Greetings St. Nicholas Community! We hope you are enjoying this beautiful sunny weekend.



Truth and Reconciliation 2024

Tomorrow we show our commitment to change by honouring Truth and Reconciliation Day, also known as Orange Shirt Day. There are many pathways to reconciliation but it all begins with RESPECT, respecting ourselves and each other, which is what we strive to do each and every day at St. Nicholas. Our commitment to remembering the past and improving the future is ongoing.



Picture Day

Wednesday is Picture Day! Have your child bring their best smile to school. Retake day will be on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024.



Parish/School Connection

Father Carlos visited the school last week and met with students. We continue to strengthen our partnership between our school and parish to nurture our students' faith and spiritual development. Our goal at SNS is to continue to integrate our virtues, scripture and prayer in all aspects

of the curriculum and live out gospel values in all that we do. Together, as a Catholic school community of faith we continue to make a positive impact on the lives of our students.



SNS Sports

Let's wish all our Grade 4 - 8 students who will be participating in the Cross Country run at Bruce's Mill all the best of luck. Thank you coach Colacicco and Macaluso for their time and dedication in preparing our athletes for the meet.



Safety Awareness Week

This week we will be practicing a fire drill and lockdown with staff and students. Please keep in mind that some people may experience sensitivities to these types of scenarios. We recommend and encourage healthy conversations at school and at home about the importance of school safety plans. A gentle reminder: parents should not park in the Kiss N' Ride area, as it is reserved for drop-off and pick up by parents and our school vans. Together we can keep our school community safe.



Hot Lunch is Back!

Healthy Hunger hot lunches are back! You can order from Hot Lunch HQ (formally known as Zucca's Ristorante) every Monday, The Hungry Donkey every Tuesday, Topper's Pizza every Wednesday and Subway every Friday. Orders are now open and can be placed through <u>www.healthyhunger.com</u> (note: order cutoff is 5 days prior to the lunch date). Please contact

stnickshotlunch@gmail.com with any questions.



Terry Fox Donations

Last week we held our Terry Fox Run, and the weather worked out perfectly! We are happy to announce that we have surpassed our goal of \$2000, with our wonderful community raising \$2315 for a great cause. Our display in the foyer is also complete, featuring angel wings in honour of all those we hold in our hearts or who have battled this disease. Thank you for your generosity and

stay tuned for more updates on our pie throwing event.



Luke 4:18 Food Drive

We are asking our St. Nicholas community to show their support as we participate in our Thanksgiving Food Drive this week.

The Newmarket Pantry is in need of items such as canned and dry food items, cereal, pasta, toiletries, diapers, and more.

A special shout out to Ms. Aloisi, Ms. O'Brien and our students from the Luke 4:18 Committee for taking this leadership role. Thank you to parents/guardians in advance for your continued support and generosity.



Catholic School Council

Our new 2024/2025 Catholic School Council is formed and ready to make this school year a great one. Please visit <u>sns.ycdsb.ca</u> for a complete list of members. Thank you for joining the partnership and for your commitment to our school community.

Dates to Remember:

Sept 30 - Oct.4 - Safety Awareness Week Sept. 30 - Orange Shirt Day Oct. 1 - Cross Country Meet Oct. 2 - Picture Day - Retake Day - Nov. 5th Oct. 8 - Thanksgiving/Opening Mass @12:30 pm Oct. 14 - Thanksgiving Day - No School Oct. 15 - Dental Screening Oct. 24 - Gr. 7 Vaccination Clinic

Wishing you all a great week ahead.

Ms. M. Sanders