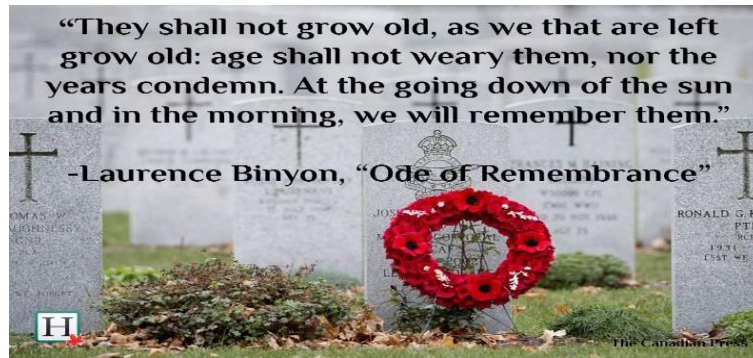




Weekly Update #10 November 8th-12th



Important Events:

ALL WEEK: Sign up for Parent-Teacher Interviews online at <https://goh.parentinterview.com>. Instructions were emailed to all families with an **access code** to book your appointment with your child's teacher. The sign-up portal will close on November 14th, so please sign up to reserve your parent-teacher virtual interview times, thank you!

Monday November 8th

- National Aboriginal's Veterans Day

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- Rise and Shine Reading 7: 50 a.m.
- Parent teacher interview on-line booking begins
- Gr. 1 French Immersion Registration
- Gr. 5 Extended French Registration

Wednesday November 10th

- Rise and Shine Reading 7:50 a.m.
- 1st Pizza Day for those who opted to purchase via Lunch Box on-line ordering portal
- Gr. 8 Virtual Meeting with St. FX

Thursday November 11th

- Remembrance Day Prayer Service - 10:45 am (virtually for students)

Friday November 13th

- Rise and Shine Reading 7:50 a.m.
- Last day to book interviews online
- Online gr. 9 registration opens for all gr. 8 students

Upcoming Events

- **Week of November 15** – Bullying Awareness Week
- **Tuesday November 16** - Louis Riel Day
- **Tuesday November 16 & Wednesday November 17** - Grade 7 Sacrament of Confirmation at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish - Leonardi/Saturno's classes on the 16th & Perri/Kotsopoulos' classes on the 17th
- **Wednesday November 17** – Catholic School Council Meeting (virtual) @ 6:30 pm
- **Friday November 19**: Universal Children's Day/World Children Day
- **Monday November 22** – Christmas Wish Begins - see details outlined below
- **Monday November 23 & Tuesday November 24** - School Photo days - regular uniform day - bring your best smiles!!
- **Tuesday November 23**: Progress Report Cards go home
- **Wednesday November 25**: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- **Thursday and Friday November 25 & 26**: Virtual Interviews
- **Friday November 26**: PA Day – virtual interviews
- **Grade 8 High School Option Sheets** information coming soon

UPDATES

Interview scheduling

We will be hosting virtual Parent-Teacher Interviews **on Thursday, November 25th** after school/early evening and **Friday, November 26th** during the day. Parents can schedule your Parent-Teacher Interviews online. If you wish to schedule a meeting with any of your child's teachers, please follow the instructions outlined in the separate email you would have received today. The interview scheduler will be open to parents as of Monday, November 8th and will allow you to book 10-minute virtual meetings with your child's teacher(s). Progress reports will be arriving home in advance of parent-teacher interviews to allow for the basis of discussion during your interview time. Thank you.

Christmas Wish Initiative

We are quickly approaching the joyous Advent season, a wonderful time in our liturgical calendar that helps prepare our minds and hearts for the coming of our Savior at Christmastime. One of the beautiful traditions established at Queen of Heaven School is our charitable initiative of our **Christmas Wish** gift card donation campaign. Families who are willing and able are asked to purchase a gift card that will go to help families at Christmas time purchase gifts. Gift cards are divided amongst three helpful charities/organizations who support families in need: Toys for Tots (run via the Halton Regional Police Services), The Good Shepherd and the QH Helping Hands Fund. Families can select which charity/organization they specifically wish to support or can simply donate knowing your generosity will support families less fortunate than ourselves. Please place gift cards (denomination of your choice) in a sealed envelope labelled "**QH Christmas Wish**" and if desired, the specific name of the charity/organization. Donations can be brought to school with your child(ren) beginning **November 22nd running until Friday, December 10th, 2021**. Thank you for your consideration as we continue to teach our children the importance of charity and assisting those in need.

