



October 2017 Newsletter



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Megan Milani
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school year is off to a great start. I know we will have another year of great success with the consistent effort our students are putting forth in their academics. We are reminding students to focus on perseverance and to notice that when they don't give up, great things happen.

EQAO results have been published and I'm pleased to announce that Ontario did very well and scored above the board and province in all 6 areas. Please find details in the body of the newsletter.

We continue to work hard on Mathematics and Literacy skills. Students are reminded to read every night for homework and review the concepts taught in math each day. Every student has a password for Dreambox and can access the on-line mathematics program. Passwords will be reviewed this week with students (especially with our younger Knights), so everyone can easily access it. Going on Dreambox every night for 20 minutes will help consolidate math concepts.

With the Thanksgiving weekend approaching, it's a good time to pause and think about all the many things for which we are grateful. I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family, filled with great weather, good friends and lots of delicious treats.

Sincerely,

M. Milani

Principal



Important Dates

Below you will find important dates and information of happenings here at Ontario. As always, feel free to visit or call the office if you have any questions.

- October 4th - Parent Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- October 6th - P.D. Day, No school for students.
- October 9th - Thanksgiving, Schools are closed.
- October 16th - Picture Day.
- November 1st - PIC Conference

Picking Up and Dropping Off Students

Please keep the bus route open at the front of the school. No cars or trucks should be using the bus lane when dropping off or picking up children at the school. **NO parking in the entrance and exit ways to our school.** Buses require a great deal of space to park and to drop off students. Parents please **do not park where the buses are loading or unloading.** Please help keep our students safe! Please remember not to bring dogs onto school property as well.

Terry Fox Walk

Students participated in the annual walk through Thorold South. Thank you Knights for your school spirit and generosity! Every dollar you raised will go to the Terry Fox organization and will be used for cancer research.



Pizza and Milk

Starting on October 2nd milk will be available to purchase at second break. If you have not pre-ordered on School Cash On-Line, then ticket sheets must be purchased at the office. Cash will no longer be accepted unless it is to buy tickets. Tickets cost \$20/sheet or \$10/half sheet.

Our first Pizza Day will be October 4th. We will again be ordering from Little Caesar's. If you have not pre-ordered on School Cash On-Line then ticket sheets must be purchased at the office. Tickets cost \$20/sheet or \$10/half sheet. Please make sure your child has his/her pizza tickets for the teacher first thing in the morning. The pizza is ordered shortly after announcements and late orders can NOT be accepted.



The Breakfast Club

A huge thank you to our volunteers. If you are interested in being a volunteer please contact the office and let us know the days you are available. Thanks to Mrs. Leitch for all her hard work with this.



Student of the Month

Mrs. Kraus & Ms. McMahon	Emma S. and Connor S.
Mr. Derosie	Henry L. and Cheyenne D.
Mrs. Thaler	Sarah G. and Erika L.
Mrs. Smith	Kurtis F., Jenna L., Jacob L. and Gretchyn M.
Ms. Cunningham	Makenna D., Carson L. and Ashlynn S.
Mr. LeBrasseur	Brady C. and Isabelle C.
Mr. Azzano	Hailey G., Naomi B. and Lacy M.
Mr. Smith	Leila B., Peyton S., Kaitlyn B. and Ava C.
Mr. Kraus	Brady H. and Jackson S.

School Cash Online

We know you have many different priorities competing for your attention each day. To respect those demands, we would like to help you save both time and effort. If you haven't already, please take a moment to register for this service. You will be able access the service by visiting our school website and clicking on "School Cash Online." There, you'll find more information about the system, links to registration and support. You can use School Cash Online with confidence; it is a safe and secure portal. Using School Cash Online, you may never have to search for spare change again! That is, unless you're looking for coffee money. Thanks for your support.



Intermediate Volleyball

Ms. Cunningham and Mr. Derosie would like to congratulate the dedicated members of the intermediate Ontario Knights volleyball team. We are looking forward to a fantastic season! Congratulations to Cassidy Jones, Kaitlyn Saunders, Ava Conway, Kiara Sararas, Katelyn Dilello, Rilynn Sentence, Kaitlyn Blackwood, Kylee Gosselin, Karyssa Battiste and Emily Buckle.

