



ICES Weekly Update September 23, 2024



SCHOOL SUPPLY SURVEY

We are hoping for parent/guardian input to be able to gauge the success and value of the school purchasing the school supplies for all students this year. We took on this pilot program in an effort to maximize the purchasing power we have through the school division as well as to try to help utilize the amount of time our families have. Being the first time, we have done this program there has been a steep learning curve for all involved.

Our school team has observed a few different benefits and a few draw backs. A few benefits to this program including cost savings through bulk purchasing, standardization of supplies so all students have the exact supplies they need when they need it, and moving forward, we should be able to have further cost savings as some supplies such as rulers and scissors will not need to be purchased every year. We also understand that there have been some drawbacks with the program including there are many families that enjoy the tradition of school supply shopping, that some families were a bit confused by what they needed to purchase for the start of the school year, as well as that just like we hope to reuse items every year there are many families that planned on doing the same.

We would like our community as a whole to provide some input so we can continue to evaluate the success and drawbacks that you have had going through the process so that we can assess the viability of the program and proceed in the best way possible.

Please know that your submissions are completely anonymous, and the survey will remain open until Tuesday, October 1. Here is the link to the survey: [ICES Supplies Survey](#)

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

September 23 @ 7:30

This evening we will hold our first School Council Meeting in the ICES Wellness Space. This is an opportunity to connect with other parents and meet the Trustee and Executive Council liaisons from our School Division as well as our Society Board representative. We will also be seeking to fill 2 positions on the School Council Executive during this time.

**Please see the attached Agenda.*

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

School pictures are set for Tuesday, October 8 for students in KB and Grades 1 – 5.

Picture retakes and school pictures for KA are scheduled for the morning of Monday, October 28.

Information regarding picture packages and ordering will be coming home with students.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Friday, September 27

Friday, September 29, is designated as Orange Shirt Day at ICES. Orange Shirt Day was created to acknowledge the residential school experience, honor those who survived, and remember those who did not. It is also a reminder that all children are God's image bearers and that each life matters.

Please note there is **no school** on **Monday, September 30** due to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

THIS WEEK

Sept. 23 – School Council Town Hall Meeting @ 7:30 pm in Wellness Space

Sept. 27 – Orange Shirt Day
Hot Lunch: Frozen Yogurt

MILK PROGRAM

School Cash Online is open until September 24 for milk orders

*Please see the attachment for more specific details.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)

Oct 1 – 11 – Food Bank Food Drive

October 4 – Hotdog Day

October 8 – School Pictures KB, 1 – 5

October 8 – Bacon orders open

October 11 – Thanksgiving Chapel at

ICSS – Grade 4 co-leading @ **10:00** a.m. (students will be bused to ICSS for this combined chapel)

October 16 chapel, early dismissal, staff meeting

October 18 – Taco-in-a-Bag, School Colours Day

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Next week, will mark our first community partnership as we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Interfaith Foodbank (October 1 – 11). Please know that participation is optional. Other community partnerships will include:

November – Shop of Wonders (My City Care)

December – Compassion Canada

February – Personal Hygiene (My City Care)

March – Food Drive for Interfaith Food Bank

April/May – Edu Deo (Spring Program & Spring Coin Carnival)