



École LeMarchant-St. Thomas School

Les nouvelles de novembre 2025 November 2025 News Theme: Respect



Students and staff alike had a fantastic time participating in our Dance/Read-a-Thon on October 31! It was wonderful to see so much school spirit throughout the week. Even a storm and power outage couldn't dampen our enthusiasm, we persevered and kept the fun going while raising funds for our school. A special thank-you goes out to all the parents and guardians who supported LMST with pledges. We will continue to accept pledges until Thursday, November 7. Stay tuned for more information on prize winners and the total amount raised!



Peace is also a theme in November as we will take time on November 7th to reflect on the meaning of Remembrance Day and the sacrifices that have been made and are being made, so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today. Each class will collaborate and create a Remembrance Day wreath and there will be a ceremony to mark the day. Extra resources have been shared with homeroom teachers so they can tailor lessons based on the age of their students.

Haunted House Drawing Contest

Mr. Cunningham's class had their 6th annual Halloween Haunted House drawing competition. There were over 400 entries, and it was great to see so much enthusiasm! Congratulations to the following. Merci 5/6 Cunningham!

Grades P-1	Grades 2-4	Grades 5 & 6
3 rd place- Grace 1 Boyle	3 rd place Rania 2/3Drapeau	3 rd place Aldrin 6Hagerman

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2 nd place George 1Katelyn Smith	2 nd place Jake 4 Michelin	2 nd place Lila 6Hagerman
1 st place Ava 1Katelyn Smith	1 st place Valentina 4Beaton	1 st place Sylvie 6Hagerman

December Musical Showcase

Please mark your calendars for our Primary-3 Musical Showcase on **December 9 and 10**. ***Our grades 4-6 will be participating in the musical "Annie JR" in April.***

Tuesday, December 9	Wednesday, December 10
3 Fennell	3 LeDuc
2/3 Drapeau	2 Jordan
3 Collinson	1 Maddigan
Primary Zelios	1 Katelyn Smith
Primary /1 Bethune	1 Emily Smith
2 Englehutt	2 Manderville
Primary Lacroix	1 Boyle
Primary DePalma	P/1 Rhynold
Grades 4-6 Choir	

LMST Garden Committee Updates

A HUGE thank you to teachers, volunteers, admin and Home and School for making Harvest Snack such a success this year. We revamped the program this year, creating programs specific for grade levels that were delivered in the classrooms with the help of volunteers. We have heard such positive feedback from the kids and teachers. We know the kids missed popping popcorn the old-fashioned way - we are working on how to make that happen for 2026!! If you have any ideas or want to get involved, please reach out to us. Thank you to Noggins (Coburg Street Location) for the generous donation of all the apples we used for the Harvest Snack. Thank you to Halifax Warehouse Market (Abundant Acres Farm) located on 2867 Isleville Street

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for the donations of the veggies. We could not do this without their support - thank you so much!!!

Thank you to all the families and volunteers that came out on our **Fall Clean Up Day** - it was the most people we have ever had!! We were able to put all the veggie beds to rest for the winter.

Stay tuned for updates from the Greenspace Committee re playground fundraising and some opportunities to get involved.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Zeeshan Sheikh has been voted in as French Immersion parent representative to our SAC. We appreciate all those parents/guardians that expressed interest. Merci beaucoup!
Our next SAC meeting is November 18 at 4:30 pm. All welcome to attend.

Home & School News

#1 LMST H&S FUNDRAISER: WOZZLES CHILDREN'S BOOKSTORE SHOPPING NIGHT!!!

WHEN: WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 5TH, 5:30-9PM ONLY

WHERE: ONLINE (use code LMST25 in comments section; pickup only) or IN-STORE (6013 Shirley Street).

DETAILS: 20% of all in-stock purchases (excluding special order, Lego, and gift certificates) goes to LMST. This is a great opportunity to get started on your holiday shopping or other future gift giving and give back to our wonderful school and teachers!

Each teacher also has a class wish list of books at the store (will also be emailed out to families) that you may choose to donate/gift. An LMST parent will be on hand to help you find your teachers' requested books if you're interested OR if buying online, please note the book title and associated teacher in the comment field! Need some book ideas? Check out the amazing list of books listed on WoZZles "Battle of the Books" reading list: Battle of Books-2026.pdf - Google Drive. The wonderful staff at WoZZles will also be on hand to offer their great suggestions.

