



Weekly Update #7 October 18-22

Our outdoor **Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon** is quickly approaching! Please continue to **consider fundraising for this major event**. The class in each division that raises the most amount of money will receive a class prize, as will random prize winners who contribute donations through their pledge collecting. As a reminder, students are welcome to wear a costume to school on October 29th (rain date on the 28th). Costumes cannot include weapons, blood or fully covered facemasks. Please **also avoid the bulky inflatable costumes** as they represent a hazard in our hallways, stairwells and classrooms. Students must still wear their non-medical covid masks while in the school.

Important Events:

- **October 18th to 22nd - Waste Reduction Week**
- **Wednesday October 20th** – Virtual parent information meeting for International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme for St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School @ 7:00 p.m.
- **Dance-a-thon is ONE WEEK away!** (October 29th) Please consider **collecting pledges** for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Dance-a-thon packages were sent home on October 1st (electronically) and hard copies were sent home the week of October 5th. Please share with your family members and help us raise funds to support our student learning and school. Donations can also be made on our School Cash Online System on our website.

Upcoming dates:

- Thursday **November 4**: Gr. 8 Virtual Parent Information Night for St. FX Catholic Secondary School 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- Wednesday **November 11**: Virtual Remembrance Day Liturgy @ 10:45am
- Wednesday, **October 20th** - St. Thomas Aquinas International Baccalaureate virtual parent meeting - 7:00 pm (see email sent to grade 7 & 8 parents from HCDSB) - parents need to register for this event
- Tuesday, October 26th - AP (advanced placement) parent info night at Bishop Reding Secondary School; time to be determined; parents need to register
- Wednesday **November 23**: Progress Reports go home
- Thursday and Friday **November 25 & 26**: Virtual Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Friday **November 26**: PA Day – virtual interviews
- Grade 8 High School Option Sheets information coming soon - please watch for further info if you have a child in grade 8

Important Announcements:

iDARE Committee Meeting

Thank you to all families who volunteered to join our Queen of Heaven iDARE committee. The first virtual meeting will take place on **Wednesday October 27th @ 6:30 p.m.** If you would like to join the committee, please email Mrs. Robinson at robinsona@hcdsb.org

School Bus Safety Week

Each year, Halton Bus presents a bus safety presentation to students at Queen of Heaven. This year, the company will once again provide a video presentation. Over the coming weeks, classroom teachers will share the video with students to review bus safety.

Waste Reduction Week

During the week of **October 18th to 22nd**, we are all challenged to reduce the amount of waste we produce. Our lunches and snacks represent one significant way we can reduce the amount of waste we produce at school. Please host a family chat about being stewards of God's creation by doing our part to reduce waste by using re-usable containers to pack lunch and snack items. We talk about "litterless lunches" at school, which are lunches that produce no waste. It's a great way to teach our children about the importance of taking care of our environment and an easy, practical way to do so. Thank you for doing your part as families within our school community.

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School's International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme

All grade 7-8 students' families are invited to attend a virtual meeting **on Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m.** for information on the IB Programme.

IB is a globally recognized programme that challenges students to excel in their studies and in their personal development. Students enrolled in the IB Programme study topics in greater depth, helping them develop the knowledge and the critical thinking skills necessary for success in post-secondary education and beyond.

The link to the IB Information Evening will be available on the St. Thomas Aquinas website on the day of the information session. Parents and students in grades 7 – 9 who are interested in learning more about the programme and the application process are encouraged to attend.

For more information about the IB Programme, please visit the Board's website at: bit.ly/IB-Programme, and the St. Thomas Aquinas School website at: <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/sta/>
More than ever, Halton students need access to nutritious food to fuel a full day of learning.
<https://secondary.hcdsb.org/sta/ib-programme/>

Advanced Placement (AP) Parent Info Night at Bishop Reding Secondary School:

October 26 - AP Program Information Night at Bishop Reding. Time TBA. Parents need to register.

<https://secondary.hcdsb.org/bishopreding/advanced-placement/>

QH Spirit Wear is almost Here!

Our **Queen of Heaven Spirit Wear** campaign is almost here! Please watch for a forthcoming brochure that will outline an array of QH apparel items for sale, including shorts, t-shirts, track pants, long-sleeve t-shirts, toques, cinch bag and adult half-zip hoodie and face mask. All items will proudly adorn our awesome QH logo. We will plan to host spirit days (non-uniform days) in the coming months when students can proudly wear their QH non-uniform apparel. No obligation to purchase but a fun way to show your QH Warrior pride!!

Grade 8 Parent Night Info for St. Francis Xavier Secondary School:

November 4 - Grade 8 Parent Night at St. Fx. 6:30. Link to the event not yet active.

November 9 - St. FX Student Services visiting our classes - 12:35 pm - 1:35 pm (approx); staff will be speaking with our grade 8s about high school, the application process, course selection, and the difference between the various course levels (academic, applied, open).



Pizza Lunches - CAN YOU HELP?

We are exploring options to allow a return for pizza lunches to Queen of Heaven. However, in order for us to comply with our covid protocols, we are going to require the assistance of a **team of parent volunteers to deliver the pizza to designated classrooms**. To begin, we are likely going to host a once per week pizza day on either Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. If you have time to offer, we are **seeking approximately 6-8 helpers** from approximately 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. Volunteers **must have an updated criminal declaration on file** in the office as well as be **able to show proof of double covid vaccination**. Our goal is to begin pizza lunches in November. Please complete [this survey](#) if you are able/willing to assist us and we will then be in touch with you. THANK YOU!