

Mazo Matters: Monday, September 18, 2023



Dear Mazo Parent(s)/ Guardian(s):

As the month of September progresses, we encourage the ongoing communication and partnership between families and individual teachers. Here is our 5-Day Cycle at a glance this week:

Monday, September 18, 2023	Tuesday, September 19, 2023	Wednesday, September 20, 2023	Thursday, September 21, 2023	Friday, September 22, 2023
Day 5	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4

School Start-Up Packages

Our school board shared the school start-up packages electronically late in the first week of school. We ask that you complete the forms as soon as possible as it provides the school with important information. Here is the link for your quick access <https://startupforms.vrdsb.ca/>.

Epi-Pens

Please remember, if your child has allergies which may require an Epi-Pen, he/she/they should wear it daily. The back-up Epi-Pen will be stored in the office.

Terry Fox

Thank you for your support by making online donations to the Terry Fox Foundation. We are looking forward to our school run on **September 29, 2023**. So far, we have raised \$185. We are on our way towards meeting our goal of \$8000. To donate, please access this link: [Mazo Terry Fox Fundraising](#).

Lunchtime

Intermediate students with permission to leave school property may do so starting the week of **September 18th, that's this week!** Students without permission should bring lunch to school. Parent(s)/guardians of younger students who choose to take their children home for lunch must sign them out in the main office. Intermediate students who have permission to leave school property at lunch time, may do so and enjoy their lunch off school property. **The blanket permission form included in the Start-Up Package will suffice. No additional notes will be accepted.** Instead, students with permission will sign-out when they choose to go out for lunch time. Please remind your children **not** bring food back to school for their friends/peers.

School Lunch Program: Zucca's Hot Lunch Program will be coming to Mazo! For families who would like to participate, this option will be made available on www.schoolcashionline.com for purchase. The deadline for ordering closes at midnight **on Sunday, October 1st**. Unfortunately no late orders will be accepted. We are hopeful our students will enjoy this meal option!

First School Council Meeting

We are always eager to welcome new members interested in providing time and insight towards helping shape our school's actions for the future. The Mazo School Council holds approximately seven formal meetings during the school year, so if you have an interest and some time, we would love to see you join us! If you are interested, please complete the **School Council Nomination Form** found in your child's School Start-Up Package as soon as possible. Mme Gousis will contact all interested parties in preparation for our first meeting, scheduled for **Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library, Learning Commons** on the second floor. If you would prefer to join us remotely, the link for the meeting and the agenda will be shared in next week's Mazo Matters.

Faith Day: Rosh Hashanah: Begins September 15 at Sundown

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year and literally translates as "head of the year". It begins a solemn ten-day period of contemplation and self-examination, called the Days of Awe, which end with the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah is also known as the Day of Shofar Blowing, the Day of Remembrance, and the Day of Judgment. Rosh Hashanah is a two-day celebration. Rosh Hashanah is the first of the Jewish High Holy Days, and the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve. Rosh Hashanah is a two-day new year celebration beginning on the first day of Tishrei - the first month of the Jewish lunar year. According to the Hebrew calendar, days begin at sundown. Hence, Rosh Hashanah begins the evening before Rosh Hashanah day.

Meet the Teacher Night/Curriculum Night

We look forward to welcoming you to Mazo to meet your child(ren's) teachers. We will begin at 6:00 pm. More information will follow.

Upcoming Dates

<ul style="list-style-type: none">September 15: Rosh Hashanah begins at sundownSeptember 22: PA Day, no school for studentsSeptember 24-25: Yom Kippur (Diamond day)September 25: Franco-Ontarian DaySeptember 25-29: Safety WeekSeptember 29: Terry Fox Run at MazoSeptember 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">October 2: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (observed)October 4: Meeting the Teacher/ Curriculum Night at 6 pmOctober 4: Picture DayOctober 5: World Teachers DayOctober 9: Thanksgiving, no schoolOctober 20: PA Day, no school for students
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Sincerely,

K. Gousis
Principal

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Vice-Principal

