



## Weekly Update #9 Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> /21



In November, we recognize Indigenous Awareness Month at HCDSB. This month provides an opportunity to re-examine how Indigenous perspectives, histories and contemporary realities may be centred across the curriculum, and to focus on treaties and the legacy of residential schools.

### Important Events:

- **Treaties Recognition Week - November 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>**
- **Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints Day**
- **Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Souls Day**
- **Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> -- St. FX Grade 8 Parent Info Night**
- **Friday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> -- St. FX Guidance Counsellors visit grade 8 classes (Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> - Inuit Day**
- **Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> - National Aboriginals Veterans Day**
- **Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day**
- **Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> - Louis Riel Day**

### Upcoming Dates:

- **Grade 7 Confirmation** – date TBD
- **Parent-Teacher Interview Scheduler Opens** - approx.. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Remembrance Day Liturgy** - Thurs., Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:45 a.m. (virtual)
- **Bullying Awareness Week** - Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Grade 4 Gifted Screening Process** - Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Catholic School Council Meeting** - Wed., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm (virtual)
- **School Photo Days** - Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> & Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> (class schedule forthcoming)
- **Parent-Teacher Interviews** - Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> (evening) & Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> (details forthcoming)
- **Orange Shirt Day #3** - Tues., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> - non-uniform day, please wear **orange** to show our solidarity with our Indigenous sisters and brothers

## Important Announcements

Thank you to all families who donated to our **Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon!** We enjoyed a fun-filled (windy) day of dancing to awesome music, organized by our grade 8 DJs. A special thank you is extended to our many parent volunteers who arrived in the dark at 7:00 a.m. to help decorate our playground and transform it into a spooky Hallowe'en dance studio. **Thank you** also to the many parents who were able to remain to supervise our dance-a-thon to help ensure everyone enjoyed a safe and fun experience. **We will announce the details of our fundraising efforts as well as all our prize winners the week of November 1<sup>st</sup>.** Thank you again for your generous support and pledge-collecting. Donations can continue to be made to be eligible for prizes up to and including November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## School Lockers:

We are happy to report we are having 24 additional lockers installed in our school, allowing us to assign a locker to each of our students from grade 1-8. Installation should take place over the next couple of weeks, just in time for the turn in the weather. On a related note, please begin planning for indoor shoes once lockers are ready to be assigned so we can maintain clean and safe hallways, stairwells and classroom floors. Indoor shoes remain dry while outdoor footwear will be placed in lockers upon arrival of our students indoors. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

## Queen of Heaven Spirit Wear:

Our awesome QH Spirit Wear campaign continues with on-line shopping opportunities to purchase some very cool school apparel. Please visit the on-line spirit wear store at:

<https://teamandspiritwear.com/QOH>

Once you access the **spirit wear on-line store**, you can access sizing charts to determine the best size of apparel for your children (or parents). Spirit wear is a great way to show school pride and school spirit. We plan on hosting future spirit wear days when students and staff can wear school spirit wear instead of our usual QH school uniform. No obligation to purchase but fun if you can. Thank you!!

## School Photo Days are Back!

We are excited to announce that our traditional school photo days are returning to Queen of Heaven. Please mark **November 22<sup>nd</sup>** and **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** on your calendars so your children can look their best for their school photo opportunity. We will send out a more specific schedule closer to the date so you know exactly when each class is having their photos taken. There will be no traditional class picture but a composite style photo will be available. Strict limits will be followed in our gym photo studio so class cohorts are still being honoured and

careful covid protocols will be followed. All visiting photographers will be double-vaccinated and will show proof of double-vaccination upon arrival for set up on the photo dates.



**Pizza Days are Returning Soon ...**

We are excited to offer pizza lunches once again as we slowly return to traditional school life while still coping with the challenges of the pandemic. We are still seeking a few more parent volunteers available to assist us once per week on **Wednesdays beginning November 10<sup>th</sup>** from approximately 11:20 am to 12:30 pm. If you have an updated criminal declaration completed at the school and you can show proof of double-vaccination, we would GREATLY appreciate your help. Please contact our Vice Principal Mrs. Robinson if you would like to volunteer; her email is [robinsona@hcdsb.org](mailto:robinsona@hcdsb.org) THANK YOU!

### **Respect for our School Washrooms**

Thank you to the many parents who have taken a few minutes to chat with your children about respectful treatment of school property at Queen of Heaven, particularly our school washrooms. As we emailed earlier, we have been experiencing troubling vandalism within our school washrooms. Our hard-working custodian Mr. Parra has been called to clean washroom stalls continuously due to excrement being wiped on the walls of the washroom stalls. Last week we posted signs on the washroom entrance wall indicating the washroom use is being closely monitored with our admin staff and Mr. Parra making efforts to pass by the washrooms as many times as possible throughout the day in the hopes children become aware and comforted of caring extra vigilance in monitoring our washrooms. In addition, we continue to make daily p.a. announcements reminding our students to treat our property and one another with dignity, kindness and respect. The recent washroom signage depicting a camera and words stating the washrooms are being monitored was **not meant to imply cameras are in the school - they ARE NOT**. The only cameras in elementary Halton Catholic schools are located at the main front entrance of the school to monitor the front door buzzer. We have replaced the camera icon signage with simple words reminding our students to treat our washrooms respectfully. Your ongoing conversations and reminders at home are greatly appreciated as we work together to help instill the values of kindness and respect in our children. Thank you!

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Please watch for forthcoming communication outlining the process for parents to book virtual (or phone) interviews with your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Scheduling will open for parents to book 10 minute virtual appointments from November 8<sup>th</sup> through to November 14<sup>th</sup> at midnight. Actual interviews will occur November 25<sup>th</sup> in the late afternoon/evening and during the day on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Lunch Time Supervisors Needed

If you are looking for part time work, our school is in need of **two additional lunch time supervisors** (LTS). The job hours for LTS are Monday to Friday from 11:35 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. assisting our staff with supervising students both inside and outside during the lunch hour. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Robinson our school Vice Principal for additional information. Thank you for your consideration.