

Holy Ghost School



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Prayer for Students

O Lord, you who promise to be with me always, be with me this day as I begin my schoolwork. Keep me in health, I pray, and keep me from harm. In all that I do and say, may I love you with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength, and may I love my neighbor as myself, so that I might fulfill your purposes for me and your calling on my life as a student. In Christ's name. Amen.

Prayer For Parents

O Lord, you who promise to guide us through the wilderness and to protect us through the storm, we ask that you would make us wise when we cannot clearly see the way forward, make us brave when we feel afraid, make us strong in the face of our weakness, and make possible what to us seems impossible, so that we might joyfully entrust ourselves and our children into your tender care in these trying and troubling times. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer for Teachers

O Lord, you who are the Good Teacher, I ask that you would help me to love my students well this day and to be patient with things that don't go according to plan. May I help my students to feel afresh the wonder of our subject matter, to be humble in the face of ignorance, to be gracious with themselves in the light of mistakes that they may make, to delight in things newly discovered, and to love the truth with all their hearts and minds, so that they might be wise and compassionate citizens of this world that you so love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Important Information COVID-19 Vaccine:



Youth Immunization Catch-ups

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Millions of youth aged 12 to 17 have received COVID-19 vaccines in Canada. High vaccine uptake is very important to:

- reducing the spread of the virus
- protecting people from severe illness
- avoiding a return to very disruptive public health measures that impact our collective well being
- helping everyone return to normal activities

To make it easier to get the COVID-19 vaccine, public health teams will begin offering a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine to youth in schools across the province starting in mid-September. Students born on or before December 31, 2009, who are missing at least one dose of the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine will be eligible. You will get more information before the clinic date letting you know when the COVID-19 vaccine will be offered in your child's school.

You can review information about the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine which is available online at manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/resources.html for more information about the risks and benefits of vaccination. Here you can also find more information for special situations such as autoimmune conditions.

If you would like your child to receive the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine at school, you can access the consent form and learn more about the consent process at protectmb.ca/youth-covid-19-vaccines/. For households that can't access or print an online consent form, you can get a paper consent form and fact sheet from your child's school. After you complete the consent form, please have your child return this form to their teacher.

Supersites and community based pop-up clinics continue to offer the COVID-19 vaccine. Visit the Manitoba COVID-19 Vaccine Shot Finder (manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/finder.html) to search for locations that offer the COVID-19 vaccine in your area.

Thank you for protecting yourself, your family and your community by being immunized. You are contributing to a healthier Manitoba for all of us.

As a community we must be mindful to adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols mandated by the province and Manitoba Education.

A reminder of our protocols are as follows:

- All students, staff and visitors are required to self screen prior to the start of each day or entering the school for COVID-19 or flu related symptoms.
- People who have symptoms of COVID-19 **must** stay home, isolate, be excluded from work, school, or childcare, and call Health Links—Info Santé to seek medical advice about COVID-19 testing.
- If they go for a test and it's negative, they can return after 24 hours of being symptom-free. Proof of negative test results will be required.
- Masks are required to be worn inside the school at all times.
- All visitors/volunteers who will have direct or prolonged contact with the students or staff must be double vaccinated and proof must be shown.

We thank everyone for their co-operation and "Let's Do Our Part!"— there are things we can all be doing to limit the spread of COVID-19 and make our Holy Ghost School safe.

We look forward to the smooth school year!

Contributions and tuition fees

- **Payment Plan forms** were sent out in May 2021 and were due back by June 1, 2021. If you have not submitted your payment plan form, please submit it by September 15, 2021. A printed form was sent home with students during the first week of school if we have not received your form or payment.
 - Payments or post-dated cheques for 2021-2022 tuition fees were due **September 1, 2021** unless an alternate payment plan was approved by the Principal/Board of Directors.
 - **Alternate Payment Plans** must be approved by the Principal/Board of Directors – the form is available upon request.
 - All tuition fee cheques should be made payable to **HOLY GHOST PARISH**.
 - **Volunteer Fee** cheques for the 2021-2022 school year were due September 1, 2021 with tuition payments. Cheques should be **post-dated to June 1, 2022** and should be made payable to **HOLY GHOST SCHOOL**.
 - An **Admin Fee** of \$30 applies to all payment plans with multiple payments.
 - **Late Fees** will apply to all 2021-2022 tuition fee payments not received within 30 days of the due date. Please note change to Late Fee Policy - Effective September 2021, a late fee of 5% will be applicable to **ALL** fees that are 30 days overdue and will continue to apply every 30 days until the fee is paid
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Early Dismissal and No School Dates:

