

# October Newsletter

## Halloween

We will continue with our tradition of having the students dress in their Halloween costumes at school on Halloween Day. The students are to come to school dressed in their costumes. It is an alternate dress day, so students do not have to be in their dress code items for the remainder of the day if they choose to change out of their costume at lunch time. Just a reminder that weapons or excessively scary or gory costumes are not appropriate for dressing up at school, so be sure to leave such items at home.



## Halloween Food Sharing

To ensure the safety and well-being of all of all students, you are reminded not to send edible treats to school for Halloween. Students will be trick or treating at night, and no additional treats are required at school. Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

## Picture Day

We will have our school picture day on Wednesday, October 11. We can't wait to see everyone's smiles! Individual and class photos will be taken on that day, so please be sure to be wearing all of your proper dress code items!

## Catholic School Council

Our Catholic School Council elections were held on September 25. Thank you to Patty Vander Meer and Krystal-Lynn Gill who will serve as the co-chairs of our Catholic School Council. Our next meeting is Monday, October 23 at 6:00. Please come out and join us as we look for ways to support the learning of our children at St. Alfred. The members of our Catholic School Council are Patty Vander Meer, Krystal-Lynn Gill, Mark Wood and Maria Wus.

## Free Dental Treatment Coming to Your School

The Public Health Dental program will be offering dental screenings this school year. Dental screenings will be provided October 17 and 18, 2023 to students in all grades as required under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

A registered dental hygienist will take a quick look in the child's mouth using a sterilized mirror and light. Staff will be wearing a mask, eye protection, gloves and performing hand hygiene between each student.

Parents/guardians will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. The Healthy Smiles Ontario program may financially assist children who do not have access to dental care.

Please contact the Dental Program if you DO NOT want your child(ren) to take part in the dental screening. For more information or to opt-out your child(ren), complete the online School Dental Screening Nonparticipation Form or call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399. **There is no charge for students to receive these services.**

## Cold and Flu Season

As the weather cools, we usually see a rise in the incidents of students feeling unwell at school. We would ask you to be particularly vigilant in keeping your child home from school if they have any symptoms of illness. We are trying to keep everyone as healthy as possible, and remaining isolated when ill is a great way to keep germs at bay. Thank you!

## Kiss and Ride

Please be cautious and courteous when using the Kiss and Ride area of the school. We are grateful to the church for allowing us to use their parking lot. From time to time we have noticed parents coming in to the parking lot at a high rate of speed. **Please slow down when you are in the parking lot.** We know that pick up and drop off time is busy for everyone, but an accident will take up much more of your time than slowing down and being cautious. Parents should also be exiting the kiss and ride onto Vine Street, not on to Carleton Street. This extra congestion can be particularly problematic at dismissal time, as the busses are trying to get in off of Carleton and the entrance is congested with cars trying to turn on to Carleton. Thank you for your understanding!

## We Scare Hunger

Students are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to school for our We Scare Hunger campaign which begins on October 23. Food insecurity is a big issue throughout Niagara, and we thank you in advance for any donations that you are able to bring to school.

