

Principal's Update – Monday October 3rd

1. Opening budget of 2021-2022 school year was: \$3460.09
 2. How the money was spent:
 - a) Graduation – water/ice cream sandwiches \$34.08
 - b) T-shirts graduating class - \$331. 66
 3. Closing balance as of August 31, 2022: \$3094.35
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1. Current Enrollment: 236 in person, 1 remote learning
 2. Reorganization took place on September 19th
 - Structure of the school did not change (we had to move students around to capture the 20:1 cap in primary grades, 23 cap in the 3/4 split and to maintain Board averages in the junior and intermediate classes)
 3. New staff members: ERW's – Rosemarie Fera(LTO/ERW), Fran Sassine (LTO/ERW), Joel Dos Santos (Social Worker)
 4. We don't have any remote classes at Fatima
 5. Spirit week taking place on Monday October 17 – 21 (principal council chose theme for each day)
 6. Terry Fox – took place on Friday September 23. Donations totaled to over \$1500.00, our goal was \$1000
 7. Thanksgiving – Monday October 10th – NO SCHOOL
 8. Hot lunches will be taking place again this year – will being on October 4th with pizza days
 9. Cross country and Junior Volleyball has begun. Cross Country meet taking place on Oct. 19 at Chinguosy Park. Jr. Volleyball the week of Oct. 10 - **we are hosting the jr. boys on Oct. 14, so the gym will be closed that day**
 10. Picture day was on Sept 28th. Only did individual pictures. They will be coming back on Thursday Feb 16th to do class photos
 11. Book Fair took place the week of Sept 19th-Sept 23rd
 12. Open House took place on Sept 22. Pizza event was successful.
 13. Food Drive taking place – run by our Faith Ambassadors and Mrs. Tatarski
 14. Virtue Assembly taking place on Friday October 7 @ 10:15
 15. October 24th no school – Elections taking place
 16. Dress purple day – Oct 27th – Child Abuse Prevention Month
 17. MADD presentation was held on Friday Sept 23rd for our grade 7 and 8 students only

18. Harvest of Hope event for our diverse learners taking place on Friday October 14th at St. Edmund campion. Junior, intermediate and our self-contained classroom students.
19. CCAT The Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) is administered system-wide annually with Grade 4 students as part of the gifted screening process. In addition, the CCAT test results provide valuable information for all students and can be used to help identify at-risk students and adapt instruction. Will take place Oct 26th- Oct 28th. Administered by Mr. Saieva – SERT teacher.
20. Sacraments – registrations packages sent home to all students in grades 2 and 7. If parents misplace the registration package, they need to go to the parish to receive a new package.
21. Recess – 2 15 minutes breaks
Lunch recess – 40 minutes
Still continuing with a soft entry (8:15 a.m.)
22. After school tutoring (grades 1-8) – starting tomorrow October 4th from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. We have 3 sections (primary, junior, intermediate). Will run until December 1st, every Tuesday and Thursdays
23. In school tutoring starting Tuesday Oct 11- December 15th (grades FDK – grade 2)
24. No dogs allowed on school property – in the interest of student safety, dogs are not permitted
25. Agendas were given to all students – no cost to the parent
26. Self-assessments still need to be done everyday
 - stay home if you are sick
 - come to school when you do not have a fever AND your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hrs for nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea).
 - severe symptoms like chest pain or difficulty breathing, go to the nearest emergency department

GET Tested: is you are higher risk of severe illness, get a PCR test or take 2 rapid antigen tests 24-48 hours apart.

Mask for 10 days after symptoms or close contact to a person with COVID 19/symptoms:

- you can stop isolating when you have NO FEVER and symptoms have been improving for 24 hrs (or 48 hrs for nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea OR for 10 days after close contact with someone with COVID 19/symptoms

* wear a well-fitted mask in all public settings

* avoid non-essential activities where you need to take off your mask

* avoid non-essential visits to anyone who is immunocompromised or may be at higher risk of illness

* avoid non-essential visits to highest risk settings such as hospitals and long-term care homes

18. Communication Expectations – letter from the Board was sent out to the community on Sept 9th.

- while staff may receive non-urgent requests and inquiries outside of the standard work day, please understand that the response will occur in a timely manner. We feel this helps foster a healthier work-life balance; something that was not prioritized in the pandemic working environment.

This shift in organizational culture is in alignment with societal changes and legislation that is designed to promote and support a healthier work-life balance.

- DPCDSB staff have always been available for emergencies and very urgent matters and this will not change. If there is an emergency matter after hours, appropriate staff will be available as needed.

- Ensuring healthy and professional boundaries between work and home supports positive mental health which, in turn, enhances our ability to better serve our students.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Fiore

Principal

Potential Trips/whole school: Albion Hills
Teen Ranch
Dave and Busters
Skating
Kortright Centre

Spring Market (March/April 2022) or Christmas Market (Nov 14 2023)

Halloween Dance: Agnes and Christina present
Decorations
Sound system
Flyer

Hot Lunches: possibly pasta

Sacramental Gifts: list from previous year