



ST. CARTHAGH CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OCTOBER UPDATE All Are Welcome in This Place!

IMPORTANT-Daily Self Screening

Parents have the responsibility to self-screen students each day prior to attending school. Please see attached the required daily Self-Assessment for COVID-19 tool and follow directions if you answer yes to any of the screening questions. Parents will be contacted for pick up from school if students exhibit symptoms throughout the day.

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.alcdsb.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.

Terry Fox Walk - A special thank you to Mrs. Coates for organizing our Terry Fox school walk/run. This was our 20th year walking for Terry Fox. Although some of our #TogetherisBetter moments couldn't happen this year, we still were able to talk about Terry Fox and why we walk each September. Each classroom signed up for a time slot and throughout the day a different class could be seen walking the yard in memory of Terry Fox and raising awareness for cancer.

School Council – Elections for School Council Executive took place at the September 29th virtual meeting. We are pleased to announce Leslie Paranuik will return as Chair, Kristine Broek was elected Treasurer and the Secretary role remains vacant. We encourage parents to join our next virtual meeting on November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to join the meeting please email us and we will send you the Microsoft Teams invite, your input is valuable.

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.

Food Drive – Non-perishable items were collected and taken to Salvation Army Tweed Food Bank to support families in need. Thank you to those who were able to contribute!

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 at the start of the school year 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 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Director DeSantis visits St. Carthagh	30	31 Halloween

COVID-19

Screening Tool

Any individual attending school should review the following checklist each day. Parents should review on behalf of their school aged child.

For an online version, visit covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening

Do you have any of the following:

Fever (37.8°C or higher) or chills



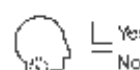
Cough that is new or worsening, or barking cough*



Shortness of breath, making whistling noise while breathing*



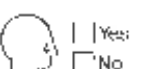
Sore throat or difficulty swallowing*



Runny, congested or stuffy nose*



Decrease or loss of taste or smell*



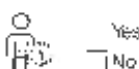
Pink eye*



Headaches or muscle aches that are unusual or long lasting*



Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain*



Extreme tiredness that is unusual*



Sluggishness or lack of appetite



Falling down often (for older people)



*Not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, a runny nose that is not related to allergies, being outside in cold weather, etc.)



In the past 14 days, has the child had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?

(e.g., was less than 2 metres away in the same room, was in the same home, or was in the same classroom)

Yes
 No



Has your child returned from travel outside of Canada in the past 14 days?

Yes
 No



If you answered yes to any of these questions, stay home and self-isolate right away. Please refer to the **My Student Did Not Pass the COVID-19 Screening Tool**. Call your health care provider or contact a COVID-19 assessment centre.