



Holy Cross School Newsletter October 2017



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Principal's Message:

The 2017 school year has started off very well and September was certainly a very busy month. Our recent Welcome Back meet and greet night held on September 25, 2017 was extremely well received. A very special thank you to all the parents who attended. Your time and dedication to the children is greatly appreciated.

It is our goal as a staff to promote the spiritual, academic, social and emotional growth of all of our students in an environment that fosters success, self worth, respect for others and life long learning. We thank you for your support and partnership in promoting these goals with each of our students. Our next school Mass will be held on Friday, November 3, 2017 at 9:45 a.m. at Holy Cross Parish. We hope that you will be able to join us as we celebrate Mass together as a Catholic school community. For those parents, visitors that may be passing by the school in the afternoon, we ask please that you do not use the creative playground or gather on the asphalt until after school hours. Thank you for keeping our children safe at all times.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the evening of Wednesday November 15, 2017. Partnership and communication with our parental community are very important to us here at Holy Cross. Please feel free to contact us here at the school at anytime if you have any questions regarding your child's academic progress throughout this school year.

We have much to thank God for; our beautiful country, our supportive parish and community and our loving families. We at Holy Cross School wish you and your families a very happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.



There is no school for the children on Monday October 9, 2017 because it is Thanksgiving day.

Terry Fox Run/ Walk:

Holy Cross Catholic school participated in the annual Terry Fox Run on September 28, 2017. Thank you to everyone for your continued participation in helping to find a cure for Cancer. Thank you to Mrs. Evans for organizing this years run.

Halloween

Costumes are allowed on Tuesday Oct. 31, 2017 but students must bring them in their backpacks to school. For safety reasons, we ask please that students not wear costumes on their way to school or on the bus. All costumes must be appropriate for our Catholic school **no weapons, bulky masks, inap-**

propriate slogans or symbols will be allowed.

We also remind you that we do have children at school who have very serious life-threatening allergies, if you are sending your child to school with a special Halloween treat, please ensure that it is **nut-free.**



October Dates to Remember

October 2 - Cross Country Meet at RMC
October 5 - Pizza Lunch
October 9 - Thanksgiving Day, no school for students
October 13- Popcorn day
October 26 - Pasta hot lunch
October 31 - Happy Halloween, toy & treat walk
November 1 - Mass

Student Agendas



A reminder please, that if you have not **yet** had an opportunity to send in \$7 for your child's agenda, please do so. Thank you for your help with this.

Parent Council

With Thanksgiving approaching Parent Council would like to extend their gratitude to all the parents and families for supporting our fundraising efforts for the students at Holy Cross. From events such as hot lunches, cake walks all help. Educational Animals that came to the Meet the teacher is an example of where those fundraising efforts go towards. As well as popsicles for students on hot days, classwide prizes for spirit days and dances to promote school spirit, annual Christmas luncheon all provide a sense of togetherness as a school family. Your continued support to be able to provide for these students is greatly appreciated. The smiles on the kids faces makes it all worth it. Keep posted for more exciting events to come!!

A special thanks to the members of the Parent Council for all their work and to the teachers for their support.

Happy thanksgiving to you and yours.

Rose Pyette
Parent Council Chair



Library News

Ms. Janzen will be running our annual book fair. It will be held on November 14th from 10am to 4:30pm, the evening of the 15th from 2pm to 8pm and the 21st from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Remember, lifelong success starts with strong reading and writing skills. And that means your child's lifelong success starts with you.

Reading 20 minutes a night with your child (ren) builds on this life time skill.



Dental Screening

The Oral Health team at the Middlesex-London Health Unit is pleased to offer its services to students and their families for another school year in accordance with the Ontario Public Health Standards. Registered dental hygienists see students for annual oral health assessments, also called "screenings". The assessment is NOT a substitute for a dental exam. Any child requiring care may be re-assessed several months later to look for improvement.



The dental hygiene team will be visiting our school for oral health assessment on **Wednesday November 1st**.

If you as a parent **do NOT** wish your child to be involved with this health unit program, please write a note to the school with your child's name, grade and teacher to indicate this.

Please direct any questions to Oral Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit at (519) 663-5317, ext. 2231.

Fluoride Varnish Program

Fluoride varnishing will be offered to the students in grades JK through grade 2 at no cost to our families. Fluoride varnish is a protective coating that makes teeth stronger and helps prevent and fix small cavities. It is a liquid that is painted onto your child's teeth with a small brush. It takes only a few minutes to apply and dries quickly.

A signed consent is need from parents to due this treatment. Consent's will be going home at the end of October and are due back by November 1st. Extra copies are available in the office, please call Mrs. Everest if you need 1 sent home.



Wellness Warriors

This year we are continuing with focusing on a Catholic Graduate Expectation (CGE) each month. October is "Being a Life Long Learner". We will be looking for students who make mistakes and are able to reflect and learn from them. The school team is handing out hand prints to recognize students and their good acts. With this, each month 3 students will be awarded a prize and certificate for be an example of the CGE. There will be one student from the primary, junior and intermediate divisions chosen.

Popcorn Sales

Kernels popcorn order forms will be sent home Tuesday, October 3rd. There are two popcorn days for October on the form. They are due Tuesday, October 10th. Thank you for your support.



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October 10, 2017 our grade 7 and grade 8 students will be receiving their Immunizations. If you have not sent in the permission slips please do so.

Thank you

Any questions or concerns contact a Public Health nurse from the Middlesex- London Health Unit @ 519-663-5317 ext. 2330

