

A&P Church School

Lots going on!

Church School resumed on September 7 with a **Welcome Back Teachers Breakfast Meeting** after which we welcomed the children back. Once again, we are blessed to have a wonderful team of dedicated teachers and volunteers who come prepared for classes each Sunday not only to teach the children but also to share their faith and talents. Our team is made up of parents, students, grandparents, doctors, teachers and other professionals and we are particularly pleased that a number of our own former Church School students, now in CEGEP and University, are teaching some of our classes.

Our first Family Event was held on October 5 when close to 70 of the congregation and Church School headed off for a fun day of apple picking at **A La Croisse des Pommes** in St. Joseph du Lac. It was a great day of fellowship and the apples were particularly delicious this year!!

On October 24, the Youth Group prepared and hosted our **Annual Pumpkin Ball** and what a terrific evening and successful evening it was for children and adults alike!!! With close to 100 in attendance, there was great excitement in the air - wonderful costumes, fun activities, a delicious dinner and the magic of "The Amazing Tod-sky"! The children (and adults) were captivated by his tricks as well as entertained by his humour. The littlest ones sat unmoving, totally mesmerized by the show – we will definitely have him back!!

More details on the event can be read in the Youth Group Report.

Now we are very busy preparing for the **Advent and Christmas** season – Andrew Gray and Jordan de Souza have prepared a rehearsal schedule for the Pageant, and Andy has already begun teaching the children with the help of Desmond Byrne. We are so grateful to have the Music Department dedicating so much time to the Church School and the children are enjoying every minute of it!!!

The **Pageant** preparations are in full swing, with casting as well as costume fittings. We are so pleased to have Bobbie Cristofaro and Naima helping with the daunting task of making certain everyone looks their absolute best on Pageant day!! **A special thank you to**

Johanna Lloyd who made 3 exquisite page costumes for us!!

On November 9 the Church School and Youth Group had a joint **"Bowl-A-Thon"** to raise funds for their PWS&D Mission Projects. We will have the results of the Bowl-A-Thon ready for you in the next edition of Inside Out.

There are a number of important dates to mark in your calendars, so please take note of the following:

- **November 23:** "Lunch and Learn" hosted by the Ministry Committee: "Raising Your Child as a Digital Citizen: What Parents Need to Know." Presentation and discussion by Dr. Alissa Sklar
- November 30, December 7, 14 & 21: "Advent Candle Lighting" by our Church School families
- **December 13:** Pageant Rehearsal
- **December 14:** Pageant at 4:30 pm followed by Family Christmas Dinner
- **December 24:** Family Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm
- **January 16-18:** Youth Retreat for Senior Classes

During the busy Christmas Pageant preparations and weekend of the Pageant we are in need of numerous volunteers to help with crafts for the children, supervision of the children, makeup, costumes, etc. etc. If you would like to help out on the Rehearsal Day Pageant Day or both, please email me at grammy.shani@sympatico.ca or call me at 450-689-4379. Any time you can give, would be greatly appreciated by us all in the Church School.

If you have any questions about our programs or would like to join our team, please contact me at the aforementioned email address or telephone number.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Church School team to wish all of you and your families a blessed Advent and Christmas.

Sharon Dworzak, Church School Co-ordinator



Above: Homeward bound after a great outing!

Center: Fun time at the apple orchard!

Right: Two cute trick or treaters!

