received is November 24<sup>th</sup>.*

*Pick-up date: December 7<sup>th</sup>.*



*Prizes for the top Sales! Watch for posters.*



## ***Rollerskating Night***

Thank you to all of the families who came rollerskating! It was a fun opportunity to get together for family time, as well as with classmates, and increase ties within the school community.



Thank you to the children who got into the spirit of the event, and dressed up as their favourite storybook character. There were many great costumes. The children were invited to participate in a "Best Costume" contest, and winners were chosen in two age categories. For Grade 4 and under, Brandon Wall (Grade 2) was chosen for his fantastic Captain Hook costume. For Grade 5 and up, we had a team entry of Al Bergen (Grade 9) and Rachele Akl (Grade 7), partnered as Peter Pan and Tinkerbell. Another thank you goes to the parents who volunteered for the tricky task of judging!

## Getting Ready for the AGM



Our annual General meeting will be held on Nov 30 @ 7:00 pm in the school atrium.

Next week you will receive a form to complete for membership (\$10.00) for your chance to be a voting Society member. The benefit you receive from membership is:

1. being part of the group which solicits input regarding how Menno Simons Christian School is run;
2. the opportunity to stand and vote for school Board positions;
3. receive school information;
4. receive yearly Financial Statements.

We encourage all individuals to purchase a membership and mark your calendar for Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Get to know your society executive, ask questions, vote in the new board members, celebrate the past year and hear about future directions for your school! Come on down and spend the time to encourage one another and make this school the one you want it to be. Your voice is important to the Society and to your child who attends the school.

## BALZAC MEATS FUNDRAISER

Join us for a RARE experience and participate in a WELL-DONE fundraiser for Menno Simons School



We are selling Farm Fresh Meats from Balzac Meats. The beef in these packages is Angus AAA Beef, Guaranteed Hormone-Free, Grain Fed for over 210 days and aged for a minimum of 21 days.

All the meat is pre-packaged as indicated on the order form. Packages range in price from \$40.00 to \$449.00. Please refer to the order form for prices and different packages available to buy

Orders forms along with payment are due on **November 16** and orders will delivered to the school on **December 9**. Please ask your friends and family if they are interested in participating in this great fundraiser!!

More forms here: <http://www.mennosimonschristianschool.ca/docs/library/Beef%20Packs%20-%20Selling%20Sheet%20Fall%202011.pdf>

~~Coming Soon~~,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

**It's HERE!!!**

FundScrip

**Fundscrip ---Where Shopping IS Fundraising.** <http://www.fundscrip.com/>

Everyone received an order form to bring home. Do your Christmas shopping early – buy gift cards for yourself and others. Over 50 different retailers represented – something for everyone from groceries to building supplies for your pre-Christmas renovations! Don't forget the entertainment, toys and shoes.....

The order form can be printed off our website [www.mennosimonschristianschool.ca](http://www.mennosimonschristianschool.ca) under documents/fundraising <http://www.mennosimonschristianschool.ca/docs/library/Fundsript%20form.pdf>

**Drop off your order form at the front desk no later than November 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Make cheques to Mennonite Educational Society.**

## ***Parents Who Pray***

Parents Who Pray would like to invite all parents to join us in praying for our school. We meet Wednesday mornings at 8:30 in the volunteer room to pray for students, teachers and staff. Next week, on November 16<sup>th</sup> we will be praying for the grade kindergarten class. Please consider joining us as we lift up our school community in prayer. Prayer requests may also be left in the prayer box on the trophy case. All requests will be kept confidential.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Class we will be praying for:</u>
Nov 16	Kindergarten
Nov23	Grade 1
Nov 30	Grade 2
Dec 7	Grade 3
Dec 14	Grade 4
Dec 21	Grade 5
Jan 11	Grade 6
Jan 18	Grade 7
Jan 25	Grade 8
Feb 1	Grade 9

## **NOVEMBER'S GIVING TREE**

Are you doing a little pre -Christmas purging at your home? Perhaps you want to trim down all the books and games your family has acquired over the years? Guess what -we have teachers who could use these items in their classrooms. Our teachers feel very blessed by the generosity of the Giving Tree supporters and thank those who have given so generously. A special thank you to Foothills Mennonite Church who have brought in a box of items twice now to bless our school.

These are the current needs in our Classrooms and if your family is able to contribute any of these items please give them directly to that teacher or leave it at the front office. Much thanks.

### Elementary

#### Kindergarten

No current needs

#### Grade One

NEW ITEM: Straws

Balls (for use on the outdoor field)

#### Grade Two

NEW ITEM: Picture Books

NEW ITEM: Simple Chapter Books

#### Grade Three

Shaving Cream - (they use it to practice handwriting)

Band -Aids

Clipboards (working their way to a classroom set)

#### Grade Four

NEW ITEM: Puzzles with under 200 pieces

Books (picture and chapter)

### Grade Five

NEW ITEM: Spoons  
NEW ITEM: Stir Sticks  
NEW ITEM: Food Colouring  
Band-Aids  
Games (suitable for 8-12 year olds)

### Grade Six

Strong Magnets

### Junior High

#### Mrs. Carey

New Item: Plastic Cutlery  
Cookie Cutters  
Games (appropriate for 12-14 year olds)  
Chapter's Gift Cards  
Scholastic books (appropriate for 12-14 year olds)  
Incentives/Rewards for Student work

#### Mme. Vienneau

NEW ITEM: Large Bookshelf  
Guess Who Games (to be used for French classes)  
Scholastic Books (appropriate for 12-14 year olds)  
Chapter's Gift Cards  
Incentives/Rewards for Student work

#### Mr. Grasmeyer

No current needs

#### Mr. Colgan/Mrs. Wiebe

NEW ITEM: Tweezers  
NEW ITEM: Exacto knives

#### Library

NEW ITEM: new DR. Seuss books to replace the well-loved copies they currently have  
NEW ITEM: Christmas decorations  
Chapters Gift Cards

#### Front Office

Ice Packs for Injuries  
Sponges  
Fun – pictured bandaids (Spiderman, Dora, Smilies etc.)