Kiss and Ride

With the change in weather, kiss and ride traffic is picking up. We ask that all families who use the kiss and ride please pull up as far as possible when they enter the area. Supervisors will walk students to the kindergarten gates and older students can walk to the yard. Parents and guardians should not leave their vehicle unattended. Whenever possible, to help ease congestion in our school parking lots, parents are encouraged to park on an adjacent side street and walk to the school grounds to greet or drop-off your children. Consider this as a wonderful opportunity to squeeze in a bit of exercise in your busy day - our gift to you!

Uniform Expectations

Parents are respectfully reminded of the expectation that all our Queen of Heaven students are dressed each day in our Queen of Heaven school uniform. As we are all aware, the school uniform provider is **McCarthy Uniforms**. Bottoms do not have to be McCarthy's apparel but must be navy blue in colour (no jeans). Kindly ensure socks are white, navy or black. We should not be seeing colourful striped and decorative socks visible as this undermines the integrity of our school uniform. All other aspects of the school uniform must be supplied by McCarthy's uniform. Spirit wear that is currently on sale is not part of our official uniform (although navy track pants that are part of the spirit wear campaign still meet our uniform criteria and can be worn daily); we will host specific spirit wear days for those that purchase school spirit wear as a fun way to show our school spirit and school pride.

Dress for the Weather

As the weather starts to change, we ask that students dress appropriately. Coats, gloves, and hats are suggested as it gets cooler. Students should bring a pair of indoor shoes when they wear boots to school. When it snows, students in grades 1- 6 will need to wear snow pants if their quadrant is on the field. All students must wear boots when on the playing field when we have snow on the ground - no exceptions. Thank you for your assistance with this expectation

Kiss & Ride

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Uniform Expectations

Parents are respectfully reminded of the expectation that all our Queen of Heaven students are dressed each day in our Queen of Heaven school uniform. As we are all aware, the school uniform provider is **ISW** (In-School Wear). While we all may have our opinion about this uniform provider, it remains our expectation that student need to wear uniform items provided by ISW. Increasingly we are seeing students dressed in other pants that are clearly not ISW. Simply wearing blue pants detracts from our school uniform and renders almost useless the reason and

rationale as to why we have a school uniform in the first place. Please kindly respect this expectation and abide by it, regardless of your personal opinion on the matter. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to take great pride in our school and all aspects of the rules and expectations that govern a safe and positive school climate and culture.

Staying Healthy over the Winter Months

All families are reminded to screen their children every morning before they arrive at school. Please follow the direction of the screening tool. When a child develops COVID symptoms at school, we will contact home and ask that the child be picked up. We understand this is an inconvenience but must be diligent in keeping students and staff healthy. We continue to have students and staff focus on the big three; hand washing/sanitizing, physical distancing and wearing a mask. Please use the link to access screening.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Pizza Days

A reminder that this Wednesday, November 10th is our 1st pizza day. Parents/families who would like to purchase pizza can access the Lunch Box ordering portal via the link below. As previously mentioned, pizza slices will arrive individually boxed and labelled with student names and will be delivered to our classrooms safely. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist us with this process. If you would like to help on pizza days and have an hour to spare, please contact our Vice Principal Mrs. Robinson at robinsona@hcdsb.org. Volunteers must show proof of double vaccination and must have an updated criminal declaration form on file with our main office. Thank you for your consideration.

Students Leaving School at Lunch

Parents are reminded that if you grant your child permission to go “out for lunch” we require a **note be provided to your child’s teacher** with the following criteria:

- a. **Specific date** of lunch outing listed on the note
- b. **Specific location** where child is going
- c. Note must be **signed by a parent**

It is understood going out for lunch is a privilege at the elementary level and students are representing themselves, their families and their school when they leave school property. Conduct and behaviour in the community must be as it would be if students were with their families; in other words, students are expected to be polite, respectful, well-mannered and return no later than 12:30 pm in order to be back in class on time to begin their afternoon classes. Parents are kindly asked to reinforce this messaging with their children and provide the above-mentioned notes as outlined whenever a child is going out for lunch (not applicable to those students who go home for lunch daily). Thank you!

