



St. Eugene Catholic Elementary School Parent/Guardian Update Week of October 23, 2023

Important Dates:

Chocolate Campaign Ends: October 20. All monies due by October 31.

Picture Retake Day: October 23

Pizza Orders Due: October 24

Catholic School Council Orientation: October 24

Wellness Wednesday/Spirit Wear: October 25

Dress Orange/Soccer Jerseys for Forge FC: October 26

Pizza Day: October 27

Dress Purple Day: October 27

Halloween/Monster Bash: October 31

All Saint's Day: November 1

All Soul's Day: November 2



Parish Updates

Harvest Fun Fair: St. Eugene Parish hosted the Harvest Fun Fair in the school gym. The organizers wish to thank you for your generosity and your support.

Father Kevin Upendran and Father Ambroise have visits planned with the students in grades receiving the sacraments. They will also be visiting all classes on a regular basis. Le Père Ambroise is visiting the students in French Immersion classes as he is French-speaking and is engaging classes in prayer in French.

Feast Days this Week

October 23: Feast Day of St. John of Capistrano

October 24: Feast Day of St. Anthony Mary Claret

October 25: Feast Day of St. Glaudentius of Brescia



School Updates:

Picture Retake Day: Picture Retake Day will take place on Monday, October 23. Students should be in full uniform for their pictures.

Student Verification Sheets: Please return all Student Verification Sheets to your child's teacher so that we



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can update the contact information accordingly. It is imperative that we have accurate contact information for parents/guardians in the event of an emergency.

Medical Condition/Allergy Information: Early in the year, parents received a package for their child with medical conditions/allergies. We have not yet received all of the packages. If packages are not returned with the medical plan of care, students can be suspended from attending school until we have the updated information. Kindly return all packages to the attention of Mrs. Reeves.

Halloween: Halloween is fast approaching. I know that many of you are already planning for costumes and events to celebrate this time-honoured tradition. When selecting a costume, please ensure that it is not violent in nature (i.e. blood, guts, or gore). Additionally, please ensure your child will be able to put it on and take it off themselves. Students should not be wearing a mask at school. The costume should not contain offensive slogans or words. Students wearing inappropriate costumes will need to change into an appropriate costume or their uniform. As we have a number of students who have anaphylactic allergies to a number of foods, we ask that no food items are sent to school to be shared. Each student is able to bring their own snacks for class celebrations, if permitted by the classroom teacher.



The students will participate in the Monster Bash and will have an opportunity to dance and show off their moves and costumes in the gym. The Catholic School Council will be selling popcorn for **\$2.00 a bag**. Students can bring in a toonie for popcorn. Students who ordered candy apples will also receive them on this day.

Purple Day: On **Friday, October 27**, all staff and students are invited to dress in purple. On **Dress Purple Day**, we raise awareness to support the well-being of children, youth, and families. We focus on bringing awareness to the early help and supportive services available to families facing challenges and to the prevention and early intervention work we do to support families and keep children and youth at home. For more information on **Dress Purple Day**, please visit [Dress Purple Day – Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies \(oacas.org\)](https://oacas.org).



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Chocolate Campaign: Thank you for your participation in the chocolate fundraiser. We still have 88 cases of chocolate covered almonds, 30 nut-free variety packs, that are available to sell. Please let us know if you can sell some of our remaining boxes. Our campaign ended on **October 20**. Please return all money (pay on School Cash Online, return cash, or write a cheque to St. Eugene Catholic Elementary School) \$90.00 per case by Tuesday, October 31. If you were unable to sell the entire case, please return the unsold chocolate along with the payment for the boxes sold (\$3.00 per box). A letter for outstanding chocolate and money will be sent home on **Friday, October 27**. A reminder that all proceeds go to the school and will be directed to the purchase of technology and to defray the costs of school trips. Draws for the winners will take place early in November.



Prayer for Autumn Months

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

*As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to **rest**.*

*May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your **creation**.*

*May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the **breath of life**.*

*May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to **share with others**.*

*May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and **life is eternal**.*

*We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.
Amen.*

- Author Unknown