

## **Catholic School Council Administrator's Report: November 11, 2020**

### **Catholicity and Community of Culture and Caring (Believing and Belonging):**

**Anti-Racism and Anti-Black Racism Virtual Workshop for Teachers and Administrators (October 22)** – Principal and One Teacher Rep attended workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to bring awareness to our staff and students to make a positive difference in our schools in HCDSB. Next workshop in late November.

**Virtual Curriculum Night** – Took place on Thursday, October 22. Many parents/guardians attended. Thank you!

**Sacraments** – Sacrament of Confirmation (for students in Grade 8) took place at St. Andrew Parish on Wednesday, October 28. It was a beautiful celebration with Father Con. The Grade 3's will celebrate their First Communion on Saturday, November 14 at St. Andrew Parish. More information to follow in January regarding sacraments for our students presently in Grades 2 and 7.

**Halloween Spook-A-thon** – Took place on Friday, October 30. Teachers organized Halloween activities for their students throughout the day in their classrooms. The Spook-A-Thon Fundraiser was a huge success! The total funds raised was just over \$8,170. Thank you to all our families for their generosity! Special thank you to parents from school council that were on the Halloween committee: Ms. Selwyn, Ms. Thorn, Ms. De Jong, Mr. Bergins. In addition, we thank Ms. Rosati for all her time and effort with the fundraiser!

**Fire Drills** – We have successfully completed 3 fire drills. Last one was on Oct. 6.

**Lock Down Drill** – To take place before the end of November.

**Photo Day** – postponed until further notice.

**Indigenous Awareness Month** – November is Indigenous Awareness Month. Our grade 8 students have created announcements which will be ongoing throughout the month. Teachers will be intentionally implementing meaningful lessons and class discussions throughout this month as well.

**Remembrance Day Presentation and Liturgy** – Mrs. Chong and several of our students have created a Remembrance Day Presentation and Liturgy to honour the many men and women who fought for our freedom and for those who continue to ensure our country remains free and safe today. Presentation/Liturgy will be prerecorded. On November 11 at 10:30 a.m. all students and staff will participate in viewing the Remembrance Day Presentation and Liturgy via Microsoft Teams (on the smart board) in their classrooms. Parents/Guardians will receive the link on Monday so they will be able to take part in the Remembrance Day Presentation and Liturgy as well.

## **Achieving:**

**Resilient Students at St. Luke** - Students continue to develop socially, emotionally, spiritually and academically since the start of the school year despite the challenges we face with COVID-19. Overall, students have adjusted very well to the safety measures in place. Students are more resilient than we think! Curriculum is being delivered at a slower pace due to the time that is needed with safety measures.

**MathUp** – Our school continues to be part of the MathUp Program this year to improve Math skills with students Grades 1- 8.

**Long Range Plans for Math** – Teachers are to follow the long range plans for Math that was created by the Board. Long range plans are meant for this year only to ensure consistency for all teachers and students (transitioning from online to face to face at school, visa versa). Resources that will be used to teach Math this year are Math Makes Sense and MathUp Classroom.

**Caribou Global Math Contests** – Students in Grades 4-6, 8 who want to participate in the Caribou Global Math Contests will do so again this year. They have completed one of six tests. Mrs. Pomirko is the teacher organizing this Math Initiative.

**Grade 4 CCAT7** – Mrs. Pomirko (our school's Special Education Resource Teacher) will be administering the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT7) to students in grade 4 this week. All Grade 4 students (including our virtual learners) will have the opportunity to participate in this test. Testing takes place this week!

**Progress Reports** -Progress Reports will go home on Tuesday, November 24. Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place virtually this year on the evening of Thursday, November 26 and on the P.A Day Friday, November 27. Parents/Guardians will be given a choice to meet on MS Teams with the Teacher for a 10 minute interview or to receive a telephone call from the Teacher. Information will be sent home with the youngest and only students on Monday, November 9.

## **Return to School Plan:**

### **Routines that have been implemented at St. Luke:**

- Students go directly to their class lines in the morning when they arrive to school. The **lines now have dots on them** to ensure students staying a good distance away from each other.
- Staggered entry into the building in the morning and after recess times/lunch time. Students consistently use same door.
- Students go directly into their classrooms. No locker use for now. However, this might be changing soon. **If we begin to use lockers during the winter months, students will only be storing boots, winter coats, snow pants, hats and mittens/gloves in their lockers.** All other items will still be stored in the classrooms

to avoid students lingering in the hallways. Teachers place hand sanitizer on each student's hands as they enter the classroom.

- **Masks will need to be worn in the hallways going to and from recess and lunch times if lockers will be used during the winter months.** The Board is waiting on direction from Public Health before locker use is implemented.
- Parents are encouraged to have their children arrive at school on time. If children arrive late, they go directly to class to avoid congregating in the office area.
- Use of hand sanitizer or washing of hands at the sink with soap and water has been implemented by the teachers numerous times throughout the day, especially when students enter the classroom after being outside, using Phys Ed equipment and before eating snacks or lunch.
- Recess Time/Lunch Time: 2 separate recess times and lunch times to ensure students play in their designated zones. **One change to note, equipment is now allowed outside at recess and lunch times** starting with basketballs. Other outdoor equipment will be ordered soon so students can enjoy playing soccer, football, volleyball, etc. when outside. Nerf (soft) equipment ordered as much as possible to prevent injury.
- Washroom Use – only one student at a time in the washroom.
- Students remain in their own classrooms, at their own chairs and desks/tables. No rotation of students to different classrooms other than Mrs. Leahy's grade 3's who have Science in Mrs. Holowatsky's classroom. Library use is off limits.
- Disinfectant sprays and wipes are used often by teachers in classrooms.
- Essential visitors only and meetings are to take place virtually as much as possible.
- No lunch services to date – TBD moving forward