Online purchases must include code LMST25 and be made between the shopping hours of 5:30-9pm on Nov 5th.

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#2 FREE LMST FAMILY SKATE!

WHEN: 2-4 pm! TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 (Remembrance Day Holiday)

WHERE? - Saint Mary's University, Dauphinee Centre, 934 Tower Road

WHAT? - FREE Family Skate & Grade 6 Treat Sale (BRING CASH! Fundraiser for the Grade 6 year-end trip) – BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE MUG FOR HOT CHOCOLATE/COFFEE!!!

WHO? ALL LMST COMMUNITY WELCOME! Parents/Guardian/Staff and Children!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Bring your own skates and helmet. Equipment is not provided (Consider posting offers or requests on our Facebook page: "LMST Buy, Sell, Swap, Save!!")
- Helmets are mandatory
- No hockey sticks or pucks allowed
- Parent/caregiver supervision is required. Non-skating parents/caregivers can watch from the bleachers.
- Remember to BRING CASH if you would like to support our Grade 6 treat sale!

#3- LMST H&S FUNDRAISER- HOLIDAY WREATHS and POINSETTIAS!!! Stay tuned!

Stay tuned on our Holiday wreaths and Poinsettias! Not only does it save you a trip down to the market, it's a great gift idea for your family members, neighbours or friends!

- **WHEN:** Available soon at School Cash Online
- **PICK-UP:** At LMST on date TBD (End of November)



mabel's labels

Mabel's Labels

Our wonderful Nova Scotian climate with its fluctuating temperatures has most of us dressing in layers. As a result our lost and found bins are already overflowing. LMST has signed up for Mabel's Labels. Clothing labeled with the child's name finds its way back more often and as a bonus a portion of the proceeds will support initiatives here at school. Go to mabelslabels.com, press the "Support a Fundraiser" button and choose LeMarchant -St. Thomas from the list.

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Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found bins are overflowing!

We roll the bins outside on fair-weather days before and after school so families and students can check for any missing items. All items will also be on display on December 4 during Parent/Guardian–Teacher Interviews. Please take a moment to look through the Lost and Found as all unclaimed items will be donated December 5.

Thank you for helping us reunite belongings with their owners!

Parking Lot safety

Volunteers Needed for Dismissal Safety

During the school day the parking lot is strictly for staff. Thank you for your support with this! Our school is looking for volunteers to help ensure student safety during dismissal. Whenever you're available, please assist by standing at the entrance to the parking lot between 2:35 p.m. and dismissal. The staff parking lot is already full at that time, and adding additional vehicles creates unsafe conditions for our students, especially during dismissal. Volunteers can check in at the front desk to sign in and pick up an orange vest. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

A Message From our Schools Plus Community Outreach Worker – Bryan Bell

Hello Families! With the Holidays fast approaching I wanted let you know that I can help you access support. (for example, food, clothing, gifts) This service exists to make this time a little less stressful so you can focus on what matters most...your family! If you need any help whatsoever with any of this, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at bryan.bell@hrce.ca

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Unplugged Canada is a parent-led, national movement advocating for healthier childhoods by delaying smartphones and social media until kids are developmentally ready. Parents and caregivers are invited to explore resources, take the pledge to delay, and join upcoming parent events at unpluggedcanada.com.

The local Nova Scotia chapter is hosting a free community event for parents, caregivers and educators.

Unplugged Together: Raising Connected Kids in a Digital World

Learn about the latest research on how smartphones are impacting kids, safer alternatives to consider and tools to navigate the digital world with your family.

Hammonds Plains Community Centre (virtual/zoom option available)

Sunday, November 2, 2025

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Register: <https://UnpluggedTogether.eventbrite.ca>



Important Dates

- November 3 Bus evacuation drills
- November 11 Remembrance Day- no school
- November 11 Free Family Skate 2-4 pm Saint Mary's University
- November 18 SAC at 4:30 pm All welcome
- November 18 Home & School 6:00 pm All welcome
- November 19 Optis online booking for parent/guardian-teacher interviews opens
- November 21 Assessment and Evaluation Day- no school for students
- December 2 Report cards released
- December 4 Parent/Guardian-teacher interviews 1-4pm 5:30-7:30pm

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- December 9 P-3 Musical Showcase Concert 6:00 pm (see schedule above)
- December 10 P-3 Musical Showcase Concert 6:00 pm (see schedule above)
- December 18 & 19 Shopping Under the Stars
- December 19 Last Day of school for students

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