



November 1, 2021

To Parents/Caregivers of our Students,

As October comes to an end and we know the coming November weather will start to get a little chillier, it is a great time to reflect on what an incredible group of leaders we have at St. Mark school. The students continue to amaze me as they build friendships, excel in their studies, engage in student activities, and protect each other every day by following Alberta Health Services (AHS) procedures both in school and outside school. I am so proud of them!

Last week our students enjoyed two special events at our school which were led by our student leadership option class. They were incredible. On Wednesday they enjoyed fun flex; they got to play bingo, learn about Greek Mythology, bead bracelets, and many more activities. For Halloween students participated in our annual Haunted House and the energy was fantastic. The students got to play different games or activities in our spooky gym. Many of our students brought a non-perishable food item for our Christmas food hampers in December.

Our Safe Club and Volleyball teams are starting up in November. We will be restarting our Safe Club during Tuesday lunches. All students who would like to hang out, meet new friends, and become allies with our LGBTQ+ students are welcome. Our volleyball teams will also be starting in November. Our school has been having great success keeping students safe by keeping to our own cohorts. We will continue this with volleyball; we will not be joining the inter-school league. We are going to run the team on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesdays from 3:15-4:30pm at our gym with only our students and staff.

Our division has decided on a new November fall break to help promote mentally and physically healthier and happier students and staff as we move into the winter. There will be no school on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. During this time, please remind our students to take some time and reflect on all the sacrifices our brave Canadian armed forces have done, are doing, and will do for our country.

Our teachers will continue to assess our students as we move through November and approach our parent-student-teacher conferences. Please continue to monitor your child's progress through [PowerSchool](#). We will be having our virtual parent-teacher interviews on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm – 7:00pm. More information will come soon.

I hope all of you had a spooky, fun, and especially safe Halloween with your family and friends. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully." (Luke 4:10)

Sincerely,

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