Cross Country Team

The Ontario cross country team had a great first meet at Burgoyne Woods. Our team trained every morning before school, with not one complaint! Go Knights! Congrats on a great season to Nevaeh M., Ashley G., Noah M., Eli K., Joshua P., Matthew M., Ava C., Cassidy J., Naomi B., and Kaitlyn S.

Halloween Festivities & Jack-O-Lantern Contest

On Friday, October 31st at 1:40 p.m., students in grades 1-5 will parade around the school in their Halloween costumes. Kindergartens will have their parade in the morning (9:15am) —a note will come home with further information about them. Parents are welcome to join in the fun and watch the parade. Please remember that costumes that include any type of weapon or that are extremely scary should not be worn to school. Anything that impedes student vision (masks) should be left at home. If your child normally stays for lunch that day, but will be heading home to get dressed, please make sure to send a note to inform us. From 1:40 - 3:10 our Grade 6, 7 & 8 students will have a dance in the gym.



If you are sending treats in, please remember that we are a peanut-safe school.



Have some fun with your family and enter our family pumpkin carving contest! Bring in your carved/decorated pumpkin by 9:00a.m., October 31st and enter to win a prize. The categories will be funniest, most original and scariest.

Popcorn

Mr. Kraus' grade 8 class will be sponsoring a child named Esther who lives in Zambia (through World Vision). To raise money, we will be making and selling popcorn on Tuesdays at first break for **50¢** a bag. Donations are always welcome as well. Thank you for your support!

Parent Council

Our first meeting is October 4th at 6:00 pm.

The PIC Conference is on November 1st this year. Please see the link on the school website for more details.

Visitors & Volunteers

All visitors and volunteers are required to sign in at the office upon entering the school and wear a visitor's lanyard to identify that you have checked in. Also, please remember to fill out your volunteer information form if you plan to volunteer at the school for any reason. These are available through your child's homeroom teacher or at the office.

Grade 8 Students and Parents: Save the Date!

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life.

While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend an open house. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend High School Open Houses from November 27-30.

Details about open houses will be shared with parents/guardians mid-October.

High School Open House Dates and Times:

A.N. Myer Secondary: November 30

Beamsville Secondary: November 29

Eastdale Secondary: November 30 - 6:00 p.m.

Eden High: November 30 - 6:30

E.L. Crossley Secondary: November 27 - 6:30 p.m.

Governor Simcoe Secondary: November 29 - 6:00 p.m.

Greater Fort Erie Secondary: November 28

Grimsby Secondary: November 28 -

Laura Secord Secondary: November 29

Port Colborne High School: TBD

St. Catharines Collegiate: November 28 - 6:00 p.m.

Sir Winston Churchill Secondary: November 27 - 6:30 p.m.

Stamford Collegiate Secondary: November 28 - 6:30 p.m.

Thorold Secondary: Tuesday, November 29 - 7:00 p.m.

Welland Centennial Secondary: November 30 - 6:30 p.m.

Westlane Secondary: November 29 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Knights Spiritwear

We will again be selling spiritwear this year. Details will go home soon.

EQAO Results for Ontario School

Well done Knights! Congratulations to last year's grade 3 and 6 students! They worked hard and did an outstanding job.

EQAO is a school-wide effort. Starting in JK, students start using strategies to become more proficient in Language and Mathematics. Teachers are involved in collaborative inquiry and are given time to learn from, and on behalf of one another. Our teachers are doing an outstanding job and are working hard to help students increase their ability to think critically, problem solve and articulate their reasoning.

Grade	Reading			Writing			Mathematics		
	School	Board	Province	School	Board	Province	School	Board	Province
3	100%	83%	74%	94%	83%	73%	94%	74%	62%
6	100%	85%	81%	87%	83%	79%	60%	59%	50%

While we have much to celebrate, we continue to work hard to improve in junior mathematics. Part of our school improvement planning on Oct 6th is to look closely at the EQAO results and math strategies.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will go home Nov 9th for students in Grades SK-8.

We will have an Interview Night the following week. Information regarding interviews will go home by the end of this month.