



St Martin De Porres Catholic School



October 2021 Newsletter

Mr. D Mount Principal



Notes from the office...

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Hello everyone...wow...what a whirlwind September! Thank you all for your patience during these unprecedented times. It certainly has been a long and winding road. October remains one of my favourite months, not least because the trees are rapidly turning to orange and gold and it is much cooler. Can I ask that as the temperature has dropped, you ensure your child is appropriately dressed, particularly when it is cold and wet. I would also like to remind everyone that students are not allowed to leave the building at any point during the instructional day without first being signed out by a custodial parent or guardian. We cannot allow students to leave to get food or other items unsupervised and the adult must be someone listed in our records as a contact or custodial parent. Equally, we would ask that the use of "UBER EATS" and other such companies remains limited. We are still working to reduce the amount of people visiting the school due to COVID restrictions and it is important that the presence of strangers in and around the school premises is not normalised.

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Principal St. Martin De Porres Catholic School

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school @ (416) 393 5286.



The virtue of the month for October is "Gratitude"...

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."

(Colossians 3:16)



Parent Council News...

We will be beginning our 2021-22 St. Martin De Porres parent council cycle next week. Our meetings will be via zoom (due to our current restrictions) and I invite any and all parents interested in becoming involved in this vital part of our school to join us on Wednesday. I will post a Zoom link on Tuesday night. The initial meeting will be to select the Chair and vice-char and will last no longer than an hour. I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it.

Initial Parent Council Meeting:

Wednesday 13th @ 6pm (zoom meeting)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Can I take this opportunity to wish all of the St. Martin De Porres community a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving. Please accept the staff's heartfelt wishes of gratitude and love during this season. We wish you all a very happy and loving time with your family on and around Thanksgiving.

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is an event, created in 2013, designed to educate people and promote awareness in Canada about the Indian residential school system and the impact it has had on Indigenous communities for over a century—an impact recognized as a cultural genocide, and an impact that continues today. It is particularly relevant to us because of the recent discoveries in B.C. and other provinces and we are proud to recognize this day and educate ourselves to these realities and truths.

