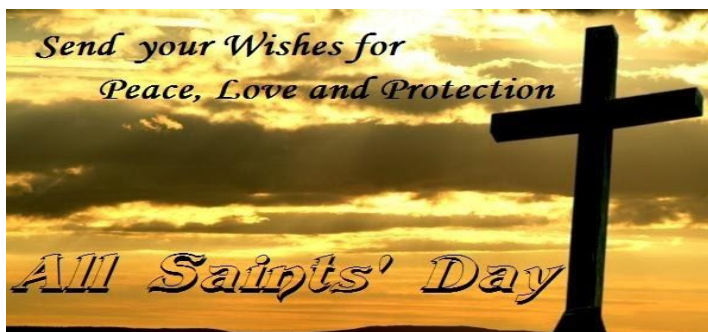




Weekly Update #8 October 25-29/21



Important Events:

- **Tuesday October 26th** – Bishop Reding CSS Virtual Advanced Placement Information Evening - taking place virtually at 6:30 pm. Designed for grade 7 & 8 parents
- **Wednesday, October 27th** - first iDARE committee meeting - 6:30 pm - virtual
- **Weather permitting, our outdoor Dance-a-thon is Friday, October 29th. Rain date will be Thursday, October 28th. We will look at the forecast on Wednesday and send out an email to all families to confirm either way so everyone is aware!!**
- **Sunday, October 31st** - Hallowe'en day - be safe trick-or-treating
- **Monday, November 1st** - all Saints day - commemoration of triumphant saints in Heaven
- **Tuesday, November 2nd** - all Souls day - a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have passed away

Upcoming dates

- **Week of November 1** – Treaties Recognition Week
- **Monday, November 1st** – All Saints Day
- **Monday, November 1st** - Halton Police Cruiser visiting today - Jr & Int classes
- **Tuesday, November 2nd** -- All Souls Day
- **Thursday, November 4th** -- St. FX Gr. 8 Virtual Parent Information Night 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- **Sunday November 7th** – Daylight Savings Time ends - clocks go back 1 hour
- **Monday November 8th – 12th** - Parent-Teacher interview scheduler opens for parents to book interviews (interviews taking place on evening of the 25th and during the day on the 26th - more details to follow)
- **Wednesday November 11th** : Virtual Remembrance Day Liturgy @ 10:45am
- **Wednesday November 24th** : Report Cards go Home
- **Thursday and Friday November 25th & 26th** - Virtual Interviews
- **Tuesday, November 30th** - orange shirt day for November - non-uniform day

Important Announcements:

Dance a thon Update

We are very excited to host our first outdoor dance-a-thon on **Friday, October 29th**. A rain date is scheduled for **Thursday, October 30th**. We have one week left to consider gathering pledges for this major fund-raising event. Last year, funds were used to update technology, provide outdoor equipment for 40 classrooms, and purchase resources for the ARTS and the special education department, resupply our recess play items, supplement our reading resources and much more. Students can dress in orange and black or costumes. **Costumes should not depict violence, blood, gore or themes that may be considered inappropriate for our Catholic learning environment.** Masks that are a part of a costume are not permitted. Students must wear their face mask with their costume. Unfortunately, with COVID-19 restrictions, we only have limited volunteers who have been screened and selected to assist with our dance-a-thon. Thank you for your understanding. **Please try to make a last push to collect pledges over the weekend and next week to support Queen of Heaven School.**

Dropping off items at School

Safety at Queen of Heaven is a high priority. Staff, students, and families must continue to focus on the big three: hand washing, physical distancing and wearing a mask. Please review the importance of these expectations as we continue to strive to keep our community safe.

A friendly reminder to all parents and guardians; please complete a school screening and follow the direction of the screening. This practice will help keep students and staff safe and healthy. A friendly reminder to continue daily covid screening with your children to ensure they are healthy and meet the Ministry standards to attend school each day.

Our drop-off table is located outside the main front doors of the school. If you have forgotten to pack an item for your child, please drop it off on this table, label it with student name and teacher name, and kindly buzz the office to inform us the item is here; we will ensure it gets to your child safely. Thank you.

Bishop Reding CSS Virtual Advanced Placement Information Evening

Our grade 7 & 8 parents are invited to attend a [virtual information session for Bishop Reding Catholic Secondary School's Advanced Placement \(AP\) Programme](#) on **October 26th at 6:30 p.m.**

The AP programme offers enhanced learning and university-level courses to students in secondary school. Students enrolled in the AP programme study topics in greater depth, preparing them to develop the knowledge and the critical thinking skills that are expected in university. For more information about Advanced Placement, please visit the Board's website at: <http://bit.ly/HCDsb-AdvancedPlacement>, or the [Bishop Reding Catholic Secondary School website](#).

Queen of Heaven Spirit Wear:

As advertised, we are pleased to offer our community **Queen of Heaven School spirit wear** for sale to those interested. Spirit wear is a fun way to show school pride. Please **access the online school spirit wear store** at the link below. Offered for sale are t-shirts, long-sleeve t-shirts, hoodie, sweat pants, shorts, skull cap (toque), cinch bag and face masks. Participation is optional; we hope you enjoy the opportunity. Thank you! A separate flyer has been sent electronically via our email system to all families that will allow you to see the items being offered. Sizing is done on the on-line website store when you click on each item you may be interested in. Enjoy!

<https://teamandspiritwear.com/QOH>

Fall Fire Drills:

We were able to successfully complete our **three fall fire drills**. Students and staff responded very well to our safety expectations and conducted our drills with quiet and calm efficiency. We will schedule three more mandated fire drills in the spring to comply with our fire safety regulations. During the winter months, we will practice our lockdown procedures to ensure we remain prepared for any circumstance. The safety of our students and staff remains always at the top of our priorities at Queen of Heaven.



Dogs on School Property:

Dog owners are respectfully reminded to **refrain from bringing dogs onto school property**. This expectation remains in effect always, without exception. We often hear “It’s okay, he doesn’t bite.” Or “He’s friendly”. While this is likely the case in most instances, all schools adopt the blanket rule of no dogs on school property to keep everyone safe and avoid the worries of discerning whether a family canine is friendly, aggressive etc. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

