



Star of the Sea Catholic School

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Grade 1 Newsletter

Dear Grade One Parents,

October already? WOW! The students are settling into the routines and expectations of Grade 1... and your children are making our days fun with their enthusiasm for learning! October will see us starting a Thanksgiving / Halloween theme, and we'll even be going on a field trip!

Pumpkin Patch Field Trip- Tuesday, October 22nd

The classes will be going to the Hazelmere Pumpkin Patch (20th & 184th Avenue, Surrey). Please be reminded that field trips are “learning opportunities” for Grade One students, so siblings are not permitted on field trips, also to ensure that Supervisors’ attention is focused on their Grade One group. As teachers, we always try to make the best learning groups (i.e. boys/ girls mixed, or “boys only” groups, etc.) for each supervisor, and so we ask that you come ready to be your best supervisor— attention on the students, and be sure to maintain the students’ focus and behaviour. Please be reminded that we travel via parent drivers and it is your responsibility to provide a booster seat for your child! “Farmer Sherry” at the pumpkin patch is requiring that each adult attending must pay an admission fee of \$5. If you are joining us, please include \$5 to the permission form that is attached.

Clothing & Recess Items

Please ensure **your child's** FIRST & LAST NAME is on EACH clothing item- everything looks the same and the children can't read last names as easily as the first names—watch sibling clothing. Please be sure food containers and recess toys also have your child's name on them to ensure their return! As the weather is getting cooler, also ensure names are on outer wear!

Healthy Snacks

Please be reminded that candy should not be part of your child's snack/lunch at school. We are noticing many children forgetting spoons and forks- please be sure to add them in the morning!

Kleenex Please!

We'd like to politely remind people to send a box of Kleenex into the classroom (if you haven't yet!)

Classroom Behaviour Monthly Focus

Please know that we are focusing on “Whole Body Listening” (eyes looking, ears listening, hands and feet still, brain making connections) in our classrooms, to encourage better

attention during teacher-directed lessons. The “Stars 3 Rs” are alive and working hard in Grade One!

October Notice- Gr. 1- Pg. 2

October Book Orders

The October Book Orders are attached. Please return any orders to your child’s teacher by **Wednesday, October 9th**. Some books you may like to have a second look at are....

SeeSaw ~ #16S2 A Poppy is to Remember (\$7)- A beautiful focus on Remembrance Day!

Lucky ~ #29L2 Wild Weather Pack (5 books for \$15) This is our May-June theme!

Curriculum Notes

Math is moving from “Patterns” to counting to 100. We’ll also be practicing reading and spelling number words to twelve (and to twenty for “challenge words”). A page is attached that you can cut up and use as flashcards to help your child practice reading and spelling these words at home! We are focusing on counting objects to 20 using Ten Frames. We’re extending this number learning to include the concepts of “Greater than” and “Less than” using Pac Man, and the signs < and > .

Spelling– we are reviewing consonants and all short vowels (a/ i/ o/u/e), as in /cat /pit/pot/pup/ beg/.

Sight Words– We are practicing these words daily, as you should also be doing at home, 5-10 minutes every day. **Please remember to return your child’s Individualized Sight Word Booklet to school each Thursday/Friday.** If the words are easily read by your child, then please encourage your child to spell them orally, or even practice using these words in written sentences. To Fully Meet First Term goals, your child should be able to read all the Level One and Level Two words.

Home Reading- This will begin after Oct. 15th- watch out for a Ziploc/ Home Reading Bag.

Please note: students should read 10 – 15 minutes per night (weeknights). Your child will select a leveled book, that should be “easy” (on purpose!) so that the children find home reading fun and... well, easy. The children will move “up” levels as their skills improve... but to start off, “easy” builds enthusiasm and confidence, so it’s always a great place to start. Please have your child fill in one square per night of the Home Reading Bingo Game, and return for prizes at the end of the month, if your child achieves a “Bingo Blackout!” Your child will also have the opportunity to read online through a website called RazKids. Access to this site will be available after Thanksgiving.

Journal writing- we are focusing on printing a sentence that uses finger spaces, a capital at the beginning and a period at the end. Printing an interesting sentence is encouraged, such as “I like ___ **because** ___.” Further challenges are always offered to our beginning writers, including adding a second “connecting” sentence, “proper spelling” and of course making detailed pictures. Phewfff!

Please Start Saving Now....

Each student will need a (ladies or men sized) SHOE BOX (lid not needed) in **NOVEMBER**. PLEASE- don’t send boxes now- this is just a “be on the lookout”. Thanks!



Yours truly,

Mrs. Angela Bouvier

Mrs. Jacqui Thomson

Happy Thanksgiving!

Numbers!

six

zero

seven

one

eight

two

nine

three

ten

four

eleven

five

twelve

Challenge!

thirteen

seventeen

fourteen

eighteen

fifteen

nineteen

sixteen

twenty

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ALL Gr. 1 Pumpkin Patch PERMISSION FORM

Field trips are part of our school program and they provide students with valuable learning experiences. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the proposed field trip involving your child, and to seek your support and written permission for you child to participate.

WHEN? Tuesday, October 22, 2019 Students will depart the classroom at 12:30.

WHAT? Hazelmere Pumpkin Patch - 20th Ave & 184 St, Surrey Tour: 1:00 - 2:25, return to school 2:55

DRESS: School gym clothes, **BOOTS**, dress for weather!

TRANSPORTATION: Parent Drivers Please be at the classroom at 12:15

As part of the Grade One unit of study on Fall and seasonal changes, we will be going to Hazelmere Pumpkin Patch. Students will be supervised by 2 teachers and 3 EAs and parents (1:5 ratio), and will travel to the pumpkin patch via parent drivers. At the farm, students will sit on bales of hay on a flat-bed trailer hayride, view animals in a barn, and traipse through a muddy pumpkin patch and select a pumpkin. Students are expected to wear school sweat pants & sweat shirts, warm jackets and boots (regardless of the weather). Additionally, students are expected to demonstrate polite and respectful manners to the owners of the farm and other patrons.

NOTE: Parents joining us are being asked to pre-pay their \$ 5 admission fee (Thanks!)

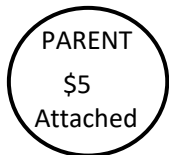
"Carpool Supervision Groups" will be created based on parents having pre-submitted the Volunteer Driver Form AND completion of a Criminal Record Check.

Please return this permission slip to school by October 15th, 2019

My child _____ in Grade One has permission to travel via parent drivers in a booster seat that I will provide to Hazelmere Pumpkin Patch on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019.

I will provide a booster seat for my child, or they will remain at school. _____ (please initial)

I would love to DRIVE: _____ (Print Parent Name DRIVING)



I have _____ seatbelts for students. (No younger siblings please!)

I have pre-submitted a Volunteer Driver Form.

I have completed a Criminal Record Check (on-line).

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Email: _____

FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE AND SAFETY, TRIPS MUST BE DIRECTLY TO & FROM THE SCHOOL EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCIES (i.e. no stopping for treats)

While school staff will take reasonable steps to prevent injuries to students, some degree of risk is inherent in the nature of activities, and may occur without fault on the part of the student, school, its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your child to participate in this activity, you are agreeing that the activity described above is suitable for your child.