



## PARENT UPDATE #9: NOVEMBER 1 – 5

**“Sometimes later becomes never. Do it now”**

### Halloween Fun Day Fundraiser

Thank you so much for your generous support! We are tallying the exact total and will let you know as soon as possible if we hit our goal of \$16,000! Thank you to all of our students for your participation in Halloween Fun Day. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Halloween night.

### Lunch Program

A reminder that all orders for Mr. Sub and Subway are placed on a weekly basis through School Cash Online and orders must be placed **before Noon on Sunday** to be applied for the upcoming week.

Delivery Day	Featured Restaurant
Tuesday	Gino's Pizza
Wednesday	Subway
Friday	Mr. Sub

### Pizza Days

Pizza Days **begin this week on Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Our ordering system is now closed for Pizza. The pizza supplier is Gino's Pizza and pizza day runs every Tuesday (Term 1 will run from Nov/2/2021 - Feb/22/2022, excluding Christmas Break)



### HCCF – Halton Catholic Children's Foundation

The Halton Catholic Children's Foundation (HCCF) supports HCDSB students in need with basic necessities (i.e. food and clothing) & with school activities that have a fee (i.e. team or club fees).

“With this funding the foundation has gratefully reduced the stress impacting the family and helped to ensure access to basic needs.” – HCDSB Social Worker

HCCF needs our help so they can continue to say “yes” to helping HCDSB students with financial barriers to learning.

They are looking for companies to be a sponsor at the event and for community members to purchase tickets and to donate.

It is NOT another Zoom call. We are using <https://www.kumospace.com/> so you can have fun and interact with your friends. Enjoy a meal and your favourite beverage while you catch up with others.

Join the Halton Catholic Community for an entertaining experience where you can connect with your friends and hear Bishop Crosby's stories, sense of humour and wisdom.

For more information visit <https://www.hccf.ca/evening-with-bishop-crosby/>

### 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.

### ***MindUP™ for students***

As part of our commitment to Mental Health and Well-Being, Our Lady of Fatima School has been taking part in a Social-Emotional Learning and Mindfulness Curriculum Program called ***MindUP™***. This evidence-based curriculum fosters mindful awareness and self-regulation; enhances empathy, optimism, and well-being; and promotes kindness and positive relationships. (see <https://mindup.org/>). We completed Lesson 1 last week and your child/children will be starting lesson two: “Mindful Awareness” for the next two weeks. During this lesson they will be exploring in more depth the amygdala and how it determines emotional responses by classifying incoming sights, sounds, smells and movements. Your child/children will learn to give time for their brains to process something they hear, see, taste, smell or feel, before responding produces mindful thinking. An example is “counting to ten” when you are frustrated or angry. Ask your child/children to share other ways that they can allow their brain to play catch-up and think more clearly and mindfully. (listening to music, reading, going for a walk)

### **Grade 7 and 8 Confirmation**



The dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation have been shared by St. Benedict Parish. Full information has been emailed to all parents of Grade 7 and 8 students. If you did not receive information or if you have any questions, please connect with your child’s teacher or speak to the OLF administrators.

#### ***Date for Confirmation are:***

Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm – Mr. Donald and Ms. Lake’s Class

Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm – Mme. Antonelli and Mrs. Lamanna’s Class

Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm – Mr. Miszuk and Mr. Filipiak’s Class

Monday November 15<sup>th</sup>- 7:30pm – Mrs. Szwed and Mrs. Smith’s Class

Students must attend during their scheduled date and time assigned to their class. Please be aware due to the pandemic protocols, the celebration of Confirmation will only be attended by the student receiving Confirmation, their sponsor and two parents/guardians. Unfortunately due to government and diocesan pandemic protocols, no other guests over the four designated (including other siblings and relatives) are allowed. **No exception to this rule can be made according to the Diocese of Hamilton.**

### **Masks on School Property**

Please model proper COVID protocols by wearing masks at all times when on school property, during morning drop off and afternoon pick-up. We appreciate your assistance and consistent practice of this behaviour as we ask the same of all of our students. This particularly includes during afternoon pickup when many parents/guardians are standing at the fence waiting for their child in close proximity to others. We thank you for your partnership with this every day.

### **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. **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 arrive.**

## 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>



### UPCOMING DATES:

November 1 – Parent Council #2

November 3 – St. Kateri Information night (Grade 8 parents)

November 11/15 - Confirmation

November 8-22 – Parent registration for Parent Teacher Interviews

November 24 – Progress Report goes home

November 25 – Parent Teacher interviews 3:00pm-8:30pm

November 25 – OCGE Golden Ticket Celebration

November 26 – PA Day (Parent/Teacher Interviews 8:30am-2:30pm)