

# Principal's Update

26/10/2020

## DEAR FAMILIES,

It is hard to believe we are in the last week of October. Your children are at the heart of our service and we continue to strive to create a safe, caring, and fun environment for them every day. Thank you for continuing to be diligent in monitoring your child's health daily. Here is the updated screening questionnaire for your reference - [Updated Screening Questionnaire.pdf](#)

Also, please reference the AHS Guidance for Staying Home document here - [Guidance for Staying Home.pdf](#) to help determine when your child should stay home/return to school.

A reminder that students are invited to come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes this Friday (October 30). Students who aren't dressing up in costumes can wear something orange/black (if they'd like). We will continue to follow our safety protocols and please remember that no distribution of treats will be permitted. Thank you for your cooperation!

God Bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

### Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Friday, October 30** - Halloween activities
- **November 4-5** - Parent/Teacher conferences (via phone)
- **Friday, November 6** - Remembrance Day ceremony
- **November 9-13** - Fall Break (no school)

### Information

- Parents, if you are dropping off your child in the morning and are a bit late, and you do not see a supervisor outside please send your child in through the [front office doors](#)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 and Thursday, November 5. All conferences will be done via phone. A separate email will be sent out this week to book your conference time.

### School Council (PAC) Information

- **Email change** - Parent Council's email has changed. We can now be reached at [st.nicholaspac@gmail.com](mailto:st.nicholaspac@gmail.com) with any of your questions. Please update your contact for us as the previous email will be closed.
- **Apple Pickup** - Apples will be ready for pick up on Tuesday, October 27th from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Apples will need to be picked up in this time frame. Unlike previous years, apples will not be stored in the school at any time. If you are unable to pick up please make alternate arrangements with another family or email Parent Council at

[st.nicholaspac@gmail.com](mailto:st.nicholaspac@gmail.com). Thank you so much for your orders! Our school sold 180 boxes of apples! Your fundraising efforts have covered the costs of the grade 4 Leadership T-shirts.

- **Playground** - Parent Council is happy to announce that we have received the Community Facility Enhancement Program Grant. We have received \$75,830 to put towards our playground! This is such exciting news. A special thank you to Leanne Doetzel for all of her hard work in applying for this Grant. We appreciate all you have done to make this playground the best! We also received a generous donation from our School's Trustee Mr. Jean Boisvert for our playground. This is very much appreciated.

### **Faith Corner**

Dear Child of God, you are loved with a love that nothing can shake, a love that loved you long before you were created, a love that will be there long after everything has totally disappeared. You are precious, with a preciousness that is totally immeasurable. And God wants you to be like God, filled with life and goodness and laughter - *and joy*.

And God says, Please my child, help me. Help me to spread love and laughter and joy and compassion. And as you do this, *you* discover joy. Joy, which you had not sought, comes as the gift, as almost the reward for this non self-regarding caring for others. May you live fully, be healthy, and find peace and joy.

Amen

*Adapted from The Book Of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World, by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams*



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