



Principal Report October 7, 2026

Highlights since our last meeting:

- We concluded our month of learning about Truth and Reconciliation with Orange Shirt Day activities, which included painting orange rocks, tying ribbons and a special Liturgy for all our Indigenous people impacted by residential schools.
- We just completed all of our Government Literacy and Numeracy screeners in grades 1-5. Parents will be receiving the reports for these fall screeners the last week of October.
- Our first PD day was October 1st. Staff engaged in professional development aligned with our upcoming writing residency with Karen Filewych, which begins after the Thanksgiving weekend. Each grade will explore a specific plot pattern in story writing. Teachers also explored the teaching resource known as Edwin in grades 4-6, which supports the social, science, ELA and religion curriculums. Our support staff focussed on learning alongside our Multidisciplinary Team and how they can support student engagement in their learning.
- October 2nd was Custodial Appreciation Day. Students shared messages of gratitude for both Mr. Melynk and Ms. Lori.
- October 5th was World Teacher's Day. We are so incredibly grateful for our amazing teachers.
- Read In Week has started and we welcome many guests throughout the week along with fun reading inspired activities.
- We also held our second student assembly led by our grade 5A and 5B class who taught us about living a life of faith through generosity. Our September students were recognized for demonstrating a joyful and welcoming heart. They were invited to a pizza party with the principal which gave us an opportunity to celebrate and talk about their school experience so far. They also shared how much they loved the special lunch.



- Today our grades 4-6 had a chance to experience a concert with musician Eric Reinhart who shared an important message of gratitude, friendship and the power of prayer. Both our Choir and Volleyball have started up. A special thank you to Mrs. Goerz, Ms. Profri, Ms. Spenst, Mrs. Gayle, Mrs. Magee and Mr. Persaud for their commitment to extra curricular activities.

The month ahead:

- October is another very busy month of growing in our faith, wellness and special recognition. Through our morning announcements, presentations and activities, we are recognizing Canadian Hispanic Heritage, AAC Awareness, The Holy Rosary, Thanksgiving and Catholic Education.
- Our Wellness Focus is Gratitude and our Gospel message focus is Generosity.
- We also started our Social Justice Collection for World Day of the Poor. Students will come to understand the importance of our Catholic Social Teachings, especially as they connect to Preferential Option for the Poor and Dignity of the Human Person. A list of adult sized items assigned for each grade was sent home. We also encourage students to share some of their Halloween candy to make treat bags for our homeless.
- We are currently working on identifying students who qualify for reading intervention support from our fall screener data. Targeted supports for those students requiring speech and language and OT are also being identified. Some of these will be in class support and others will be pulled out.



Important Upcoming Dates:

- Thanksgiving Liturgy is on October 9- All are welcome
- Catholic Education Week is October 17-23, Catholic Education Sunday is on the 18th. Wear Blue in support on Oct. 22
- No School on October 12 and 19th
- Whole school Green Thumb Theatre Performance Oct. 27
- Halloween activities will be planned for Friday Oct. 30th
- Please continue to check out the website calendar and news section for details of upcoming events.