October 2024 **Principal** Newsletter Secretary Give Thanks to God Mrs. E. Mertens Give thanks for all the amazing gifts God has blessed us with in this life. Give thanks for the clouds in the sky and the grass beneath your feet. Give thanks for the roof over your head that shelters you from the cold St. Michael's Catholic and the food in your stomach that nourishes your body. Give thanks for the clothes on your back and the knowledge in your **Elementary School** head. Most of all give thanks for your everlasting love, guidance, and understanding.

Thank you dear God, thank you.

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Happy Thanksgiving

Just a reminder that Monday, October 14th is Thanksgiving Monday. We hope you can spend time with your family.

Tuesday, October 8th is a PA Day for all students. The school will be closed to students and there will be no transportation. School staff will be participating in Faith Day.











Amen.

Mr. J. McDermid

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School photo day will take place on Thursday, October 17th. Retake day will be held on Monday, November 25th. More information will follow.

School Photo Day



Head Lice

Sometimes when the weather changes we can have a problem with head lice at the school. Head lice are a nuisance, but they are not a health hazard. We are requesting that parents check their children's hair on a weekly basis. Your vigilance will help keep these unwelcome visitors under control. Please report their presence, if found, to the school.

Pick Up and Drop Off Protocol

We are asking parents that when they pick up or drop off their children to please use the Church parking lot at all times. For the safety of our children we don't want parents to use the staff parking lot in front of the school. **Reminder that students are not to be dropped off in the morning until 8:40 a.m.**

Terry Fox Run

A very special thank you goes out to Mrs. Kitchenham for organizing the Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 20th. Our school raised approximately \$1,190.00. Awesome job Warriors!!

Popcorn Days

Once again we will be selling freshly made bags of popcorn on Thursdays!! All proceeds will go towards the year end trips for all classes. Order forms will be sent home at a later date.



Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes

To register for the sacraments—Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation please go to the website at www.etcfp.dol.ca and click on the sacraments tab for all the information about each sacrament and how to register. If your child missed signing up, no worries, just simply follow the instructions to register them. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Hanley (chanley@dol.ca).

Spirit Days for October

Thursday, October 10th Friday, October 11th Wednesday, October 16th Tuesday, October 22nd Friday, October 25th Thursday, October 31st Colour House Day Gum Day .25¢ Warrior Wednesday—red / black Crazy Hair Day Dress Purple Day Black / Orange / Costume Day

On designated Gum Days, students will be allowed to bring gum to school and pay .25¢ in order to chew it at school. All money collected will be donated to a charity at the end of the school year.

Halloween Activities

On Thursday, October 31st we will be celebrating Halloween during the day at school. Students can wear Black / Orange / or Costumes. Please remember no masks, or weapons of any kind.

Board Soccer Tournament

Congratulations to our school soccer teams who played in the Board Tournament in Simcoe on September 25th. Our senior team came home as champions!! Way to go Warriors!!

Team members were: Alaina B., Remy P., Aubree A., Bella H., Olivia D., Etta W., Liliana S., Dylan V., Jaxon F., Harwin B., Beau H., Bruno L., Matthew V., Lincoln W., Tom W., Ava D., Haven J., Alexa D., Vanessa D., Brienna H., Braxton A., Alex H., Chase H., Nash V., Levi O., Matthew O., Mason B., Riley B., Cylis P., and Cruz H.

Special thanks to Ms. Oud and Mr. Loncke for coaching the teams and spending many hours working with them.



Board Cross Country Meet

The Board Cross Country Meet will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd, at the Waterford Train Station (Alice Street) (bad weather date will be Friday, October 25th). More information will follow.

School Insurance

Many families do not know that our school board does not cover accident costs!

If an accident happens, the board may be prevented from offering financial solutions to our families even if we wanted to. Student accident insurance, Insuremykids®, can mitigate your board's exposure and help you manage the loss for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities, including extracurricular sports.

Each year, many families are left financially unprotected when their children are injured at school, while participating in non-school activities or at home. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) or their employer's health care plan. Please check with your provider regarding your coverage.

Most accident-related expenses are not fully covered under OHIP and some expenses like ambulance fees, casts, crutches, physiotherapy, and emergency dental care are usually not covered at all. This leaves you, the parent/guardian, financially responsible.

To help protect your family, it is recommended that you consider obtaining student accident insurance. As a convenience to you, the Board has arranged to offer student accident insurance through insuremykids®. Participation is voluntary, but highly recommended, and the costs are to be paid by the parent/guardian. The program is available for students up to age 26.

Coverage is provided for a wide range of accidental expenses, including:

- Dental Expenses includes 10 years unlimited dental benefit coverage, future dental up to \$1,650 per tooth, and injury-related orthodontia coverage up to \$2,500 per accident.
- Total and Permanent Disability up to \$350,000.
- · Loss of Limb/Loss of Sight, Hearing, or Speech.
- Accidental Death.
- Ambulance Fees.
- And much more.

Insuremykids® Student Accident Insurance offers three plans with 24/7 coverage at affordable rates – their most affordable plan is \$17 per year and their most popular plan is the Platinum at \$33 per year, which provides out-of-province emergency medical coverage and travel benefits. All annual plans provide **13 months** of coverage from the date of purchase. Family rates are available for three or more children in the same family, even if attending different schools. You can also save on time and premium with an optional 3-Year or 5-Year plan, available for online purchase only.

If you wish to purchase coverage, please do so directly online at <u>www.insuremykids.com</u> or call 1-800-463-5437. The insurance agreement is between You and the insurance underwriter, Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. For more information, please visit <u>www.insuremykids.com</u>.