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NOVEMBER 2023 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

HALLOWEEN BASH 2023 - WHAT A PARTY!

A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers that made this night possible; supervising games, running the fundraising booths, and ensuring it was a truly epic event. In addition, Thank you to the Fundraising Committee: Frank Ciccone, Damiano Di Popolo, Tracey Grant, Jennifer Guadagni, Teresa Haydamack, Rod Morreau, Sarah Morreau, Andy Pardek, Sherri Reilly, Monika Styles and our PEC Fundraising Chair, Mirella Gargiulo for her amazing leadership!

Thank you to our corporate sponsors: Stardust Carnivals for the décor, posters, games and prizes (watch for their website launching this month at www.stardustcarnivals.ca), Super Store for the pumpkins and concession items, and Direct Liquidation for prize donations.

Thank you to all the Cake Walk Entries! ***The Cake Wars Winner was Amy Suen!***

Thank you to you all!

SPECIAL STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are extremely blessed at OLS with amazing staff who are continually taking on added responsibilities. All our staff lead in many different areas of administration, school life, and extra-curricular programs. We would not be a great school community without all of them sharing their time and talents! We are pleased to announce that Mr. Lorenzo Basso will officially be Vice-Principal of our school. Mr. Basso has completed his Master's in Education Leadership and has also completed the requirements of the C.I.S.V.A Leadership Training. Mr. Basso is highly involved in many areas of the school such as extra- curricular programs, student leadership and outreach. Please welcome Mr. Basso in his new position of leadership!

NOVEMBER 1, 2023 – READ-A-THON RECORDS DUE

ALL reading records are now due.

NOVEMBER 1 - 8, 2023 - AGAPE STREET MINISTRY DONATIONS

Once again, we reach out to OLS families for their donations of extra Halloween candy. We will be accepting candy until **Wednesday, November 8th**. All candy donated will go to AGAPE Street Ministry.

NOVEMBER 1 – 9, 2023 – REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY DONATION

Students from Grade 6 will be going to classrooms to collect a \$1 minimum donation for poppies from **November 1st to 9th**.

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 – DAY LIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on **Saturday, November 4th**.

NOVEMBER 6, 2023 – CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

A notice will be sent home with students with further details.

NOVEMBER 8, 2023 – REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

All parents/grandparents are welcome to join the OLS staff and students at a Remembrance Day Service to be held on **Wednesday, November 8th** at 10:45 a.m. in the school gym. Students must bring their gym strip and runners to school on this day if they have gym class.

NOVEMBER 10, 2023 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL

There will be a Professional Development Day for OLS teachers on **Friday, November 10th**; therefore, there will be no school for students on this day.

NOVEMBER 13, 2023 – REMEMBRANCE DAY STAT HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on **Monday, November 13th**, as it is the Remembrance Day Stat Holiday.

NOVEMBER 17, 2023 – READ-A-THON PLEDGES DUE

Read-a-thon reading records were due by 3:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 1st**. All Read-a-thon pledges are due on **Friday, November 17th**.

NOVEMBER 23, 2023 – GRADE 6 ANNUAL BAKE SALE

The Annual Grade 6 Bake Sale will take place on **Thursday, November 23rd**. This year each bag will be \$2.00.

NOVEMBER 24, 2023 – CISVA NETWORKING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL

There will be a Professional Development Day for CISVA teachers on **Friday, November 24th**; therefore, there will be **NO school for students on this day**.

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 – FAMILY & CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS

All students in Grade 7 who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be required to attend this Mass on **Sunday, November 26th** at 11:30 a.m. We will be initiating our Family Mass Grade readers as well. This Mass will be led by our Grade 7 students! Please continue to support our family Masses and join our Knights of Columbus for our Pancake Breakfast following the Mass. Students breakfast are N/C.

NOVEMBER 29, 2023 – REPORT CARDS TO BE SENT HOME

Report Cards will be sent home on **Wednesday, November 29th**.

NOVEMBER 30, 2023 – PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – NO SCHOOL

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Thursday, November 30th**. More information will be sent home soon. **Please remember there will be no school on this day for students.**

NOVEMBER 2023 HOT LUNCH DATES

Thursday, November 2 nd	Ragazzi Cheese Pizza
Thursday, November 9 th	Edo Japan Teriyaki
Thursday, November 16 th	Columbus Beef or Veggie Burgers
Thursday, November 23 rd	Columbus Italian Sausage with Bun

KINDERGARTEN 2024 SIBLING REGISTRATION FORM

A Kindergarten sibling registration form will be sent home with students this week. If you have a child born in 2019 (sibling only), please complete the form and return to the school office by **Wednesday, November 10th**. In order to secure your child a spot, this form must be returned by the due date. **If we do not receive this form, and we have completed the registration process, your child will not have a spot for the September 2024 Kindergarten class.** Please contact the school office if you did not receive one.

REMINDERS

ITALIAN CLASSES

The Italian Cultural Centre will once again be offering Italian classes for students in Grades 1-7 on Friday from 2:45 – 4:45 p.m. from November 3, 2023 – March 8, 2024. If you are interested, please see the [attached](#) registration form.

VISITOR TAGS

For the safety of our students and staff, all visitors and parents are required to report to the school office where a "Visitor" tag will be issued if needed. **We ask that all parents/visitors only use the main school entrance on Slocan Street to enter the school. During instructional time, parents are not to go to their child's classroom.** Any supplies or lunches (labelled with child's name and grade) are to be left at the office. It is your child's responsibility (not the office staff) to retrieve their lunch or supplies from the school office. We also wish to restrict calls home for supplies and lunches, so please have your child review daily routines and help them to prepare for their day prior to bedtime. We encourage your children to bring all necessary items to school daily. Thank you.

PARENT PARTICIPATION UPDATE!

Thank you to all our participation parents for helping our school run smoothly and helping us to save money for our extra activities and resources. Some of our Fundraising parents have yet volunteer for our events. Please note that parents are required to complete 16 hrs Prior to Jan1st. Please contact the school if you are having problems with fulfilling your hours.

WEATHER UPDATE

As the weather gets colder and rainier, **we are asking parents to ensure students come to school wearing proper jackets (with hoods) and appropriate shoes. Please do NOT send students who have gym in the morning wearing only PE strip!** Students **MUST** stay outside until 8:35 a.m. as we must ensure adequate supervision at school while teachers are in staff prayer. Also, students may have to be outside throughout the day for recess or movement between the buildings (Gym and Church) as well as be able to stay in the rain for a minimum of 5 minutes if there is a fire or earthquake drill.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

Thank you to all the families that have inquired and registered for our secured spots in our After School Club. We still have a few spots available. Please email the office (office@myolosschool.com) if you are interested in using this service. As a result of being licensed we are now only allowed to have **20 students per group per day**. **Please call or email the office as soon as possible to reserve your spot!** Families must be registered in advance and can drop in any day (Monday to Thursday). Drop in session options are for a minimum of 1 and maximum of 2 hours only (cost is \$10 per hour). Drop-in rates are billed on an hourly basis. Families will be billed at the **end of the month**. **Please note that you will only be billed for the days your child attends.**

PARISH NEWS

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 - OLS PARISH CRAFT FAIR

There will be food, games, crafts, jewellery, baking, clothing, and raffle prizes. There will be something for the whole family! Make sure to come by after Mass on **Sunday, November 5th** between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.