



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.alcdsb.on.ca/school/cart). We also encourage you to **subscribe** on our webpage to receive our Monthly Update by email as paper copies will no longer be sent home with students. We want to keep you up to date on all of the good things happening here!

Job Action - Monday, September 30

Today, CUPE will commence its job action with a partial withdrawal of services. Principals and Vice-principals will work together with staff to maintain a caring and positive school environment for students.

As always, student safety and learning remain the top priorities of all ALCDSB staff. Our superintendents will be in daily contact with our schools during this time to assess any concerns that may arise.

Please understand that as the partial withdrawal of services continues, it may have a more significant impact on school activities, permits and school operations. The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board will continue to monitor this job action closely and will provide parents and guardians with updates and information via board and school websites and social media.

Below is a statement from the Minister of Education.

<https://news.ontario.ca/edu/en/2019/09/statement-from-education-minister-on-end-to-latest-talks-and-cupe-job-action.html>

Together is Better! – Please join us at our first October Together is Better assembly on October 9th at 9:45am in the gym. We will enjoy a slideshow that reminds us of how we are stronger TOGETHER! There will be many pictures of our students from the month in collaborative learning groups and other school activities. We will start with learning/singing a few of my favourite songs which will include some of the ones that we've been listening to upon entering the school and in our classrooms. Looking forward to this time of worship and celebration together. Please join us if you can!

Terry Fox Walk - A special thank you to Mrs. Coates and Ms. Robertson for leading us in our Terry Fox assembly and school walk/run. Thank you, also, to Marian Nash and Marian Dolan for barbecuing our lunch afterwards. The students worked very hard to get sponsors and we were blessed with a beautiful day to walk and run as a school community. Just over \$1600.00 was raised to support cancer research!

School Council – Elections for School Council Executive took place at the September 24th meeting. We are pleased to announce Leslie Paranuik will return as Chair, Manon Hunt returns as Treasurer and Angie Stolte as Secretary. We encourage parents to join us at our next meeting on October 22nd at 6:30 p.m., your input is valuable.

We are also excited to announce that we will once again be having our "12 Days of Christmas" fundraiser this December. If you or any of your family members have a connection to a business that would be willing to donate a prize please inform the office. Prizes must be received before the end of October. Proceeds from this fundraiser directly support each student.

School Picture Day- Friday, October 11th. Make it simple by ordering your portraits online, using your Picture Day ID and child's first name to get started. If you prefer to order on paper, we will be sending an order form home as well. Remember to smile and have fun!

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 evacuation threat procedures annually.

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 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Gr. 7 Immunizations	5
6	7 Bus Patroller Training	8	9 Together is Better Assembly 9:30	10	11 School Mass 9:30 Picture Day 10:30	12
13	14 Thanksgiving	15 Dairy Farmers Presentation	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 School Council 6:30	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	November 1 PA Day November 5 Progress Reports Home	