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Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Greetings From Your Admin Team...

Halloween is fast approaching. The word hallow is another word for a saint, a holy person. Therefore, the night before All Saints' Day is called All Hallows Eve, or Halloween. For Halloween, some of the rules of life change a bit. Instead of ordinary clothes, we wear costumes. We can play the part of saints or heroes or people with special talents. We can play funny tricks and ask neighbors for treats. We also change the rules of fear. We laugh at things that scare us - spooks, skeletons and slimy things that go "boo!" They cannot separate us from Jesus and the joy of this resurrection.

On Friday, October 29th, students will be allowed to wear costumes at school for the **entire day**. The expectation is that students will be able to complete their schoolwork in whatever they are wearing.

Points to consider about costumes on Halloween:

- Weapons of any kind will **NOT** be allowed.
- Costumes should be **simple**. Please keep accessories at home.
- Costumes should allow for students to move around and enable them to participate in learning for the entire day.

Some parts of Halloween costumes may have to be left at home or not be so extravagant to accommodate the above points. We also want to make sure that students have all parts of the costume for the weekend if they are planning to go trick-or-treating.

Please contact Mrs. McGettigan if you have any further

L. McGettigan Principal
E. Jones Vice Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Friday, October 29

Boston Pizza Lunch
Celebrate Halloween – Wear your costumes all day

Monday, November 1

Professional Learning Day – No classes for students

Monday, November 15

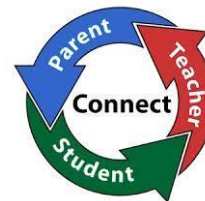
Picture Retakes

Thursday, November 25

3 Way Conferences – 3:45-8pm

Friday, November 26

3 Way Conferences 8:45-12:30pm - No School for Students



News from the Office:

Picking up students early If you are planning on picking up your child early from school, please put a note into your child's planner or backpack as well as on Edsby. Due to the large number of students in our building, we cannot always get to each and every message that needs to be sent. Teachers have the responsibility of running the classroom and cannot keep track of each individual pick up times. If you need your child to meet you outside at a certain time, please call the office 10-15 minutes prior to pick up and we can page them to come and meet you.

Thanks for your help with this.

Reminder: Please remember this is a Scent Free and Peanut Free school. Any hand sanitizers that kids bring to school must be unscented.

Parent Parking

Parents are welcome to park in the angled parking spots located in the parking inlet in front of the school. We ask that you park only in these stalls and not along the opposite side since this is posing safety issues. **When parked in the angled stall, please remain in your vehicles since this is a quick drop off and pick up area. Also students are not to be dropped off or picked up from the staff parking lot as this causes safety concerns.**



School Arrival

Students should not be at school prior to 8:45 in the morning. Exterior doors will remain locked until 8:45AM. If students need to arrive early, we have a Before and After School Program available through Preston Early Learning. In addition, students are asked to proceed directly into the school when they arrive since there is no supervision in the playground prior to 9AM.

If your child/children arrive, late, the door they normally enter in will be locked, so please have them enter through the front door and let the office know they have arrived.

School Day Schedule

8:55AM Warning Bell

9AM Prayer and Classes Begin

10:15-10:30AM Recess for Grade 6-8

10:30-10:45AM Recess for K – Grade 5

12:00-12:45AM Lunch and Recess

2:15-2:30 Recess for Grade 6-8

2:30-2:45 Recess for K – Grade 5

3:30PM End of School Day

Emergency Medical Forms:

Please send back your updated emergency medical forms as well as any medication that you would like to have stored in our first aid room.

Edsby

It is extremely important that parents/caregivers sign up for Edsby. We are using this, not only, for reporting attendance, but communication, signing up for three-way conferences and progress reports. We have emailed invitations, unfortunately some have ended up in the junk folder. If you have not received an invitation or are having issues with Edsby, please contact the office at (306) 659-7850 or email us at Holy.Family@gscs.ca and we will be happy to assist you. Please note that if you have more than one child at school, you must sign up for each child separately.



Attendance

Parents/guardians should have received an emailed invitation to Edsby, if you have not please let the school know. It is important to accept the invitation because we are now using Edsby to report any absences. If you are having any trouble using Edsby please contact the office at (306) 659-7850.

Student Safety

All exterior doors, except for the main front doors will be locked during the day. **Parents may enter the school this year but we ask that you check in at the office when you arrive.**

Fun Lunches

Don't want to send a lunch for your child on Halloween...



Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Weinheimer have booked a **Boston Pizza** Healthy Hunger lunch on our Halloween celebration day, **Friday, October 29th**. The proceeds from the hot lunch will offset the price of a field trip. This is a **new** hot lunch that was just posted on Healthy Hunger. To order this hot lunch or any other hot lunch, go to **healthyhunger.ca**. We appreciate any students and staff who support our hot lunch. Orders close at midnight on Sunday, October 24th.

Friday, October 29 – Boston Pizza (cut off Oct 24)

Friday, November 5 – Baba's Perogies

Friday, November 19 – Taco Time

Friday, December 3 – Tim Hortons

Friday, December 10 – Pizza Hut

Schools Win Twice Tickets

The Schools Win Twice Lottery will be back this fall bigger and better than ever.



The lottery will now be online with 8 great prizes to be won plus there will be an added 50/50 lottery with a max payout of \$250,000!

Our School will win twice by receiving 50% of our proceeds from the prize lottery ticket sales and by having the opportunity to apply for grants in support of our School.

Ticket sales will begin October 1, 2021, and the draws will be made December 1, 2021. Please consider purchasing tickets and asking your family and friends to do so as

well. Our School and our students will directly benefit by your support.

Click here to learn more about the [Schools Win Twice](#) Lottery.

Family Health Information

Throughout the school year, we will be posting information from the Population and Public Health about topics of interest to child health and family wellbeing.

Friends of Holy Family Fundraising Committee

Holy Family Clothing:

Thank you to everyone who ordered! Stay tuned for delivery dates in early November.

Mom's Pantry Fundraiser:

Catalogues will come home with students next week!



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We are Holy Family

"Come Spend Time with Family"

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9AM, 11:30AM & 6:30PM
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