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Week A: Quad 1a



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October 4, 2020

Preparing for Quadmester 2: On Friday October 9 the **cross-over survey** will be shared with families via school email newsletter as well as posted on our school website. The survey closes on Friday October 16.

ALL students/families must complete the survey indicating their choice for learning quadmester 2:

- 1) face to face,
- 2) remote learning via the virtual school.

Classroom and Student Supervisors: The Wellington Catholic District School Board is hiring Classroom and Student Supervisors for schools in the city of Guelph, and County of Wellington. Under the direction of the Principal/Vice-Principal, the Classroom and Student Supervisor will supervise and support students when teachers are absent ensuring a safe and secure environment at all times.

If you or anyone you know is interested in the Classroom and Student Supervisor position, please visit [Classroom and Student Supervisor Job Posting 2020-21](#)

Reminder to Parents/Caregivers:

ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL

Please note that visitors are NOT permitted into the school. For the time being, we will find virtual ways to bring visitors to our classrooms and hold parent/staff meetings. Should you need to speak with a staff member at the school please call and leave a message.

Students are reminded that they are not permitted in the school until 8:45am. When waiting outside students must ensure they are physically distancing and wearing their mask.

Upcoming Important Dates

October 9 – 16
Cross-over Survey

October 9
Thanksgiving
Virtual Liturgy

October 12
Thanksgiving
NO School

October 19 Midterm
Report Cards to be
sent home

November 13
Last day of
Quadmester 1

November 16
First day of
Quadmester 2

January 29
Last day of
Quadmester 2

February 3
First day of
Quadmester 3

April 20
Last day of
Quadmester 3

April 21
First day of
Quadmester 4

June 25
Last day of
Quadmester 4

**Update from Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph
Public Health on Screening Tools**

The Ministry informed us that the screening tool for children has been updated based on the most recent research available. The Ministry of Health has updated the symptoms list and language on school screening. **For students**, the screening tool will now have two sets of questions about symptoms that may yield different next steps depending on which symptoms are selected:

- The first set of questions asks about symptoms such as fever or persistent cough. Students with any of these symptoms will still be advised to stay home until they are able to consult with a medical provider and receive an alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test.
- The second set of questions asks about other symptoms that are commonly associated with other illnesses, such as a runny nose or headache:
 - Students and children with only one of these symptoms will be advised to stay home for 24 hours, after which they can return to school if their symptoms are improving.
 - Students and children with two or more of these symptoms will be advised to stay home until they are able to consult with a medical provider and receive an alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test.

In addition, the symptom list no longer includes abdominal pain or conjunctivitis (pink eye). The updated symptoms and language have been approved by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. **Please note that these changes apply to students and children only. Staff and essential visitors are to continue to use the existing screening criteria and/or make use of the Ministry of Health’s online [COVID-19 self assessment tool](#).**

At school, if a child is referred to the office for any of the symptoms, we will follow the screening tool and follow the guidance on the bottom of Page 3 and 4. Please refer to the document titled: **COVID-19 Screening Tool Updated October 2, 2020 located on our school website.**



Thank you to Mrs Murphy and her class for offering their time with school yard cleanup. We continue to witness stewardship amongst our school community each day. We continue to answer the call to care for each other and our common home.

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Thanksgiving is soon upon us. Let us remind ourselves of the little joys we experience and are witness to most especially during our unprecedented circumstance. Let us be mindful of the little moments of connectedness however they may appear, continue to care for our common brothers and sisters and give gratitude for each other.

Lord,
before I bake a pie or stuff a turkey this week,
I want to take some time to ponder
all my reasons to be grateful...

Help me remember, by name,
the most important people in my life,
on whom I depend for so many things,
who support, comfort and challenge me,
who help me make it day to day
and through the night,
one day at a time...

Help me remember, one by one,
all the gifts I have:
the gifts of faith and hope and love,
the gifts of wonder, tears and laughter,
the gifts of friendship and affection,
the gifts of peace and quiet
and the gift and grace of prayer...

Help me remember, Lord,
all my talents and my skills:
the ones I use every day,
and the ones I hide from others,
the ones I need to learn to share...

Help me remember
what I often take for granted:
my liberty and freedom,
the right to speak and write and vote,
the opportunity to seek my heart's desire
and to go where you may call me...

Help me remember all that I've forgotten,
all I should be grateful for,
all for which I owe you thanks and praise...

Help me remember, Lord,
so that on Thanksgiving I'll know why
I bow my head in prayer and whisper,
"Thank you, Lord my God!"

Prayer from Concord Pastor