

Mazo Matters: Monday, September 25, 2023



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

This last week of September marks Safety Week. This week students will engage in activities connected to safety at school.

Monday, September 25, 2023	Tuesday, September 26, 2023	Wednesday, September 27, 2023	Thursday, September 28, 2023	Friday, September 29, 2023
Day 4	Day 5	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3

Faith Day, Yom Kippur: Monday, September 25

Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement and the Sabbath of Sabbaths, is the most solemn of the Jewish Holy Days. Yom Kippur completes the Jewish Days of Awe and is the conclusion of what is commonly referred to as the High Holy Days. Yom Kippur is dedicated to introspection, prayer, asking God for forgiveness, committing to charitable endeavours, fasting, and abstaining from use of electronic devices. Like Shabbat, no work is to be done on Yom Kippur, from the time the sun sets on the ninth of Tishrei until the stars come out in the evening of the next day. As this is a solemn High Holy Day that focuses on repentance and self-reflection, it is not customary to wish for a happy holiday. You may, however, wish those observing a peaceful and meaningful fast.

First School Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2023

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 available time, we would love to see you join us! Our first meeting is 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, please use this link: <https://meet.google.com/cmc-jpnk-fb>. Please access our agenda here:

📎 [Mazo School Council Agenda, September.pdf](#)

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: September 30

Throughout the week, schools across York Region will be raising an Every Child Matters flag for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. We will have orange shirt day on September 29. We raise the flag to honour the thousands of lives lost and harmed in residential schools. We raise the flag to recognize the legacy of this dark chapter on First Nations, Métis, and Inuit families and communities. We raise the flag to recognize that we are living on the traditional lands of the First Peoples of this land. We raise the flag as a symbol of our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. We are grateful for our partnership with the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, our partner in education and closest First Nation community.

Terry Fox: Monday, October 2, 2023

Thank you for your support by making online donations to the Terry Fox Foundation. We are looking forward to our school run on **Monday, October 2, 2023** - this is revised from Friday, September 29, 2023. So far we have raised \$289. We are on our way towards meeting our goal of \$8000. To donate, please access this link: [Mazo Terry Fox Fundraising](#).

Lunchtime

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.** Students with permission will sign-out when they choose to go out for lunch time. Please remind your children **not to 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 can be accepted. We are hopeful our students will enjoy this meal option!

Pizza lunch is coming soon. Stay tuned.

Meet the Teacher Night: Wednesday, October 4, 2023

We invite our parent(s)/guardian(s) to Mazo de la Roche P.S. on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023** for Meet the Teacher Night. Our evening will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 7:00 pm. The purpose of this evening is for you to gain an overall understanding of teaching and learning here at Mazo de la Roche Public School. The session(s) in each classroom will vary. The session(s) may consist of a teacher introduction, perhaps seeing some pictures, a tour of the classroom, a scavenger hunt, a general overview of programming and ways to engage in your child's learning, and an opportunity to ask general questions. If you have two children at Mazo de la Roche, you are welcome to visit the classrooms of each of your children. There will be a chance to have a conversation about your child's progress during parent-teacher interviews in mid-November. We are pleased to welcome you to the classrooms and happy to be teaching and learning with your children. We hope you find this evening informative.

Upcoming Dates

<ul style="list-style-type: none">September 24-25: Yom Kippur (Diamond Day)September 25: Franco-Ontarian DaySeptember 25-29: Safety WeekSeptember 30: National Day for Truth and ReconciliationOctober 2: Terry Fox Run at Mazo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">October 4: Meeting the Teacher Night 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,

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