



## **Message from the Director of Education and Chair of the Board**

### **Remembrance Day**

*“Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts.”*

*– Pope Francis*

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada’s Hundred Days and the Armistice of the First World War, as well as the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. Although year-round we remember those who sacrificed so much, many giving their lives to the cause of freedom, we especially do so on Remembrance Day. We also reflect on the continued contribution of the many men and women who continue to serve our country around the world in the interest of peace. We pray for the repose of the souls who were taken from us in times of conflict, and for the safety of those who remain in harm’s way.

The end of The Great War on November 11, 1918 was greeted with celebrations and relief to people around the world, but it also brought feelings of profound loss and grief as people were left remembering all those who had fought and died. One hundred years later, we still gather in our communities to observe this Remembrance Day, in honour of all of those who served and died for our peace and the freedom of future generations.

Peace truly begins within our hearts. We are all called upon to be peacemakers, as highlighted and practiced in our virtue for the month of November. We encourage our school communities to recognize the significance of this day, to pray for peace in our communities, and to use this opportunity to lead our students in appropriate tributes to our veterans and those presently serving in our Canadian Forces. They have answered a call to be witnesses of peace, and we are extremely grateful to them.

We wish you peace in your daily lives and thank you for all that you do to nurture peace, friendship and belonging in your places of work and your communities.

Sincerely,

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Chair of the Board