Holy Family Catholic School

Weekly Update

Oct.11-15

A drop of water. Insignificant in isolation. When dropped in a pool The ripples move out into infinity The water is changed By one drop of water.

A drop is falling Now Into the pool of our spirit. The water begins to ripple...

Holy God, as we consider the magnitude of a drop of water to touch and change the pool, may we hear the power of your touch in our lives, the potential for our lives to touch others.

Amen.

School Updates:

- Picture Day- Next Wednesday, Oct. 20th please see separate email that was sent for more details.
- Virtual Internet Safety Presentation: Paul Davis- Zoom Invitation and Link will be sent home next week. 6 pm Oct. 21. A Zoom Link will be sent to parents next week.

Virtual presentations to our students in grades 5-8 will occur during the school day.

SOCIAL NETWORKING AND ONLINE SAFETY A VIRTUAL EVENING FOR PARENTS WITH PAUL DAVIS

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TOPICS INCLUDE: SNAPCHAT / TIKTOK / INSTAGRAM / FACEBOOK SMARTPHONES AND DIGITAL TRAILS CYBERBULLYING - TEXTING - IMAGE SHARING & ONLINE SECURITY



 <u>Mad Science</u>: Mad Science is Back at Holy Family! Virtual program is happening on Tuesdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm and is suitable for grades 1-6. October 26th - December 14th. 8 Week Program for \$120 + HST

Register Online at hamilton.madscience.org. Or call 905-335-6746 ext. 23

- <u>2022 FIRST Communion/Confirmation</u>:
- First Reconciliation and First Communion for students in grade 2 and the Sacrament of Confirmation for students in grade 7 will take place at Mary Mother of God Church in May of 2022 and March of 2022, respectively. If

you are interested in enrolling your child for the sacraments, you MUST enroll them through the church. Our school is happy to assist with the preparation for the sacraments, but it is the church that administers the sacraments. The church has its own

• process for enrollment which can be found here: <u>www.mmogp.ca/first-</u> <u>eucharist</u> or <u>www.mmogp.ca/confirmation</u>

Please communicate **DIRECTLY with Debbie Frey, the Sacramental Coordinator at Mary Mother of God** at this email address: <u>mmog.sacraments@gmail.com</u> with any questions, concerns, or special requests.

We are proud to work closely with our friends at Mary Mother of God to make this important time in your child's life meaningful. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist as well.

- <u>Pizza Day is Thur. Oct. 28th</u>- Each slice will be \$2.50 for either Pepperoni or Cheese. Slices will come labelled as well for our convenience. Please purchase by going to https://hcdsb.schoolcashonline.com
- Orders are due by Wed. Oct. 20th please.

- Lunch Lady is back!: Ordering instructions below. You can place an order beginning Oct.13th, and their first delivery date will be Oct.18th. Contact: <u>malou@thelunchlady.ca</u> if you have questions or concerns.
- Running/Walking Club- Coaches met with interested students today and gave out consent forms for this club. We hope to begin next week once consent forms come back to school.

See below for more:



<u>Halloween Dance-a-thon</u>

 Halloween is a great time to dress up and have fun with costumes. In our Catholic Education community, we want to promote respect, inclusion and empathy for all individuals. As students and staff select Halloween Costumes, we encourage everyone to reflect critically, be mindful of cultural appropriation and create welcoming school environments for all.

The following are suggested questions to reflect on when choosing a costume to avoid being disrespectful of offensive:

- Is my costume making fun or offensive towards a group of people, their culture or religion?
- Does my costume reinforce jokes and stereotypes about certain groups, cultures or religions?
- Am I altering my skin color, facial/body features to make it darker or like a particular race, ethnicity, or cultural group?
- Am I dressing up as a culture or borrowing from a religion that is not my own or is not part of my background?
- Do I understand and respect the history or tradition of the culture that I am borrowing my costume from?
- On Friday, October 29th, the students of Holy Family will be participating in a Dance-A-Thon fundraiser. The students are encouraged to wear black and orange or a costume for the Dance-A-Thon. Please be reminded that students cannot wear masks or bring any accessories if a costume is worn. Please discourage costumes that may be too scary or violent in nature as we do have sensitive JK/SK students in the school. This event will provide students with the opportunity to exercise, have fun and raise money for school initiatives. Some of the items we hope to buy with the money raised are technology (laptops, iPads, interactive boards), gym equipment, or books for our library.
- We are asking you to support our efforts by sponsoring your child. Please note that our Board policy states that **no child is to go door-to-door to solicit pledges.** Students are encouraged to ask family and friends to support their efforts with a pledge of funds.

- The top class in each division, (FDK-Grade 3, Grade 4-8) will win a pizza and movie party for their class. This year, the winners of the top prizes will be decided a little bit differently than they have in the past. For each \$20 dollar donation, you child will get their name on a ticket which will be drawn by the end of the day on Oct.29th. For example, if a student brings in \$100 in donations, their name will go into the draw 5 times. Every child will therefore receive at least one ticket even if they do not bring in a donation. We will have a variety of individual prizes such as specific gift certificates. If you would like to donate a prize please email Mr.Albani at albanit@hcdsb.org
- If donating online, a tax receipt is provided/emailed for any amount you donate. If you are sending in cheque or cash, a receipt will be provided for a pledge of \$25.00 or more. Please fill in your name and address on the pledge sheet included. You will receive a tax receipt from the Halton Catholic District School Board. The option of pledging a donation online is available for yourself, friends and family members thru our school website at https://elem.hcdsb.org/holyfamily/.
- Once on the school website, please scroll down to the bottom left side and click on "Make a Donation". When filling in the on-line form, please ensure you select Holy Family School under Fund Destination. Weather you donate using cash, cheque or Cash Online, <u>please still send in the paper pledge form so we do not miss giving your child tickets.</u> We are hoping that every family in our school community will participate in our annual fundraiser by pledging \$30.00 per student, which would allow us to match the amount of our last fundraiser.
- Unfortunately, with Covid protocols, parents and guardians are unable to attend this event. Please return all pledge forms and money by **Tuesday**, **October 26th** so that your child is included in the top prizes. Thank you for your continued support.

Prizes we will be giving away so far (See below): Bike rack, Signed Leaf jerseys, bike helmets. Also included is a Gift card donated from <u>'Sunny Morning'</u> restaurant. Located in the Oakwoods Centre, 1899 Ironoak Way, Oakville.

The School will also be purchasing a variety of Gift cards which students will have a chance at winning.

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