

St. Nicholas Weekly News

Sept 11-15th, 2023

Dear Families,

On Thursday, September 14th from 5:00pm-6:00pm we will be gathering outside for an informal meet and greet with our staff. Thank you to School Council for generously BBQing and providing hot dogs and snacks for this event. We hope to see you at 5:00pm on Thursday!

God Bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

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Principal

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Thursday, September 14** - Informal Meet the Staff BBQ at 5:00pm
- **Tuesday, September 19** - School Council meeting (6:00pm) at St. Nicholas
- **Friday, September 22** - Terry Fox run/Hot lunch (Nitza's Pizza)
- **Monday, September 25** - School photos (whole school except Eng. Kindergarten)
- Tuesday, September 26 - Eng. Kindergarten school photos
- **Friday, September 29** - Orange Shirt Day/Whole school field trip to watch the Viter Ukrainian dancers at the Dow Centennial Centre (more info to follow)
- **Monday, October 2** - Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)

Information

- Parents, please complete the consent forms in Powerschool by Friday, September 8. This is imperative as students will not be able to participate in any field trips until these consent forms are complete. As well, fees have now been posted to Powerschool. Instructions on how to complete the consent forms and pay fees are attached
- Please be advised if your child has any medical conditions you will need to fill out a medical form on your powerschool/engage account. These forms must be updated every year. If your child requires medication administration please contact the office.
- Terry Fox represented the best that Canadians have to offer. He was an example of courage, humility, determination, and perseverance. On Friday, September 22 our school will proudly participate in the Terry Fox Run. Our school will be collecting "Toonies for Terry" to continue Terry's fight and lead this worthy cause towards his dream of a world



without cancer. We are asking students to bring in a toonie on September 22 to support the Terry Fox Foundation.

- Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides has asked all school districts to share his Back to School letter with staff and parents, which is available in [English](#) and [French](#). To better understand how this year's provincial budget has impacted our school district, please visit the [Trustee Advocacy page](#) on our website. This page highlights our four key priorities as we continue to engage our elected officials.

Hot Lunch Information

- Welcome back to school and another year of Hot Lunch. Hot lunch for September will be Nitza's Pizza and will be served on Friday, September 22nd. For those that are new to hot lunch, the kinder classes will alternate each hot lunch date so that both classes have the opportunity to participate. This month, Mrs. Greschner's English kindergarten class will be served!
- Orders will run until Saturday, September 16th. Please have payment sent in full via e-transfer to st.nicholaspac@gmail.com by the order deadline of the end of day, Saturday, September 16th.
- If you have any questions, concerns, or trouble with the website or the ordering process, please feel free to reach out to me at st.nicholaspac@gmail.com. If you are able to volunteer to help on hot lunch day please click the volunteer box when ordering. It is appreciated!

Please follow the registration process to get started on hot lunch!

- Go to <http://stnicholas.hotlunches.net>
- Click on "Click Here to Register"
- Enter access code stnicholas2023

Complete the rest of the registration form, including your email address which will link your e-transfer payment

- Click the "Register Now" button on the bottom

Follow the instructions to add each child (including their class) in your family who attends St. Nicholas. Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders"

- Proceed to order hot lunch for your child(ren)

Payment is accepted via e-transfer to st.nicholaspac@gmail.com

School Council (PAC) Information

Davison Orchard Apple Fundraiser:

- PAC is pleased to offer our first fundraising initiative for the school year, Davison Orchard Apple Fundraiser! This fundraiser will be open for ordering from Sunday, September 3rd through until Wednesday, October 4th! This fundraiser is open to family and friends as well! This fundraiser is important for PAC as it funds our grade 4 leadership t-shirts as well as the school's Meet the Teacher Night!
- To Order - Ordering will be through our hot lunch website! To order, please create an account for your child(ren) as instructed above and order through the order menu. For friends and family to order, they can either combine their orders with yours or create their own account to order through.
- Payment - payment for the entire order is due before the closing date of Wednesday, October 4th. If an order is not paid in full, unfortunately the order will not be placed. Payments can be sent via e-transfer to st.nicholaspac@gmail.com. Unfortunately, other forms of payment can not be accepted at this time.

- Delivery and Pick up - Apples will be delivered and will need to be picked up from the school on Wednesday, October 18th (times to follow)!
- Volunteers - Volunteers will be needed to help unload the delivery truck as well as help hand out apples. More information to come!

Any questions or for volunteer inquiries please contact us at st.nicholaspac@gmail.com

St. Nicholas and Save-On-Foods:

- This year, St. Nicholas is partnering with Save-On-Foods (Clover Bar Road location only) rebate program. Here is how you can help support:
- Shop at the Save On Foods on Clover Bar Road (S06679) and bring your receipts to the school office at your convenience (preferably within 1 month of purchase). Simone (secretary) will be collecting all receipts for us!
- Only receipts from store S06679 (Clover Bar Road) will be accepted (this included both in store and online purchases, as long the receipts have the store number!)
- The school earns a 5% rebate on all purchases (excluding lottery, gift cards and pharmacy). It's just that easy! Other schools that have participated have earned extra fundraising funds in the hundreds and even thousands!
- This is a great way to passively earn fundraising money for our school. PAC appreciates any and all effort to support this program!

PAC looks forward to working with our student, parent, and teacher communities this year!

Faith Reflection

Father, we thank you for the opportunity to begin this new school year, and we ask that you bless the students, staff, and St. Nicholas families that make our school a great place. We pray that you will guide us in all ways, so that we will seek your will in everything that we do. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

—
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