

École St. Mother Teresa School



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October 6, 2021

Dates to Remember

Monday
Monday

October 11
October 18

Thanksgiving Holiday: NO SCHOOL
Lifetouch Picture Day
MTCSCC Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.
Lifetouch Picture Day
Domino's Pizza Hot Lunch

Tuesday
Friday

October 19
October 29

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Families of École St. Mother Teresa School!

The school is back into the swing of things and are already into the second month of school! Where has the time gone?! God has definitely reminded us of the passing of time with the beautiful fall colors and the somewhat chillier mornings! We have so much to be thankful for! Speaking of being thankful- this coming weekend we pause to celebrate Thanksgiving! Let us give thanks for being able to continue face-to-face classes where we get to work, learn, play, pray and celebrate together! As we prepare for the upcoming weekend, I leave you with this gratitude litany:

In this season of falling leaves and cooling temperatures, we draw closer to you.

All: We thank you, God

For sun-bright days and rain-soaked nights,

All: We thank you, God

For golden leaves and fading flowers,

All: We thank you, God

For faithful friends and loving families,

All: We thank you, God

For caring teachers and devoted priests,

All: We thank you, God

For joyful music and successful learning for all,

All: We thank you, God



In closing, let me express my **thankfulness** for welcoming me to your school. I am thankful to be a part of this beautiful family! Please continue to hold our staff and students in your prayers as we journey throughout the year, setting goals, pushing ourselves to accomplish them, reaching for new ones all the while, staying safe and healthy!



Ms. Giocoli Clark

LIFETOUGH PICTURES

Our picture dates are **Monday and Tuesday, October 18th and 19th**. A schedule will be sent out later this week specifying the homerooms and their picture date.

SOCKTOBER

Socktober is back for its 5th year at École St. Mother Teresa School. Please consider donating new socks, mittens, and reusable masks to support students in our partner schools St. John, St. Edward and St. Mary Health and Wellness Centre. This year we are also partnering with EGADZ Youth Centre. All masks must be pre-packaged and new. All socks and mittens must be new with tags. All youth and adult sizes (for our big kiddos!) are welcome. Classroom teachers will be collecting donations from October 5-27. Thank you for your support!



SCHOOL SAFETY

The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. As a result, schools are required to conduct six fire drills each year. These drills typically happen in the fall and then again in the spring. We hope that these practices will serve as a good reminder about what to do if ever faced with an emergency.

Additionally, please note that all exterior doors, with the exception of the front door, will be opened to welcome students and staff at the beginning of the school day but will be locked following morning announcements. Students who arrive to school late will be asked to enter through the front doors where they can pick up a late slip from Mrs. Genest. Guests and visitors will also be required to use the front entry and check in at the office. This allows us to monitor who is coming into the school and ensures our staff and students are being kept safe. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and support.

PARKING/STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP/BUS ZONES

We recognize that parking in and around École St. Mother Teresa School is sparse. We do ask however, that when picking up your child(ren), to please obey the **school zone laws**:



***The school bus loading zone is for buses only.**

***Before school and until 5 p.m. u-turns are prohibited.**

***The 30 km/h speed limit must be adhered to in all school zones.**

We hope that with your co-operation, we can ensure the safest means for our students to get to and from school.

HALLOWEEN



Halloween celebrations at École Mother Teresa School will soon be upon us! With that being said, please note that due to COVID protocols that prevent us from gathering in large groups in the gym for our Halloween parade, this year we will do something a little different! On Friday, October 29th, each class will be invited down to the front entry area where we will stream a parade into each classroom. Cohorts will watch the parade from their classrooms on their SmartBoards while “Halloween-y” music plays over the intercom. Following this, classes are invited to

return to their rooms for some Halloween-inspired art projects, math concept BINGO, Halloween literacy stories, etc. As in the past, we ask that costumes are worn for the afternoon only as regular classroom activities will still occur in the morning. As always, please keep in mind that our costumes need to respect that we are a Catholic elementary school and must refrain from guts, gore and weapons and still follows the GSCS masking protocols. If students do not want to wear a costume, they are invited to dress in orange and black to celebrate Halloween. Additionally, with more treats starting to come to school in students’ lunch kits, please be mindful that **we are a NUT AWARE building**. A number of our students and staff have life-threatening allergies. Your diligence in keeping nuts out of the school is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support with this.

SCHOOLS WIN TWICE ONLINE TICKET SALES

Happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful for Catholic Education and are excited to launch our annual Schools Win Twice Online Lottery and 50/50! The lottery is off to a great start this week. When celebrating Thanksgiving, whether virtually or in person, please remember to "sell your tickets." You can share information and links with family and friends (in Saskatchewan), and they can purchase tickets online. Their ticket purchase will directly benefit our students. Please click the following link to purchase: <https://schoolswintwice.ca/>

Schools Win Twice by receiving 50% of our school's prize lottery ticket sales and we can apply to the Foundation for additional grants. Plus, the school with the highest per capita ticket sales will also receive a \$1,000 bonus payment. Be sure to select our school under the **Contribution** drop down box when purchasing your tickets. Draw date: December 1, 2021.

ROOM PARENT SIGN UP

Unfortunately, we were not able to host our annual CSCC BBQ and Meet the Teacher Night and provide the opportunity for parents to volunteer as a Room Parent. Room parents are non-elected members of the CSCC, whose primary role is to assist teachers with any support they require by organizing special class events, hot lunches or other classroom activities. Room parents are invited to attend CSCC meetings to act as a liaison between the classroom and council. Room parents may also choose to coordinate a class gift to present to their teacher at Christmas and year end.

If you are interested in volunteering for your child's classroom, please sign up at the following link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4DA4AF22A5FB6-stmother>

LOVABLE LABELS ONLINE FUNDRAISER

Help keep your family organized and support our playground expansion by ordering customized labels with Loveable Labels! Visit www.mother.teresa.csc.c.lovablelabels.ca to place an order. Shipping is always FREE and orders can be placed anytime throughout the year.

ÉCOLE ST. MOTHER TERESA CSCC MEETING

The next MTCSCC meeting will be held on October 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the school library. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend. It's a great way to get involved in the life of our school. If you wish to receive council emails, please email Krista at kristadennis@sasktel.net and you will be added to the list.



We have students and staff with peanut/nut allergies. The degree of sensitivity to peanuts/nuts varies greatly.

For some children, an allergy to peanuts/nuts can be life threatening.

For the safety of our children, we ask students and parents to support our peanut/nut aware policy.



Due to allergies and asthma within our school community, the use of perfumes, colognes or scented hygiene products may seriously affect an individual's ability to breathe!

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and consideration of these students, parents and staff.

Please refrain from purchasing scented hand sanitizers for your children.

