Hello END Families

Please refer to this week’s edition of the *Husky Howler* to stay informed of important information and events happening at END!

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**Good News!**

Thank you to all our families who participated in our online/phone call interviews. Parent Teacher Interviews are a great way to connect with your child’s teacher and discuss areas of celebration and development, as we continue to work together as partners in education, families are strongly encouraged to stay connected with their child’s teacher to ensure continuity between the school and home. On Friday Oct. 16, all our grade 4 students were presented with their very own Bible! Fr. Trini joined our grade 4 classes to bless the bibles and share with the kids reflections on the importance of scripture and how the Word guides us throughout our lives.

**This Week!**

- Picture Day - Thursday Oct. 22
  - Once again Life Touch will be coming to the school to take our annual ‘Picture Day’ photos.
  - This year will see increased physical distancing, and hand sanitization
  - Whole class group photos will NOT be taken, rather a montage of students individual photos will be used to create the class print.
○ Students registered in Online Schooling (GSACRD Online Learning Pathways) will have the opportunity to participate in picture day on our school retake day on Nov. 19.

● Jersey Day - Friday Oct. 23 - Wear your favorite Jersey!

Notification Period Email
On Oct. 8, a notification email was shared with all families asking them to complete a very short survey identifying their desires regarding transitioning from online learning to face to face or moving from face to face to online. For our school and Division planning, we ask all families to complete the survey by Oct. 31: short survey

Halloween @ END

Halloween at END will look a bit differently this year. Please see our guidelines for Halloween celebrations on Friday, October 30, 2020

Students will be permitted to wear costumes, but also must have appropriate masks for the school day.

Treats/Snacks:
Due to restrictions of food sharing, students and parents are not permitted to bring in snacks or individual treats on this day.

Halloween Costumes:
Halloween is an exciting time of the school year for students where they have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite heroes, fantasy characters, or professionals in our community. There are a wide variety of costumes that are available for purchase. For the most part, they are suitable for elementary schools in terms of theme and coverage.

All costumes need to be respectful of their bodies and display a sense of modesty and positive messaging with slogans and images. We are asking parents to keep the following in mind:

● No inflatable costumes or large seized costumes that inhibit social distancing in classrooms
● No costume props at school (e.g. swords, brooms, toy guns, etc.) Too frequently, these items are misplaced, forgotten at school (and students do not have them for trick or treating) or are inappropriately used within a school context.
● Refrain from costumes with makeup that creates the illusion of excessive gore.
● Preference that no clown/joker costumes are worn on this day as recent media/commercial films have increased the sensitivity to clowns in some children.
● Costumes are not to contain offensive or suggestive slogans/phrases, promote or be related to the consumption of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
As a school community that embraces an inclusive and multicultural environment and promotes respect for all people, we want to inform parents that 'culture is not costume.' We are asking for continued parent support that costumes that are based on cultural stereotypes are not worn to school for Halloween.

Any student who wears a costume that is not appropriate for a school setting will be asked to remove it. If a student arrives at school wearing a costume deemed inappropriate by school staff, parents will be contacted and informed of the situation.

**Protocols for when students may be sick or showing symptoms of illness.**
As we continue to be proactive in ensuring the health and wellness of students and staff at END, we ask that families follow the outlined expectations regarding illness at school as identified in the [GSACRD Parent Guidebook for Re-entry](#).

**Additional Resources**
- [When do I keep my child at home visual planner](#)
- [AHS - Student Illness Guidelines](#)

We need to stress to our families that we must be very diligent with our student illness policy. If a student showcases a primary symptom, they are legally required to self-isolate and not return to school for a 10 day period and are symptom free or if they have received a negative COVID test and are symptom free. We respect that the self-isolation timeline is challenging for many families, however, for the safety of our entire school population, we need families to respect the outlined timelines and follow all AHS guidelines.

In order to assist students who are away from school for an extended period of time, **ALL** teachers are updating their google classrooms & websites to include material of daily lessons. Arrangements to pick up hard copies of material can be made with your child's classroom teacher. We thank all our families for their ongoing understanding and support!

**Parent Council / Parent Fundraising Association**
We continue to encourage families to consider participating in our Parent Council and Parent Fundraising Committee, both groups support our school in a number of ways and help ensure we at Ecole Notre Dame are serving all our families to the best of our abilities. Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on Nov. 4, at 6:00 PM. The meetings will be held both at the school and in a virtual format to accommodate our parents.

**Little Caesars Pizza Kits Fundraisers**
- Information and order forms sent home Oct. 19
- Order forms due Nov. 4
- Questions contact Lauren @ lorgauthier@msn.com
Dress for the Weather
As temperatures begin to cool, this is a reminder that all students should bring appropriate outdoor clothing to school, including: jacket, toque, gloves, boots, snow pants, etc… All recess are outdoors and it is the expectation that all students go outside during this time.