

St. Teresa's School École Ste-Thérèse NEWSLETTER

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A reminder to all parents/guardians that school will be closed on Monday, October 9 for Thanksgiving and Friday, November 10 and Monday, November 13 for Remembrance Day.

Thanksgiving Assembly

We would like to thank our grade one students and teachers for the Thanksgiving assembly this morning. Also to parents who were able to attend.

Kids Eat Smart Breakfast program

Our breakfast program is up and running. It is being offered five days a week. The routines have changed this year. Doors open at 8:25 and students entering the school must go to the cafeteria as this is where teachers are on duty. Students are welcome to eat breakfast or sit and wait until 8:35 when they can proceed to their classroom and this is when duty starts in all areas of the school. We are always looking for more volunteers to help with the breakfast program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Ms. Coady at candicecoady@nlesd.ca or Ms. Roche at aliciamurphy@nlesd.ca

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers play a very important role in our school. If you are able to help out in the learning resource center, clerical work, etc, please let us know by filling out a parent volunteer form. Please check with the office for further information. **We are also looking for volunteers to help out with our kiss and ride program in the mornings. If you are available any day, please contact the school.**

Parking Lot Safety

We ask parents to be patient and vigilant when driving on the school lot. If you park in one of the parking stalls, please walk your child across the parking lot. No child should be permitted to weave in between parked vehicles while trying to cross the parking lot. We are also asking people not to park in our spaces designated for disability parking only. **Also, please drive very slowly around all areas of the school.**



PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE -STUDENT/SCHOOL SECURITY



In an attempt to create a safe and secure environment for all students we ask all students,

parents/ guardians or any visitor who comes to the school during the regular school hours to use the main entrance. Here you will be buzzed into the school by our office staff. **Please do not proceed to the classroom area. You must first check into with the office.** We will gladly assist if you are dropping off an item for your child(ren) or picking them up. This school policy will allow our students and staff to know who is in the building at all times and ensure the safety and security of all. We are also requiring that students who arrive late to be signed in at the office and also sign out if leaving early. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. **Also, when you pick up your child in the afternoon, please wait outside.**

RECYCLING

Our next school recycling blitz will be held Wednesday, Oct. 28th. This is a great support to our school and is also important for the environment.



Nutrition Policy

We continue to promote the District's Nutrition policy which focuses on healthy eating. We are requesting that parents be mindful of this when preparing snacks for recess. We would request that items such as chips, cheezies and candy not be included as snacks. Also, we would request that "energy drinks" not be included as well. **Please remember that if you would like your child to have food from fast food outlets such as Subway, McDonalds, Tims we ask that you take your child to lunch instead of bringing this food to the school.**



Halloween Parties and Activities Tuesday, Oct 31st

St. Teresa's School is preparing for Halloween on Tuesday, Oct 31st. To make this day a safe, fun and enjoyable one we ask parents to keep in mind the following:

1. All students will bring their costumes to school and put them on at lunch time to be ready for the afternoon Halloween class activities.
2. Please be mindful of the regular Halloween safety tips when sending in costumes for children to wear. We are not permitting costumes with a tripping risk, masks that do not permit them to see properly, or **weapon-like props** that consist of sharp or pointed objects.
3. Due to **allergy concerns**, we are asking all students to bring an individual allergen-free party snack for the afternoon spooky festivities. **Parents are asked not to provide treats/snacks for the whole class.**

Staff Professional Learning

Each year teachers have 5 days for Staff Professional Learning. The first date was September 29 and the next two scheduled days are as follows: Wednesday, October 18th (Family of

Schools Close Out Day) and Monday, October 30. There will be no school for students in K-6 on these days.

Cross Country

Thank you to our students who have represented our school at the Cross Country Races on September 23rd and 30th. They have done an outstanding job! The final race will take place Saturday, October 7th. Parents can visit nlaa.ca for further information. A special thank you as well to our teachers Mr. Whittle and Ms. Jenkins for making this a reality for our students.

Fall Dress

We are approaching the time of the year when we can expect a drop in temperatures and a change in weather conditions. We will continue to go outside on a daily basis during lunch time when the weather and conditions permit us to do so. It will be important for our children to dress appropriately with warm jackets, hats and mittens when coming to school.

Label Clothing

Our lost and found bin is starting to overflow with clothing, lunch bags, water bottles etc... Please take the time to put your child's name on clothing and other important items so that if lost we can return them in a timely manner.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Thanksgiving Holiday- Monday, October 9
School Council Meeting - Tuesday,
October 10 @ 630 pm
Teacher's PD Day - Wednesday, October
18
Teacher's PD Day - Monday, October 30
Mid Fall Break- Friday, November 10th
Remembrance Day Holiday - Monday,
November 13th