



St. Alphonse Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

NOVEMBER 2021

PRAYER

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you

for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,

for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,

for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,

for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,

for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,

for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,

for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen (Rev. Doug Leonhardt, S.J.)

Administrator Message

Hello everyone and welcome to November. We had a wonderful Fall break in October and are now rejuvenated and ready to be back to work. The last two weeks of October were quite eventful with our Grade 4's at Ice School for a week, our weekly Mass attendance and our Halloween activities.

Now November brings us many different events as well. We start with our Remembrance Day ceremony on the 8th, followed by our November break. When we return we will be preparing for our Virtual Demo Of Learning on the 24th. Please be checking your child's Power School.



COVID- 19 is still a reality that we are living with each day. We still have our safety protocols in place to help keep everyone safe. Our custodial staff have been working diligently to ensure that all enhanced cleaning measures are being met. We still ask that all students do the daily health check before coming to school. Kindergarten – Grade 12 must wear a mask in school. We will now be co-horting our K-6 even when outside in the playground. We appreciate your continued support as we navigate through this.



OFFICE INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that our school is open from 8:00 am—4:00 pm. After hours, the telephone answering machine is available to register absent students or to leave messages for the staff. Please remember that we will be happy to give your child a message at lunch or at the end of the school day. We do ask that if you need to speak to a teacher or administrator that you call the office and make an appointment.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now due. You will be receiving an email shortly. You can pay for them through your power school account or you can bring in cash. We cannot accept cheques. A reminder that our yellow bussing is free to those students that require the bus and the cost of an ETS bus pass is now \$61.50.



Field trips are a part of the student curriculum and students are required to take part. Field trips forms are required to be signed by the parents and returned in order for the student to attend a field trip. We cannot take permission over the phone. Please visit our website to get more information on the fees that may be associated your child's grade/class field trips. You can pay for any field trips through your power school account.



Once again we are very blessed to have E4C supply our elementary students with a snack and lunch program. Forms have already been sent home, but if you need one, please contact the office and we can certainly send one home with your child.

We are still providing our Junior High students with a breakfast. We open the doors for them at 8:00 AM.

Our ESCD Staff

Krista MacGregor- Principal
Paul Begoray- Assistant Principal
Alison Bootsma- Admin Assistant
Rola Makhoul- Admin Clerk/Media Resources
Honorata Avison-Kindergarten
Diane Elliot- Grade 1A
Kathernine Fuhrer- Grade 1½
Katherine Esposito- Grade 2A
Heather Riley- Grade 3A
Daniel Sdao- Grade 4A
Umberto Miceli- Grade 4/5
SJ Savartka- Grade 5A
Sheila Crane- Grade 6A
Tanya Savage- Grade 7A
Lara Gaudry- Grade 7B
Chelly Francisco- Grade 8A
Jeff LaFleche- Grade 8B
Sarah Bergin- Grade 9A
Dan Meunier- Grade 9B
Jaclyn Wabisca- Newcomers program
Charlotte Burrows- Music/ELL Desigante
Jennifer HagEstad- Learning Coach
Heather Kuzyk- ELL Programming
Rhema Kennedy- Braided Journey's Coach
Cindy Howell- Family School Liaison worker
Lisa Picassi- Behaviour Therapist
Michael Kayser- TA-BT
Amanda Maas- TA-BT
Maricris Bellin- TA-BT
George V- TA-BT
Darian Swampy- TA-SL
Breanne Noel- Clinical Social Worker
Cst. Amanda Hinks- SRO
Celia Kirbyson- ECE
Raeann Cardinal- EA
Nahed Hussein- EA
Nile River- EA
Monika Romanik- Breakfast cook/Concession/EA
Jacob Tesfa- Head Custodian
Tekle Ghebrezgiabher- Senior Custodian
Brett Langdon- Senior Custodian

IMPORTANT DATES

November 1st - All Saint's Day

November 2nd - All Soul's Day

November 8th- Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 11th- Remembrance Day

November 11th- 15th- Remembrance Day weekend

November 24th- Demo of Learning

November 28th- First Sunday of Advent

November 30th- Advent Celebration



Several community agencies working in conjunction with the United Way, are partnered with St. Alphonsus school to provide supports to students and families. Their staff are on site working alongside our staff and are an integral part of our community. The partners are; The Family Centre, E4C and Boys and Girls Club/Big Brothers Big Sisters

Please meet the staff-

*Ebyan Firin- Success coach
Rachael Spears- Mental health Therapist
Karah Pegg- Roots and Wings
Elizabeth Reekie- Out of school time coordinator
Rana Afshar- Mentor Facilitator*

Our partnerships with YONA, CAM and OST and Actions for Healthy Communities have all started their programming during and after school.

"God Calls Us Each By Name", I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord....plans to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Website:



www.stalphonsus.ecsd.net

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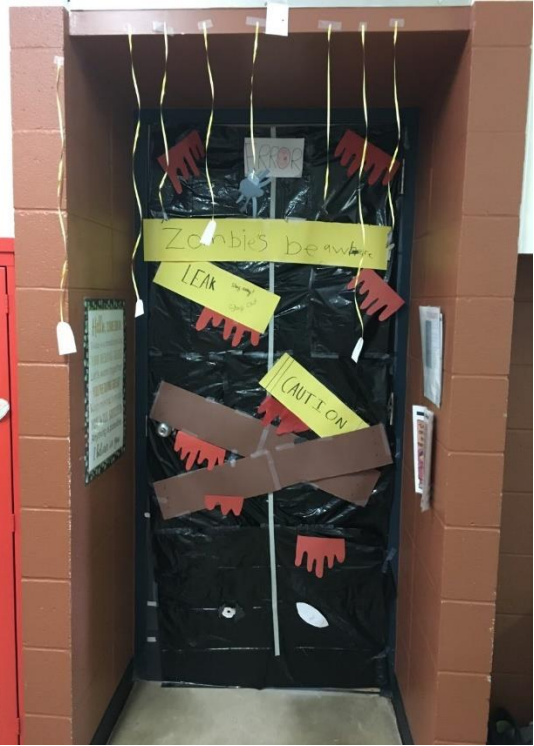


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Some pics from our fun Halloween activities!!