Once a month Holy Ghost School has an early dismissal day. Students are dismissed at 2:00 p.m. Early dismissal dates are usually scheduled on the second Thursday of each month. After School care is available on these dates. A full list of our early dismissal dates and no school days can be found on our school website.

Colour Days!

Each month Holy Ghost School students have an opportunity to wear casual attire on COLOUR/CASUAL DAYS.

On early dismissal days students are allowed to dress casually and are asked to donate \$1.00 for our Mission Programs.

Please be mindful of school policies, students should not wear any top with spaghetti straps or inappropriate writing/pictures. Also students should not wear any short shorts, miniskirts/dresses.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Government of Canada recently passed legislation to make September 30 a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day is an important step in the reconciliation process. It provides an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools, and to honour their survivors, their families and communities.

Schools were advised that the Province of Manitoba will recognize **September 30, 2021** as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and schools will be **closed**.

As well, schools are encouraged to continue to recognize Orange Shirt Day as a day of learning for all students and staff and to incorporate September 29, 2021 as a day of recognition to honour the intent of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



Private Piano, Guitar & Ukulele Lessons offered at Holy Ghost School

The Academy of Music offers private piano, guitar and ukulele lessons during and after school at Holy Ghost School. Tuition is \$25 per 30-minute lesson once a week. To register or for more information please visit their website www.academymusic.ca



This year is the 41st anniversary of Terry Fox's heroic walk across Canada. Terry Fox's dream was to raise money to find a cure for cancer. He was a Canadian hero.



Friday, October 1, 2021 Holy Ghost School will be participating in the National Terry Fox School Walk. Each class will be going at different times of the day. Your child's classroom teacher will confirm their walk time. This is a fund-raising event for the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research so we really hope all students are able to participate.

Kindergarten through Grade 8 students will walk around the block (from Selkirk to Salter, Salter to Pritchard, Pritchard to Charles, Charles back to Salter) three times. For the walk, students may wear casual clothes. However, please ensure to dress appropriately for the weather as we will be walking rain or shine just like Terry did.

Last year Holy Ghost School raised \$1100.00 for the cancer research in Manitoba. Let's try to increase last year's total donations. We are asking for a contribution from each student of \$5.00 (to a maximum of \$10.00/ family) that will go to the Terry Fox Foundation. This is a very worthwhile cause. We're sure everyone knows someone whose life has been affected by cancer. Our efforts can contribute to the realization of Terry Fox's dream.

Permission slips were sent home last week; please send the completed permission slip along with your child's \$5.00 contribution by Monday, September 27th, 2021. As Always, we welcome parent volunteers to help supervise and ensure the safety of our students. Please contact the office or your child's classroom teacher if you are able to join us as a volunteer.

HGS Uniforms

Just a reminder that reminder to all families our school uniform must be purchased through our uniform providers Top Marks. The school uniform consists of grey dress pants/shorts or skort and tunic. A white polo shirt with our school crest and a maroon zip up sweater with crest.

The uniform must be clean and neat with no holes or frays. Pant hems must be an appropriate length and short, skort and tunic length must be a maximum of 6 cm above the knee. Students are required to wear grey, black or white socks to tights.

Forms and Information Sheets

Student information sheets and forms were send home late last week. Please review and verify that all information is correct and provide any updated or missing information. Forms are due back to your child's classroom teacher by Wednesday, September 15, 2021.





