



ST. CARTHAGH CATHOLIC SCHOOL OCTOBER UPDATE

School Communication – A reminder for parents to please check our webpage often as most communication will be posted there (www.flhpcart@alcdsb.on.ca). We also encourage you to subscribe on the webpage to receive our Monthly Updates. St. Carthagh's now has a Remind app, parents can subscribe at www.remind.com/saintcar. We want to keep you up to date on all of the good things happening here!

Parent Council – Elections will occur at the October 3rd meeting at 6:30 for Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We encourage parents to join us, your input is valuable.

School Picture Day- Thursday, October 12th. Smile!!

School Safety – The safety of students and staff while attending school is of utmost concern. In response to this concern, our school maintains a fire safety plan, we have three practice fire drills in the Fall and Spring of each school year. We also practice lockdown and bomb threat procedures annually.

Tree House System – Just like Hogwarts, St. Carthagh has decided to implement the use of a 'house-system' to help connect the students to one-another; to build positive relationships, resiliency and pride within our children. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 have been sorted into different houses, using the "sorting cloak" in order to help facilitate the Board theme of Faith in Action. The virtues demonstrated by the students that exemplify the CGEs of the month will be celebrated at assemblies and through badges. Every child in the school has been sorted into a different Tree-House; oak, birch, elm, pine, spruce, maple, ash, cedar and fir. Our first full "Tree-House" activity was the Terry-Fox run and we are looking forward to many more mixed-grade activities this year!

Family Games Night – Come out and join the fun on October 26th from 5:30-7:30. We'll be pass-orting our way to fun and learning at the same time. More information to follow as the date gets closer.

Healthy Kids Community Challenge-Hastings and Prince Edward Counties are among 45 regions across Ontario taking part in the Healthy Kids Community Challenge ("The Challenge"). The Challenge unites communities in a collective effort to support the well-being of our children. The Challenge is a key part of Ontario's Healthy Kids Strategy, which is a cross-government initiative to support children's health. The focus of the challenge currently is: **Choose to Boost Veggies and Fruits!** St. Carthagh's teachers encourage you to talk to your children about the importance of eating veggies and fruits as we do here at school! More information can be found at the following website: <https://healthykidshpe.ca/veggiesandfruit/>

Pediculosis (Head Lice) – Parents are asked to frequently check their child's head for pediculosis. Please notify the office to inform us of any findings of head lice. Spring and Fall are the seasons when head lice commonly infest school children.

Make online payments for school fees with School Cash Online



What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an online payment system that offers a **safe, fast** and **convenient** way to pay for school activities, field trips, hot lunches, and events.

Registration and Adding a Student

To register please visit our school webpage: www.flhpcart@alcdsb.on.ca

Once parents/guardians register and create an account, they can proceed to adding their student. After student(s) are added, items for that student will appear and be available for purchase. Parents will also get email notifications when new items are posted for their students.

If parents run into problems finding their school or student when registering, please visit: <https://schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support>.



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

September 5, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board (ALCDSB) and our community partners are committed to providing safe and caring school communities and learning environments for students, staff, school visitors and community members. We believe that each person should be able to study, work and attend our Catholic schools in an environment that is safe and free from threats of violence. The ALCDSB acknowledges the importance of promoting and supporting appropriate and positive student behaviours in schools. It is our hope that all members of our community demonstrate respect for the dignity of all persons.

In 2011, the ALCDSB and its community partners adopted the ALCDSB Community Threat Assessment Protocol (CTAP). This risk/threat assessment process is designed to be a proactive and multi-disciplinary approach to developing intervention plans that address threats of violence, threatening behaviour and instances where the emotional and/or physical safety of individuals may be at risk. Recognizing that violence prevention in our schools and neighbourhoods is a community responsibility, the risk/threat assessment process will be initiated by school administration and/or community partners when behaviours have been identified that pose a potential risk to an individual or to others.

Providing notice to parents/guardians of the risk/threat assessment process ensures that parents/guardians are aware that threatening or high-risk behaviours will be investigated. This also recognizes the important role that the parents/guardians have in supporting and participating in the process itself. For further information, the Community Threat Assessment Protocol (CTAP) document may be found on our website at <http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/Board/Police/Lists/Documents/CTAP2016.pdf>.

Sincerely,

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October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Golf Tournament Junior Soccer Tournament School Council Meeting 6:30	4	5 Pizza Day	6 Senior Soccer Tournament	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Monday	10	11	12 Pizza Day Picture Day	13 School Mass 9:30	14
15	16	17 Bus Patroller Program	18	19 Pizza Day Gr. 6 Witness: Faith Day	20	21
22	23	24 Wear Purple Day- show support for violence awareness	25 Gr. 7 Vaccinations	26 Pizza Day Terrific Kids Assembly Door Decorating for Houses Family Games Night 5:30-7:30	27 PA Day	28
29	30	31 Halloween Festivities				