

Parent Message - Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Re: St.Kateri Tekakwitha Updates

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Catholic School Council

- We're looking for interested parents and guardians to be part of our Catholic School Council.
- For more information please check out the announcement on our website
- <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/stkateri/news/2021/09/st-kateri-catholic-school-council/>
- Nomination forms are due by 4:00pm on September 30, 2021

Pizza Days

- We're surveying our students and there seems to be interest in having Pizza Days on Wednesdays
- We're scheduled to start this the last week of September and continue this till the end of January
- We will then have a new registration for the new semester when we return to Milton
- Sign up for Pizza Days is on School Cash Online (will close on Friday, September 24 at midnight)

School Bus

- We are getting some concerns raised from our bus drivers that students are not in their assigned seats, or wearing their masks on their buses. Please remind your children about the need to follow our covid protocols.

Picture Retake Day

- Picture retake day will take place on Thursday, October 7th, 2021 in our Learning Commons area

Student Absences

- If your child will be absent for the day, please report their absence in one of 3 ways (<https://www.hcdsb.org/parents/report-your-childs-absence/>). If your child will be arriving late or have to leave early, please have them sign in / out with Mrs. Howitt at the Student Services office.

Rowan's Law Day

- September 29, 2021
- On Wednesday, September 29, 2021, our school will be recognizing **Rowan's Law Day** to raise awareness about concussion safety, and to share Rowan Stringer's story.
- In May 2013, 17-year-old Rowan died as the result of head injuries sustained in a game of rugby. In March 2018, the Ontario government passed [Rowan's Law](#), designed to protect athletes and to educate about the dangers of head injuries.

- The health and safety of our students is our top priority, and on September 29th, we hope to increase awareness about the dangers of concussions. Together, we can help our students prevent, recognize and respond to concussions.

Orange Shirt Day

- September 30, 2021
- People all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential schools
- This Orange Shirt Day has particular significance as it is also the first observance of a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Students may wear an orange shirt / sweater / top in lieu of their school uniform top

Civvies Day

- October 6, 2021
- We will have our first civvies day where students do not need to wear their uniform to school
- Families are asked to review our dress code guidelines (<https://secondary.hcdsb.org/stkateri/about/uniform-policy/>) for when the students have Non-Uniform Civvies Days

Please continue to check our school website (<https://secondary.hcdsb.org/stkateri>) as more updates become available.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School

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