

# Principal's Update

27/09/2020

## Dear Families,

Wednesday, September 30th is Orange Shirt Day. Students are encouraged to wear orange to honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada. The "orange shirt" in Orange Shirt Day refers to the new shirt that Phyllis Webstad (Indigenous child) was given to her by her grandmother for her first day of school at St. Joseph's Mission residential school in British Columbia. When Phyllis got to school, they took away her clothes, including her new shirt. It was never returned.

On Thursday, October 1, students and staff will participate in the annual Terry Fox Run. Teachers have signed up for a block of time this day to ensure we don't have everyone outside all at once. They will be walking/running (outside) for approximately 30 minutes. Over 8500 schools across Canada will take part in the Run and that means that over 3 million students will be fundraising for cancer research in Terry's name. On this day we will be celebrating the life of Terry Fox, his Marathon of Hope, and we are showing our incredible St. Nicholas school spirit by coming together to help others. Due to COVID protocols, we are unable to accept cash donations at the school, however, to donate please go to <http://www.terryfox.ca/StNicholasCatholicSchoolSherwoodPark>

God Bless,  
Peter Rachmistruk  
Principal

### Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, September 30** - Orange Shirt Day (wear orange)
- **Thursday, October 1** - Terry Fox Run (dress for the weather)
- **Wednesday, October 7** - Early dismissal day
- **Friday, October 9** - PD Day (no school)
- **Monday, October 12** - Thanksgiving (no school)

### School Council (PAC) Information

#### **Davison Orchards Apple Fundraiser**

St. Nicholas' Parent Council is happy to announce the return of our Davison Orchards Apple Fundraiser! These apples are fresh from the Okanagan, they keep well in a cool dry place, and are great for lunches, snacks and baking!

This year due to the current COVID restrictions, the fundraiser will be held completely paperless and cashless. In order to ensure everyone's safety we are asking that if you would like to order apples, please fill out the google form found in the link below. Once you have completed the order form please send an etransfer to [jvpac1009@gmail.com](mailto:jvpac1009@gmail.com) as soon as possible to complete your order. Please note that Parent Council's bank account has been set up to automatically deposit your etransfer so there is no password, etc. necessary. **Orders will be accepted until Thursday, October 15th. If payment is not received by October 15th your order will not be processed.**

\*\*\*We will only be accepting funds via etransfer this year in order to keep the fundraiser paperless and cashless. Cash and cheques **WILL NOT** be accepted, please **DO NOT** send payments to school with your children. Thank you for your cooperation!\*\*\*

The apple pick-up date will be held on Tuesday, October 27th - more details to come on this.

Please feel free to share the link below with family, friends, or on social media to help make this fundraiser a great success for our school!

ORDER FORM: [Davison Orchard Order Form](#)

### Information

- Yearly consent forms - Parents please complete the three yearly consent forms for your child on Powerschool. Here are the steps:
  1. Log into your Powerschool account
  2. Click "Yearly Consent" (on the left)
  3. Read the agreements, then indicate "yes" or "no"
  4. Click "Submit" (for each agreement)
- Parents/Guardians have the ability to excuse an absence using the School Messenger App. Please click here to learn more: [School Messenger Introduction for parents.pdf](#)

### Faith Corner

Father, in a world where there are so many difficult situations, troubled times, and hurting hearts, we lift up those in need and entrust them into Your care. We pray that You would sustain them with Your sufficient strength and pour into their hearts the joy that only comes from You. Thank You, that the joy of the Lord is our strength and that You have promised that Your grace is sufficient. Keep us all with our hearts fixed on You and instill in our hearts a joyful disposition so that we may bring comfort and cheer to those around us, and be salt and light to those that are facing troubles or difficulties. Amen.





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