

# Principal's Update

27/09/2020

## Dear Families,

On Thursday, October 8th our students and staff will be participating in a Obzynky/Thanksgiving celebration at 1:00pm. "Obzhynky" is the Ukrainian Thanksgiving, and the culmination of the harvest. Father Rendy (St. Sophia's Parish) will lead us in prayers. Due to our current protocols, students will be watching the celebration via a Google Meet link. We welcome parents to join us virtually if you are available via this Google Meet link - [meet.google.com/orf-yxen-rvo](https://meet.google.com/orf-yxen-rvo)

For our celebration, all students are asked to bring pre-cut fruit and vegetables in a Ziploc bag labelled with their name on it. Small portions are best as blessed food needs to be eaten and cannot be thrown away. Following the celebration, Father Rendy will be going around the school, visiting each classroom and blessing our school, staff, students as well as their fruit and vegetables with holy water.

The Ukrainian Bilingual students are asked to wear their Ukrainian blouses/shirts for the celebration.

God Bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

Principal

### Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, October 7** - Early dismissal day/Spirit Day (Jersey/Team Day)
- **Thursday, October 8** - Thanksgiving celebration/Blessing of the school @1:00pm
- **Friday, October 9** - PD Day (no school)
- **Monday, October 12** - Thanksgiving (no school)
- **Thursday, October 15** - Apple Fundraiser deadline

### Information

- We will be having our first Spirit Day on Wednesday, October 7th. Spirit Days will be an opportunity to show some school spirit and have some fun! Our grade 4 School Spirit Team will plan our Spirit Day activities. They will occur every early dismissal day (first Wednesday of every month). This month's Spirit Day is "Team Day". Staff and students are encouraged to wear a jersey/t-shirt representing any team (sports team, gymnastics club, dance group etc....).
- Just a reminder that there is no school for students on Friday, October 9 (PD Day) and Monday, October 12 (Thanksgiving).
- Please be advised with our school name change our school messenger app has been updated. In order for the app to reset on your personal devices you may need to delete and reinstall. Here are the instructions - [School Messenger.pdf](#)

### School Council (PAC) Information

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

Our Davison Orchards Apple Fundraiser deadline is fast approaching! These apples are fresh from the Okanagan, they keep well in a cool dry place, and are great for lunches, snacks and baking!

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 necessary. **Orders will be accepted until Thursday, October 15th.** \*\*\*We will only be accepting funds via etransfer this year in order to keep the fundraiser paperless and cashless. The apple pick-up date will be held on Tuesday, October 27th - more details to follow. Please feel free to share the order form link with family, friends and on social media to help make this fundraiser a great success for our school! ORDER FORM: [Davison Orchard Order Form](#)

### **Faith Corner**

*"Lord, teach me to offer you a heart of thanksgiving and praise in all my daily experiences of life. Teach me to be joyful always, to pray continually and to give thanks in all my circumstances. I accept them as Your will for my life."*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Creator God, thank you that there is nowhere I can go that is beyond your presence. In your presence, I am blessed beyond measure. You have said that you will never leave me or forsake me, you are always with me. May I live a life of thanksgiving in your presence. Hear my prayer and fill my heart and my mouth with praise to you for your good gifts. May your love be the passion in my heart. May your joy be my strength when times are hard. May your presence be my peace that overflows.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
Amen.





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