



Weekly Update #6 October 11th-15th

“Every faith-filled step will be met with help from Heaven” – Randall Bennett

Important Events:

- **Monday October 11th - Happy Thanksgiving** – All schools closed; enjoy a blessed day!!
- **Friday, October 15th** - fire drill #3 (weather permitting) at approximately 11:00 a.m.
- **Dance-a-thon is TWO WEEKS away!** (October 29th) Please remind your children to consider gathering pledges for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Dance-a-thon packages were sent home October 1st (electronic copy). Please share with your family members and help us raise funds to support our student learning and school. Donations must be made via school cash online - all instructions are outlined clearly on the dance-a-thon package. Thank you!!

Upcoming dates

- **Week of October 18th to 22nd** - Waste Reduction Week - aim for litter-less lunches & snacks
- **Month of October** - please collect pledges for our Hallowe'en (outdoor) dance-a-thon
- **Wednesday October 27th** - 1st iDARE committee meeting @ 6:30 pm (virtual)
- **Thursday October 29th** Outdoor Halloween Dance-a-thon (rain date on the 28th - we will announce in advance if we need to revert to our rain date)

QH Spirit Wear

We are excited to introduce **school spirit wear** apparel offered for sale to interested families. We will have a collection of school apparel including gym shorts, t-shirts, track pants, cinch bags, toques, long-sleeve t-shirts and zip hoodies offered for purchase. Please **watch for our flyer** coming out soon. All purchases will be made online; we hope you choose to participate. Our goal is to designate future “spirit days” so children can show off their Queen of Heaven apparel. Thank you!

Lost & Found Items

We encourage all parents/families to clearly **label your child's name on school clothing items**, especially items that students often take off such as QH hoodies, jackets etc. Daily we pick up clothing items left out on the playground that are school uniform items impossible to identify if they are not properly labeled. Each clothing item has an interior tag that allows parents to write or label with your child's name so we can return the item to them. Please be proactive and clearly label your child's first name/last initial in all clothing items. Thank you!!

October is Hispanic & Islamic Heritage Month

Latin American Heritage Month was proclaimed by the Parliament of Canada on June 21, 2018. This is an opportunity for Canadians to recognize the valuable contribution of members of the Latin American community to this country's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Latin American Heritage Month is the perfect time for Canadians to learn a little more about the long and rich history of the Latin American community in Canada and the inspiring role it has played—and continues to play—in our society.

Dance-a-thon Volunteers

We are seeking a **handful of parent volunteers** to assist with our decorating and supervising of our outdoor **Hallwe'en dance-a-thon** this year. Volunteers must have a **valid police check** on record (or present updated police check to us) as well as be able to show **proof of double vaccination** status re: Covid-19. If you are free to assist on October 29th (rain date October 28th) beginning at **7:00 a.m. for decorating** or to assist **supervising at 9:00 am**, please reach out to our Catholic School Council member **Mrs. Amber Lopes** at the following email address: Armstrong_Amber@hotmail.com Thank you for your service of time to our school.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to our families who were able to contribute to our **Thanksgiving Food drive**. We received a very generous outpouring of non-perishable food donations that we have gratefully donated to the Good Shepherd organization to assist those in need. Our Queen of Heaven school spirit was on strong display, helping us teach our children that those of us who are blessed with much, much is expected of us! Thank you for your generosity!!



iDARE Committee Initial Meeting of 2021-2022

Please join us for our initial iDARE parent committee meeting upcoming on **Wednesday, October 27th at 6:30 pm (virtually)**. All those interested in learning and participating in the wonderful work our parent committee does to promote inclusion, diversity, anti-racism and equity within our community are most welcome to join us. Please email your interest at qhidaremail.hcdsb.org