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St. Francis Xavier Newsletter October 2021

October is the month of Gratitude!

Thank-you Lord for all the students who come to learn and pray each day! And for all the teachers who take care of their intellectual, social and physical needs! Thank-you for the beautiful school grounds and friends that we make through our lives. Thank-you Lord for the many blessings you bestow on us, the food on our tables, the houses that we share and all of our families!

God bless.

We thank Fr. Allen for his wonderful inspiration as he lead us in prayer this month with gratitude, praise and reflection. Thank you as well to Mrs. DiPanfilo for joining the admin team here at St. Francis Xavier!

Catholic School Council News

Thank-you Lord for our wonderful parents on Catholic School Council who work so hard for the best Interest of all the children at St. Francis Xavier! We are so lucky to have this dedicated group of Parents. This year's executive is as follows: Chair – Melanie Larivee, Treasurer: Kristina Wheeler, Secretary: Nadia Camara. Our next meeting is on October 20th at 7:00 pm. This will be a virtual meeting and a shared link will need to be requested from the Executive or by Mrs. Naccarato.

Allergies

All schools across Ontario follow strict guidelines for all of us to follow that help us to protect students with allergies. Please help us in keeping students safe by not allowing any foods into the school that may have come in contact with nuts/seeds or that may contain nuts/seeds.

We also ask students not to share foods or refrain from any foods being brought into the school for sharing (ie. Birthday treats). Please also keep in mind that we do not allow hot lunches brought into the school at this time. This includes food from McDonalds or other providers that produce food in a facility that may contain nuts. Thank-you for your help in carefully screening what is brought into our schools.

Mission Statement	Vision Statement	Core Values	Strategic Commitments
Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.	Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.	Excellence Equity Fiscal Responsibility Catholicity Inclusion Integrity Respect	Integration of Our Catholic Faith Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement Effective Use of Our Resources Engaging Our Communities

Halloween Dance!

We are pleased to provide everyone with a Halloween dance this year! We have planned an outdoor dance on October 28th and October 29th as the rain date. Our wonderful students have taken on a leadership role for the dance and will be our DJ's and organizers. Students will not be bringing in any funds or treats that day as we do not allow sharing of any food items. We also will ask that students do not wear any scary masks or any toy weapons of any kind.

Active Schools at YCDSB

As we start the **2021/2022** school year, we would like to remind and encourage parent(s)/guardian(s) to consider **walking or cycling with children to and from school**. There are many benefits to walking and cycling to school. It:

- Improves student academic performance by making children more alert and better prepared to learn
- Contributes to the daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity for children, improving their health and overall fitness
- Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future



For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice, or a few days a week can still provide benefits. You can also consider parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way. Include active travel as part of your daily routine!

Reminders:

- 1. NO PARKING – in front of the school or blocking any exit or kiss n ride areas.**
- 2. Medications for your child need to be accompanied by a doctor signed form that the office will issue to you.**
- 3. Uniforms are blue and white only for tops and pants (NOT jeans/leggings/gym clothes)**
- 4. McDonald's is not allowed in the school.**
- 5. Cell Phones are not allowed on during the day without teacher permission.**
- 6. Catholic School Council Meeting – October 20 @7:00 pm.**
- 7. Halloween Dance – October 28 and 29 (rain date).**
- 8. Interviews – November 18 and 19.**
- 9. PA Day – November 19.**
- 10. Photo Day – November 15.**

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Please join us in thanking the Rosary Apostolate volunteers for all of their time and teaching our students to pray the rosary.