

SCHOOL NEWS

St Francis Catholic School
October 2020



3 important days occur this month! October 2nd is Custodial Workers Day, October 5th is World Teacher's Day and October 23rd is School Bus Driver's Day. Everyone is encouraged to acknowledge the efforts and impact of our custodians, teachers and school bus drivers by thanking them on their special days for going above and beyond to support our students.

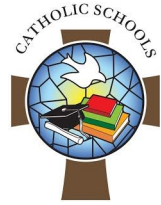


Thanksgiving is fast approaching and there is so much to be thankful for - our health, our return to school, spending time together, our families and friends and the blessings to come.

The staff of St. Francis wishes all of our families a Happy Thanksgiving. Je vous souhaite une bonne fête de l'Action de Grâce avec votre famille.



- October 2 Custodial Workers Day
- October 5 World Teacher's Day
- October 7 Terry Fox Run
- October 9 Pizza Orders Due
- October 12 Thanksgiving
- October 13 Welcome Back/Thanksgiving Prayer Service
- October 14th Pizza Day
- October 16th Jersey Spirit Day
- October 19 CSAC Meeting
- October 20 IEPs Sent Home
- October 21 Pizza Day
- October 23 School Bus Driver's Day
- October 27 Dress Purple Day
- October 28 Pizza Day
- October 31 Halloween



Support Catholic Education

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ELIGIBLE CATHOLIC RATEPAYERS

Catholic education has been an integral part of Ontario's history for more than 160 years. As a vital component of the province's publicly funded education system, Catholic schools educate nearly 600,000 students each year. Did you know that your school support defaults to English Public each time you move residences? You must re-declare yourself as English Separate. It is important to regularly verify your tax-directed support by checking your property tax bill or speaking to your landlord. You may also call the Municipal Property Assessment Office at 1-866-296-6722. By ensuring that you are registered as a separate school supporter, you are helping to deliver a powerful message to the Ontario government about the level of support for publicly funded Catholic education in your district.

The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board wishes to thank the community of separate school supporters for their continued support of Catholic education in our district.



Pizza Days Are Back!

Pizza days will start on October 14th and every Wednesday after that! Monthly payments are due on October 9th, November 1st and November 30th for 2020. All payments are made on School Cash Online. Please contact Sheila in the office at 705-472-8798 if you have any questions.

Toonies for Terry

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run to raise funds for cancer research. Terry Fox showed us that anything is possible if we try and reminded us that we can make a difference in the world. St. Francis will celebrate Terry Fox's legacy on October 7th (rain date: October 8th). To ensure that our cohorts practice physical distancing, our run will look different this year but our goal will remain the same: to raise awareness and funds for cancer research.

Rather than run as a whole school, our students will complete the run/walk around the school yard in their cohorts at various points throughout the day.

Discussions will be held in classrooms about cancer awareness and Terry's important lessons about empathy, understanding, community, healthy living and gratitude. Students who own Terry Fox t-shirts are encouraged to wear them on October 7th. Families who are able to contribute are asked to make a minimum \$2 donation toward cancer research by sending it in a sealed plastic bag by October 7th.



Thank you for your support to help make Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer become a reality.

Health Unit Update

We received great news from the Health Unit regarding recess. Cohorts will now be permitted to play with suitable school issued equipment during recess. Parents are reminded that children are not permitted to bring equipment/toys from home.



Noah Strong Fundraiser

Parents are invited to make a donation of \$2 minimum for their child to wear the jersey of their favourite sports team on Friday, October 16th to support the Noah Strong fundraising campaign. Noah Dugas is a 13 year old from North Bay who is currently in Sick Kids Hospital after suffering from blackouts which resulted in a stroke in late August. Noah, who is described as a sincere, kind, selfless and loving student, will be undergoing rehabilitation treatment in Toronto over the coming weeks so his parents are unable to work while they stay with Noah to support him. Financial donations to help cover the costs of Noah's medical emergency are greatly appreciated. Please send a donation to school in a sealed plastic bag on Friday, October 9th.

School Council

Catholic School Advisory Council

A reminder that our first Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) will be held on October 19 at 6:00 pm. Depending on the number of interested parents and COVID-19 related restrictions, the meeting may occur virtually. Please call Sheila in the office to let her know if you are interested in joining. Everyone is welcome!



Dress Purple Day will take place on October 27th. Staff and students are encouraged to wear purple in order to raise awareness about the key role that individuals and communities play in supporting one another. Dress Purple Day is an initiative of Children's Aid Ontario. Further information can be found at <http://www.oacas.org/dresspurpleday/>



Updates will be provided regarding school Halloween activities in the coming weeks.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2020

Virtue of the Month: Thankfulness

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Custodial Worker Day	3
4 Mass at Holy Names 11:15 am	5 World Teacher's Day	6	7 Terry Fox Run	8 Terry Fox Run Rain Date	9 October Pizza Orders Due	10
11 Mass at Holy Names 11:15 am	12 Thanksgiving	13 Welcome/ Thanksgiving Virtual Prayer Service	14 Pizza Day	15	16 Jersey Spirit Day for Noah Dugas	17
18 Mass at Holy Names 11:15 am	19 CSAC Meeting 6:00 pm	20 IEPs Sent Home	21 Pizza Day	22	23 School Bus Driver Day	24
25 Mass at Holy Names 11:15 am	26	27 Purple Shirt Day	28 Pizza Day	29	30 Halloween Activities	31 Halloween

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