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Prayer for Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator of heaven and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

We praise you for your glory,

And thank you for your goodness to us.

We praise you for your generous gifts and for bringing us fruitful results to our labors.

As we rejoice in your kindness, we also pray for those who are in need.

Open our hearts to them and teach us to be generous to others as you are to us.

Amen

Dear Parents,

Fall is upon us with an abundance of colorful leaves and beautiful fall weather. October is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving and give thanks for all our blessings.

It is time to reflect on our blessings at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Elementary School. We celebrate as a Catholic Community with many events.

We had Picture Day, St. Rose of Lima School Council Elections and Open House.

Our annual Terry Fox Walk was on Oct. 4th, where we were able to raise donations for the Terry Fox Foundation. . We have a Thanksgiving Liturgy on October 17th at 10:30 am and a Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of Eden Food for Change will take place. Fr. Sutka will visit the school once per week and visit classes. He is part of our school, home and parish triad. The Morning Star Rosary Program begins on Oct. 10th through the Merciful Redeemer Parish.

Cross-country is well under way for our grade 5-8 students, as well as Junior Volleyball and the Youth Faith Ambassadors Program.

On behalf of the staff of St. Rose of Lima School, we hope that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday weekend. As we head more deeply into autumn, may you make the most of the opportunities in gathering with friends and family for times of prayer and fellowship. These precious times present us with the chance to strengthen the bonds that unite us as a caring Catholic community.

Wishing you a very blessed Thanksgiving

God Bless and Make Your Own Sunshine

Connie Gale
Principal

SCHOOL ACCESS

As you know, all doors, including the front doors are locked throughout the day. An intercom is used to gain access to the building during the school day. Before entering, you will be asked to state your name and purpose for entering the school. Once you enter the school, please go directly to the office. Only staff members can "buzz" you in.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR SHOES

As we move into the fall season and change in weather, we would ask that all students bring a pair of indoor shoes that can be worn inside of the school and left in their classrooms. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

TERRY FOX FUNDRAISER

Although we are currently still counting all the donations for the Terry Fox run fundraiser for cancer research, we can safely say that we have reached our fundraising goal. The day was quite a success, the weather was perfect. A big thank you to Mrs. Kotis and Mr. Del Vecchio, who helped organize this event and a special thank you to the parent volunteers that helped keep the students safe while walking in the community.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our library is in full operation now and students can sign out books on a weekly basis. JK to 1 student can sign out one book per week, students grade 2 to 8 may sign out up to four books per week. Students are encouraged to return their books each week but may renew their books if they have not finished reading them. Students in Extended French are encouraged to sign out at least one book. We are looking forward to our Scholastic Book Fair in the first week of November!

BUS SAFETY

A gentle reminder that riding the bus is a privilege and students are expected to obey the rules of the riding school bus. A reminder that students are to go directly to their seat and stay seated until they are let off the bus. Poor behavior on the bus will result in the loss of bus riding privileges.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Transportation is provided for JK/SK and Grade 1-8 students at St. Rose of Lima who meet the Board distance eligibility for busing. At present, students are being assigned by the Transportation Department. Courtesy Seating will be available in October after Thanksgiving break. Note: Flex Boundary students are not eligible for courtesy seats. Parents of riders should create a Stopr Account to access busing details at: stopr.ca/student-transportation.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our cross-country team is "up" and running. Thanks to the coaches, Ms. Boem, Ms. De Oliveira and Ms. Di Lella for their hard work and dedication working with the athletes. The family cross country meet is October 10 at Erindale Park.

JR BOYS AND GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thank you to Ms. Quach and Ms. Workman for getting our junior boys and girls volleyball team started. Pod tournaments start October 8th and 9th. Let's go Lions!

ANNUAL MEET THE TEACHER OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to all who attended the annual Meet The Teacher Open House held Thursday, September 19. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and see the school. A special thank you to the school council who helped organize this event.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who completed a nomination form and attended the election and first meeting of the school council on Thursday, September 26. We would like to congratulate our new members and introduce the executive members:

Leanne De Souza-Kenney	Chair
Rana Toma	Secretary
Allison Chang	Treasurer
Mikolaj Zielinski	Parish Representative
Reuben Enchakattil Abraham	Parish Representative
Ivana Sestito	OAPCE Representative
Sonia Janik-Corvinelli	Community Representative
Mary Boules	Fundraising Representative
Nick Gaganiaras	Fundraising Representative

And a big thank you to the parent representatives as well who include: Ajay Chikermane, Marilyn Maxwell-Smith, Mera Guindy, Diana Aramburo Lee, Amanda Kappaithara, Georgia Kioussis, Sandra Lopez Torres, Guizhu Li, Marwa Saba Mohsen, Daniella Radman and Craig Caeiro.

