



PARENT UPDATE #4 SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 1

"It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts" ~ Mother Teresa

A reminder that students should not be dropped off prior to 8:05am each day, as Supervision of students begins at that time. Students cannot enter the school until 8:05am, when supervisors are present.

Terry Fox School Walk

We will be celebrating the Terry Fox School Walk on Monday September 27th. We are encouraging all staff and students to wear red and white and donate \$2 to the Terry Fox Run Campaign. All classes have an assigned time on Monday when they will participate in this annual event.



Rowan's Law Day – September 29, 2021

On Wednesday, September 29, 2021, our school will be recognizing [Rowan's Law Day](#) to raise awareness about concussion safety, and to share Rowan Stringer's story. In May 2013, 17-year-old Rowan died as the result of head injuries sustained in a game of rugby. In March 2018, the Ontario government passed [Rowan's Law](#), designed to protect athletes and to educate about the dangers of head injuries. The health and safety of our students is our top priority, and on September 29th, we hope to increase awareness about the dangers of concussions. Together, we can help our students prevent, recognize and respond to concussions.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

We are encouraging all students and staff to wear an Orange shirt on Thursday September 30th, in honour of the HCDSB's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation through Indigenous Education. OLF will be wearing orange shirts to recognize the harm residential schools did to children's sense of self-esteem and wellbeing. This day also honours those that survived, remembers those who did not, and recognizes the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma. Wearing an orange shirt is a visual reminder of our shared past and provides an opportunity for dialogue between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. It is an opportunity for schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.



Supporting our Community – Thanksgiving Food Drive

On Saturday, October 2 from 10-12 pm, we will be holding our Thanksgiving Food Drive to support our local community. We will be accepting non-perishable food items as well as gift cards for grocery stores. We will be offering a reverse curbside pickup. You drive up to the front of the school, pop your trunk and one of our volunteers will accept your donations. We thank you in advance for your generosity during this Thanksgiving season for families in need. Please see the attachment for recommended items.

Daily Screening for COVID-19 Symptoms

A continued reminder that Self-screening **must** be completed **each** day before a student attends school by using the [Ontario School and Child Care Screening Tool](#). If a student does not pass the self-screening, they are to remain home and follow the direction given on the screening tool. To ensure the safety of all students and staff, students are not permitted to enter the school building until the self-screening has been completed.



Arriving on time

School begins at 8:20am. The doors are open for students to enter beginning at 8:05am. It is very important that we are establishing good routines with our students and children, by ensuring that they arrive on time each day. Please consider walking your child to school to avoid the busy parking lots in the morning and afternoon.

Kiss N Ride expectations

Please do not get out of your car when dropping off your child in the Kiss N Ride lanes. This is reserved for those who are dropping their child off without parking their vehicle. This will ensure we do not create a backlog of traffic in this lane and those who need to drop off and go quickly can do so. Please pull all the way to the front of the Kiss N Ride lane if space permits. Please do not stop on the curve of the parking lot to drop off children, and be aware of children walking on the sidewalk near the gate to the pavement.

Office Drop offs

Please send your child each day with their healthy lunch and water bottle when you drop them off in the morning. We want to avoid disruptions to the class and student learning, so we ask that you avoid dropping materials off at the office, by ensuring they are packed each morning with all they need. **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School** The Virtual Grade 8 information night for Secondary School will take place on **Wednesday, November 3** in the evening. Details are being confirmed by the Administration at the school, but when details become available they will place it on their website: <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/stkateri>



Saturday October 2 - Thanksgiving Food Drive 10-12 pm
October 4 – Parent Council Meeting #1 @ 6:30pm
October 7 – Thanksgiving Liturgy @ 9:00am
October 8 – PA Day – No school for students
October 11 – Thanksgiving – School closed
October 26 – Bishop Reding Information Night
October 29 – OCGE Golden Ticket Assembly #2
November 3 – St. Kateri Information night