



# NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

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## October 2020 SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



### Message from the Principal

Wow, October is upon us already and with it the cooler weather is beginning to come as well. Soon it will be time for the winter clothes - brrrr. We are off to a fantastic start in our 'new normal' with COVID-19 guidelines. We have had lots of amazing things happening from new ways of participating in special events like our Terry Fox Run, Virtual meet the teacher and students learning to use the online teaching tool called Google classroom. We are working on visible learning in our classrooms – giving students learning targets that they will strive to reach and the steps or criteria to reach them. We will be working throughout the year to improve our student achievement academically and socially. Students will continue to grow in their resilience as the learning moves forward. Our key priority continues to be your child(ren), their health and safety, while providing them with the best learning opportunities in a time with new guidelines. If you have questions, please book a time for a visit to see me, email or give me a phone call. I will listen and support the best I can. My door is always open.

*God Bless, C. Richard*

### Important Monthly Dates



- Thursday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** – Hat & Jeans Day
- Monday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** – Fire Prevention Week
- Monday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>** – Thanksgiving (No School)
- Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** – Student Picture Day
- Thursday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>** – Pajama Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** – School Council Zoom Meeting at 6:30
- Friday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Non Instructional Day, No school for students
- Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>** – Character Day

### Newsorthy and Special Notice

#### Terry Fox Run

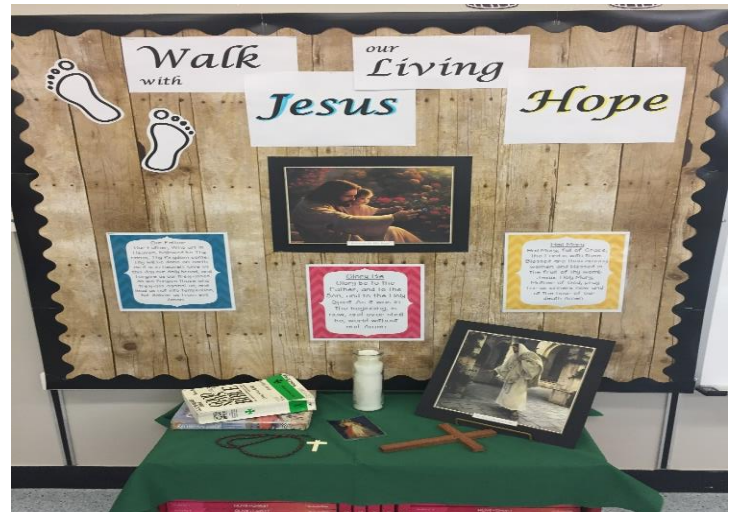
Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, family members and friends who supported our amazing school participants in our Terry Fox Run. These students are directly responsible for helping to share Terry's message of hope, courage and determination. This year we raised \$246 to support the Terry Fox Foundation in donations with our school run.



#### Classroom Sharing

Since we are limited to the number of adults that can come into the building we thought we would share a scene from within the school each month with you all. This month we are sharing an image from Mrs. Mountifield's grade 2 classroom:

*A welcoming prayer table with our Catholic school theme:*



# News From the Parent Support Group (PSG)

Our AGM will be held on October 6th at 6:30 pm. In order to welcome parents to attend, it will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. If you would like to attend please email [ndspsg@cispg.ca](mailto:ndspsg@cispg.ca) and you will be included in the email list with the meeting ID and passcode. Join in to see what we are currently working on, and what we are working towards in the near future. The AGM will be followed by our monthly meeting.

We are working on what our Hot Lunch program will look like this year. Once we know how it will be able to run, an email with details will be sent out. Have an enjoyable October!

- Notre Dame Parent Support Group

*"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."*

## Notices and Reminders

*Reminder!*

### Our New Bell Schedule & Staggered Times in Learning Cohort Groups:

#### 8:30 Playground gates open:

Students join their designated learning cohort line upon their arrival and enter the school with a teacher at staggered times.

**8:40 am** – First bell, parking lot gate is locked

**8:45 am** – Second bell, bus gate is locked

9:50 am - Morning announcements

#### Recess Breaks:

**10:15-10:30** - 1<sup>st</sup> Recess –, Grades 7, 4/2, 1/K

**10:30 – 10:45** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Recess –, Grades 6/5, 3F/3J

#### Lunch Breaks:

**12:00-12:20** - Grades 7, 4/2, 1/K will play outside,

**12:20-12:40** they will eat in their classrooms.

**12:00-12:20** - Grades 6/5, 3F/3J will eat inside,

**12:20-12:40** they will play outside.

#### End of the Day:

**2:45** – K will exit doors at the Gym Foyer on 10<sup>th</sup> Street

**2:45** - Grades 7,4/2 & 1 exiting on to the playground from two different doors

**2:55** - Grades 5/6, 3F/3J exiting on to the playground

After school supervision is over at **3:00pm**, students must be picked up on time.



## Staying Connected to the Lily Pad

"Being kind to others will improve your mental, emotional and physical well-being. Be kind to yourself too."



## Health & Safety Checks

Parents / caregivers are required to assess

their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school (self-assessment tool:

<https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>). If a student develops symptoms while at home, the child is to remain at home.



Students are reminded to wash their hands before coming to school and upon arriving at school.



Notre Dame School is "Allergy AWARE". Please check with your classroom teacher for allergy alerts. Consider peanut/nut alternatives for individual student lunches and snacks out of consideration to our students and staff with food sensitivities/allergies. Please call the office or email the classroom teacher for more information if needed. Thank you for helping with the safety of everyone at Notre Dame.



**Parking Lot Safety:** *Thank you to all the parents who have been helping us with our student safety and parking along the street.*

The Notre Dame Staff Parking will be closed now at the **beginning and end of the day** for student safety. The large gate at the parking lot will be open for students to exit while physical distancing. This will allow for easier student exiting at the end of the day. **Please park along the road** and walk to the gates or have your child meet you at the sidewalk. Thank you for your support in this safety issue.

*Walk with Jesus our Living Hope*