

What's Up @ SGA October 17th to 21st:

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

I hope that you and your family were all able to enjoy some of the beautiful autumn foliage this weekend as well as take time to rest and recharge for the upcoming week. Monday is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. The United Nations has set aside this day to make us aware of the terrible problems around the world arising from poverty:

Christ our Lord,
your light shines into the shadows,
and shows us where the obstacles to change lie.
We know that often they are in our own hearts,
in the way we live,
and in our daily choices and actions.

We pray that we may accept the light of your love
as a challenge to change ourselves and our world.

We pray that, each day, we make the choices and
take the actions that will bring an end to poverty and hunger,
and lead us all towards a fairer world.

Be with us, Creator God, as we face the challenge to serve and learn how to live our lives in
love. Amen.

What's Up @ SGA this week:

Throughout the week, the Grade 4 students will be taking the CCAT (Canadian Cognitive Aptitude Test) as part of a Board wide screening for PACE. Grade 4 parents received an email last week outlining this.

Tuesday, October 18th:

Wishing all Education Workers a happy day!

Thursday, October 20th:

-We once again welcome the **Rosary Apostolate** to SGA on a monthly basis starting today. These volunteers are from our parish and teach the students to pray the rosary.

-Cross Country Board Finals (wishing those students who are finalists all the best!)

Friday, October 21st:

PA Day (Faith) no school for students

Coming Up in October and November

-24 Election Day

-28 Civvies Day (loonies for Share Life)

-31 Halloween Spookathon (more information will be forthcoming this week).

PICTURE DAY: has had to be rescheduled. I will post the date once it is confirmed with Clear Images.

A Few Reminders:

Adults are asked **not to enter or stay in the school yard between 8:35 and 8:50 am**. There is staff supervision in the yard during that time frame and for safety concerns, we ask that only students and staff be in the yard at that time.

Safety in the Parking lot and School Grounds:

For the safety of everyone, please remember to be observant of pedestrians and other cars when on school grounds.

PARKING LOT AND KISS AND RIDE:

As always, here are safety reminders that bear repeating in order to keep our students and school community safe: (please share with caregivers who pick up your child(ren)):

Parking spaces remain at a premium for staff in the morning. If possible, please try to refrain from parking –The increasing congestion makes it exceedingly difficult and frustrating for vehicles and pedestrians to navigate safely through the kiss and ride area as intended.

Absolutely no parking in the kiss and ride area in either the back or front kiss and ride as this blocks and affects the safe and timely flow of traffic. The kiss and ride area is not intended for parking. Also, it is very important that **cars are in designated parking spots only. This means that vehicles should NOT park in front of the back entrance to the daycare, near the garbage bins, nor in spots where there are no parking lines.** . Please share this information with any caregiver who may be dropping off/picking up children.

Also as a reminder, students are to enter the school in the morning through their designated doors from the schoolyard. Please review the safety details below.

- **Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the kiss and ride area**
- **Please do not block the pathway for the kiss and ride area** – the premise of the kiss and ride is for traffic to flow. If your child(ren) are not yet at the exit, please go around the loop.
- The front driveway is available as a kiss and ride only **AFTER** the buses have driven through (usually after 8:40ish).
- **Please do not block the buses either in the morning or the afternoon.** If you choose to drop off your child(ren) at the front driveway, please do so in the lane closest to the sidewalk. The left lane is a live lane and is meant as an exit lane, not a drop off lane.
- **Please drive SLOWLY in any part of the school grounds**
- **Please observe the one-way direction of the entrance driveway (do not exit through the entrance). There is not enough room in the entrance for safe 2-way traffic**
- In order to allow a greater number of students to safely cross the driveway as well as to allow the buses to depart, please do not park in front of the buses, please do drive slowly, stop at the stop sign, and exit through the exit (at the other end of the driveway)
- **The front door is not to be accessed unless 1. It is after 8:50 am or 2. Severe inclement weather (i.e. heavy precipitation)**
- Supervision in the morning begins at **8:35 am**. **Students should not be in the school yard before this time nor are they to enter the building before this time. School begins promptly at 8:50 am Attendance and Opening Exercises start very soon after this time.**

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Wishing you all a splendid week,

Ms. C. Sandig, Principal