We understand that during special times of the year, like your child's birthday, or during the Christmas and Easter season, you might like to share with others in celebration. However, there are several children in our school who **have severe allergies to peanuts, nuts, fish, eggs, dairy products etc.** Even exposure to a tiny amount of these allergens could be **serious and life-threatening**. And due to the COVID-19 restrictions on sharing items. Holy Ghost School can not allow food items like cake, cupcakes, cookies, pizza or McDonalds etc.. As well as treat bag items.

We can all play a role in preventing such a dangerous and frightening situation at our school. Staff, the students and their families, must take responsibility to avoid exposure; all can help to make our school environment safe.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and understanding.

Lifetouch Picture Day

Lifetouch Picture Day is coming up on October 18th. For Picture Day each student will wear their official HGS uniform.

Boys: cardigan, polo shirt, gray pants, black or gray socks, black shoes ... and a smile!

Girls: cardigan, polo shirt, gray pants/skirt, gray, black, white tights or knee high socks, black shoes ... and a big grin!

After Picture Day, you will receive a package of proofs of your child. You will be able to order pictures on mylifetouch.ca

Picture re-take day is scheduled for November 17th should your child miss the October date or if you would like your child to re-take their photos.



Parents Advisory Council

The HGS Parents meet once a month, all HGS parents are welcome to attend the Parent Advisory Council meetings. The meeting take place after school in the staff lounge . Parents who attend the meeting may leave their children in the after school program free of charge. Attending meetings and/or holding a position on the Parents Advisory Council count towards your volunteer hours. The PAC meeting for September will be announced soon.



Staff List for 2021-2021



Kindergarten
Grade 1
Grade 2
Grade 3
Grade 4
Grade 5
Grade 6
Grade 7
Grade 8
French
Resource
Music
Physical Education
Educational Assistant
Educational Assistant
Educational Assistant
Educational Assistant
Educational Assistant
Computer Tech Assistant
Maintenance
Custodian
Financial Secretary
Admin Assist.
Principal
Associate Pastor
Pastor

Mrs. A Bognot
Mrs. Mary Ploszay
Miss Raizel Millet
Mrs. Marissa Polo
Miss. Barbara Stasiewicz
Miss Carleen Stefaniuk
Mr. Michael Catenese
Miss Jessica Misiak
Mrs. Rina Sangalang
Mlle. Brittany Monteith
Mrs. Lisa Matias
Mr. Ben Hanlon-Dearman
Mr. Jeremy Thiessen
Mrs. Hailene Magtuloy
Mrs. Kendra Jory
Mrs. Cecilia Olan
Mr. Conrad Peters
Mrs. Monica Montalvo
Mr. Mark Wilson
Mr. Bernard Amado
Mrs. Anna Karmelita
Mrs. Daisy Felix
Mrs. Yolande Gubala
Mr. Paul Trochanowski
Fr. Wojciech Stangel OMI
Fr. Tomasz Koscinski OMI



September Birthdays



Orion M.	Gr. 4
Triton M.	Kinder.
Kiyana D.	Gr. 4
Amilia K.	Gr. 8
Earl I.	Gr. 5
Joaquin C.	Gr. 2
Beckham K.	Gr. 1
Emily A.	Gr. 3
Neo D.	Gr. 7
Hannah G.	Gr. 3
Ravraj G.	Gr. 2
Daniella M.	Gr. 7
Miliya P.	Gr. 7
Robert F.	Gr. 6
Rovilynne B.	Gr. 8
Eva S.	Gr. 8
Olivlia S.	Gr. 1
Mrs. Olan	
Mrs. Polo	
Miss Misiak	



May the light of God's love shine down from above,
As we celebrate the day of your birth.
May His sweet angels guide you, and stand guard beside you,
Each day that you live on this earth.



Holy Ghost School

September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	Labour Day	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10 Day 2	11
12	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17 Day 3	18
19	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 Day 1	24 Day 2	25
26	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	29 Day 5 Orange shirt day Casual day	30 Day 6 No School	October 1 Day 1 Terry Fox Walk Casual Day	

