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ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

We are called to celebrate and nurture the God-given talents of each student as we share with excellence in the light of Christ.

Community Service



As a Catholic School Community, we recognize that some families struggle to provide food for each meal and strive to support these families through our food drives. We will be collecting non-perishable and non-expired foods between October 1-5th. Please send as many items as you can spare with your child. We thank you for your support.

School Goals



Our school will continue to focus on improving our student's mathematic abilities this year. Our staff will be participating in many professional development sessions to further improve our mathematic teaching strategies. We look forward to teaching and learning with our students. To support your children, the following link provides a parent resource in multiple languages:

<http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/offeredotherlanguage.html>



We will continue to focus on self-regulation as a whole school. Students will further develop their self-regulating strategy tool boxes as we learn more ways to manage our frustrations and anger. Mindfulness will be a strategy that students will learn more about this year. To learn more, visit:

www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/enewsletter/mindfulness-children-and-parents



Experiential learning is an area we continue to develop and broaden. As the job market in the 21st century continues to change, students need to learn about the many possibilities that could be a future career for them by exposing them to a variety of venues and/or activities that they may not have experienced in the past. We will explore opportunities for students to learn more about themselves.



St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic School Council Update

Our Catholic School Council for 2018-19 executive was elected and the positions are as follows:

Chair – Jovie Cajindos

Vice Chair – Colleen Pawelek

Secretary – Rita Speziale-Nacci

Parish Rep – Mignonne Dalmaridis

The remaining meeting dates for the year are:

November 22, February 21 and April 25 beginning at 7 pm in the library.

Information regarding Parent Council can be found on our school website and you can reach them at: StJosephineBakhitaCS@dcdsb.ca

Kiss and Ride Safety



In order to provide a safe and efficient system, we ask that parents/guardians follow these three rules:

- 1) Never park in the Kiss and Ride line.
- 2) Never let your child out of the car when not in the Kiss and Ride lane. Students need to exit to the right – onto the sidewalk.
- 3) Always have your child begin to get ready to exit once you pull into the parking lot.

Fundraising

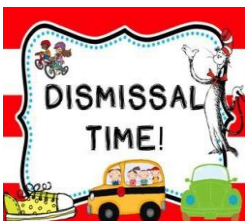


We continue to sell our chocolates in hope of raising enough money to continue with our technology purchases as well as gym equipment and yard improvements for our students. All sales directly benefit every student in the school.

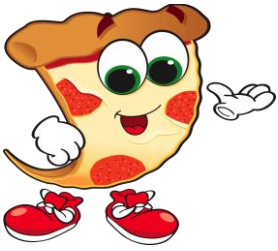
Thanksgiving weekend is a great opportunity to sell as we gather with family and friends. Please don't forget to bring your chocolate boxes to Thanksgiving dinner!!

All money due back at the school by Tuesday October 9th.

Early Dismissals/Change of Pick Up Routine



We ask for your support in limiting the disruptions to the day and routines of your child as much as possible. We realize emergencies arise or appointments where you have no choice of time but if as much as possible, we can have the children dismissed at the regular time. Also, if student's end of day routines can remain consistent. We frequently get calls into the Office just before the bell, asking for changes to the students dismissal routine. Some classes have gym at the end of the day or go outside and the message is unable to get to them in time and they take the bus when they were supposed to be picked up. If students and their teachers can be made aware of these changes one day in advance, we can ensure there is no confusion.



Pizza

Our pizza days will continue to be every Friday with the exception of weeks where we have a PA day on the Friday – in this case, pizza will be sold on the Thursday. \$2/slice and a choice of pepperoni or cheese.



PA Day

This month we will be having a Professional Activity Day on **Monday October 22nd**. All Elementary schools will be focusing on Math and staff will be further developing their skills in support of our school improvement plan.



Halloween

In recognition of Halloween, our Kindergarten students are encouraged to dress up for the “Halloween parade” where they make their way through the hallways for all of our students to admire them. **All students from K – Gr 8 are able to wear their costumes however no masks or weapons will be permitted. We also ask that our older students are modest in their costume choice or save it for Halloween Night.**

In addition, we will be inviting students to the gym for a “Halloween Dance” for a 30-40 min block of time, with their grade partners.



Brand New SJB Spirt Wear coming soon...

All students, staff and families were invited to vote on their favourite design choice. This is our winning design and will be on sale soon. Thank you to Mrs. Dalmaridis for creating the logo for us.

