



ST. CARTHAGH CATHOLIC SCHOOL – Beloved Children of God

The Umbrella Project-October Theme: Empathy

Catholic Graduate Expectation-October, A Discerning Believer

OCTOBER UPDATE

IMPORTANT-Daily Self Screening

Parents have the responsibility to self-screen students each day prior to attending school. Please go to <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> to complete the required daily Self-Assessment Tool and follow directions. Parents will be contacted for pick up from school if students exhibit symptoms throughout the day. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Newsletters & School Messenger - Monthly newsletters are posted the first week of each month on our website. We strongly encourage all parents to subscribe to receive our monthly updates by email. Families can access all current information and events at www.alcidsb.on.ca/school/cart. Information will be added as it occurs so check us out often. Emergency correspondence will continue to be sent home with students.

Picture Day

Individual student photos will take place on October 15th. There will be no class photos again this year as per Public Health protocols.

School Council – Our first School Council meeting took place on September 21st virtually. We are pleased to announce Jennifer Young as Chair, Kristine Broek as Treasurer and Rachelle Hogan as Secretary. We encourage parents to join our next virtual meeting on November 9th at 7:00. If you would like to join the meeting please email us and we will send you the Microsoft Teams invite, your input is valuable.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Starting October 4th, we will be kicking off our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive in an effort to spread kindness to those in our community who aren't as fortunate as we are. This year we will collect non-perishable food items to donate to the local Food Bank. You can also make a monetary donation at schoolcashionline or bring in any of the following items. Thank you and we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.

Priority Items: breakfast cereal (low sugar varieties) / rice / oatmeal / canned soup / pasta/pasta sauce / canned fish / canned fruit (no sugar added) / canned vegetables / peanut butter / gluten free items

Other Important Items: crackers / granola bars / unsweetened apple sauce / baby food / toilet paper

Cell Phone Policy - A reminder that cell phones are not needed at school. Please encourage your child to keep it at home or at least in their backpacks until dismissal. Any usage during the day will result in an office pick up by a parent/guardian. If you need to reach your child, please call the office and we will assist. Thank you for your partnership and support in this important matter.

Bus Passes - Due to the importance of seating plans for contact tracing in the event of an outbreak of COVID-19, students may only use transportation services they are authorized for. No Bus Passes will be issued. Students looking to go home with friends will need to use an alternate method of travel.

Anticipated Increase in Bus Delays - Tri-Board anticipates a higher than normal number of delays and/or cancellations due to COVID-19 isolation-related bus driver absences. As with any other bus delay/cancellation, notices will be posted to our website and pushed to anyone subscribed by email or through the BusPlanner app. Please see the Delays and Cancellations tab on triboard.ca. This is the most efficient method for communicating real-time bus delays and/or cancellations throughout the school year.

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.

October 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 PA Day	2
3	4 Food Drive	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Thanksgiving Day	12	13	14	15 Picture Day	16
17	18	19	20 Outdoor School Mass (weather permitting)	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	November 1-PA Day November 2-Progress Report Go Home					