PA DAY OCTOBER 11TH

A reminder that there will be no school Friday October 11th. Please plan accordingly.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Thanksgiving food drive begins Monday, October 7th supporting our local food bank Eden Food for Change. We will be accepting nonperishable food donations until Friday, October 18.

Please make note of the following items that are in high demand:

Kraft dinner

Sugar

Salt

Chunky soup

Canned tomatoes

Instant coffee

A big thank you to our Youth Faith Ambassador team for their hard work in running this worthwhile program.

HALLOWEEN DAY DANCE & COSTUME GUIDELINES

All students are encouraged to dress up for the Halloween dance on Thursday, October 31. As we are a Catholic school, we ask that you use your best judgement in creating and wearing costumes for the special event. Costumes depicting violence and mocking cultural backgrounds are not appropriate. Students should be comfortable and be able to sit in their costumes as they are attending the dance for their scheduled time slot, with the remainder of the day being spent in class. We ask that students do not wear or bring masks to school as it limits vision and can be quite hot to wear. Hooks, swords, toy guns, spears, and similar "toy" weapons, or objects are also not to come to school. In keeping with Sabrina's law schools are mandated to manage all student allergies. Do not send food, candy treats, baked goods, etc. in for your child's class to eat. Stickers,

pencils, erasers, or a book or a puzzle are good alternatives.

PIZZA LUNCHES

Pizza lunches are back! Every Tuesday and Thursday you can purchase cheese or pepperoni slices for your child. All sales are done through school online, no cash orders are accepted. November pizza sales will run Wednesday October 9th to Thursday October 31st. Pizza sales will be done on a month-to-month basis.

****No late orders will be accepted.****

DAILY DISMISSAL

Each day we dismiss our students at 3:45 PM. All students are expected to meet parents and/or older siblings at the front or back of the school on the sidewalk/paths to go home. No one is to walk through the parking lot. We want parents to feel welcome at the school but ask that parents and older siblings do not enter the school yard as you are strangers to the other children and we need to maintain a safe environment for all our students. Pets are not permitted on school grounds or near entrances and exits as many students have allergies and are uncomfortable around unfamiliar animals. We are also asking that students be respectful to neighboring homes.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY AND PARKING

In the interest of safety, parents are reminded to use a designated legal parking areas on The Gallops to drop off and pick up your children during morning entry and afternoon dismissal. We ask that you do not block access to and from the school driveway as it has hampers the buses from entering and exiting the property. Do not walk your children through the parking lot to get to class. There are sidewalks to safely enter the school property. Please advise that Mississauga parking control will continue to monitor illegal parking.

FIRST TERM PROGRESS REPORTS

First term progress reports will be sent home for all students from grade one to eight on Tuesday November 12th. This is not a report card, these reports are meant to inform parents of their child's current progress in school. Teachers will comment on Language Mathematics and one other key area. The remaining subject areas have check mark to indicate progress. The evening of November 14 is set aside to conduct parent teacher

conferences. Request for these conferences will go home in late October.

GONZAGA OPEN HOUSE

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga will be holding a grade 9 information night on Wednesday November 13th 6:00pm-8:00pm Parents for the grade 8 students in the St. Rose of Lima homeschool and Extended French boundaries.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 8th - Jr Boys Volleyball Tournament
October 9th - Jr Girls Volleyball Tournament
October 9th - Confirmation Parent Meeting 7 PM @ Merciful Redeemer Parish
October 10th - Rosary Apostle School Visit
October 10th - Cross Country Meet
October 11th - PA Day
October 14th - Thanksgiving, no school
October 15th - Jr Boys Family Volleyball Tournament @ Mount Carmel
October 17th - Jr Girls Family Volleyball Tournament @ Gonzaga
October 17th - Thanksgiving Liturgy in Gym
October 22nd - Dental Screening grades JK, SK, & grade 2
October 23rd - Bus Driver Appreciation Day
October 24th - Child Care Worker & ECE Appreciation day
October 25th - Wear Purple Day - October is Child abuse Prevention Month
October 25th - Open Donation Fundraiser
October 29th - Picture Retakes
October 31st - Halloween Dance

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