

The Mount Joy Messenger October 2019



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From the Principal's Desk

It has been an amazing start to the 2019/2020 school year at Mount Joy Public School. Thank you to all staff, students and families for your support. Students are settling into routines and teachers are enjoying getting to know their learners and building community in their classrooms.

Safety is always a main priority at our school. As a board we are committed to providing safe learning environments for all students. On the PA Day in September all staff were involved in safety training ranging from general health and safety to anaphylaxis and epi-pen training. We have also planned safety and fire drills which will continue throughout October. When the fire department came to do a fire drill at Mount Joy a couple of weeks ago they shared with us how impressed they were with our procedures and the way the students knew exactly what to do during the drill. Way to go Mustangs!

On September 27th, 2019 Mount Joy participated in the Terry Fox Run, students and staff were enthusiastic and we all had a great run / walk that afternoon. Our Cross Country Runners from Gr.4-8 participated the area run on September 28th and a few of our students will be competing at the Regional run on October 23rd. Thank you to all the staff who supported the Terry Fox Run and the Cross Country Run.

Our Meet the Teacher night went smoothly as parents, students and teachers were able to connect. It was a great opportunity to meet our new and returning families. Students were excited to show their family their classroom, their work and their teachers. We appreciate everyone who attended the evening and we look forward to seeing all families throughout the year.

Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes & Nancy Tsang

October at a Glance

October 14 - Thanksgiving Day (No school)

October 15 - Gr.7 boys and girls Immunizations (Hep B & HPV)

October 21 - PA Day (No School)

October 21 - Federal Election (in the gym)

October 23 - Regional Cross Country Meet at Bruce's Mill

October 23 & 24 - Bus Evacuation Training

October 25 - Photo Day

October 27 - Diwali - Significant Faith Day

October 31 - Hallowe'en

YRDSB Student Suicide Intervention Protocol

York Region District School Board is committed to student well-being and mental health. YRDSB has developed a Student Suicide Intervention Protocol to help keep students safe in the event of suicidal thoughts or actions. The Student Suicide Intervention Protocol will be implemented starting fall 2019. Youth suicide is a complex, emotionally-charged and sadly real problem in Canada. It is the second leading cause of death amongst young people. It's important to recognize that those who struggle with mental health have personal strength and resilience and the potential to overcome difficulties to ultimately thrive.

The YRDSB Student Suicide Intervention Protocol is designed to address the six steps involved when responding to current and present thoughts of suicide, as well as actions related to suicide. In addition, the Protocol is governed by a set of guiding principles which are underpinned by a culturally responsive and reflective practice.

Suicide is not culturally neutral. Our cultural and ethnic backgrounds will inform how each of us understands suicide. To see all the guiding principles, refer to the print version of the [YRDSB-Student Suicide Intervention Protocol](#) on the on the board website.

Given the urgent need to help keep students safe from suicide, each school has access to Board staff trained in suicide intervention. In the urgent situation of suicide intervention, staff trained in suicide intervention do not require parental / guardian consent to intervene. However, we do make every effort to contact parents/guardians to apprise you of your child's situation and the assistance provided. Parents/guardians are an integral part of keeping their children safe. In the event that the intervention protocol is used, a record of the intervention will be shared with you and a copy will be created and stored in a private and confidential on-line records management system. In accordance with privacy and health records legislation, a copy will be retained until the student turns 31 years of age. As per the protocol parental/guardian (student if 18 or over) consent will be sought to share the intervention plan with those members identified in the record. If you have any questions about the Student Suicide Intervention Protocol please contact your school principal.



Sushi Days 2019

Tuesday October 15 to November 19, 2019
Now available with SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

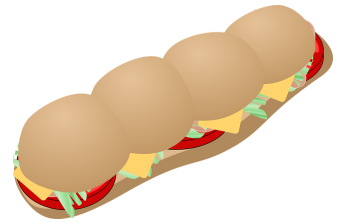
** Please note: We regret that no orders can be accepted after **Tuesday October 8, 2019****

Sushi will be delivered every Tuesday on October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12 & 19 for 6 weeks

Sushi (6 pieces) \$4 x 6 weeks = \$24.00

Sushi Options:
California Roll
Cucumber Roll

Sushi supplied by SUSHI SUSHI Markham



Subway Days 2019

Thursday October 17 to November 21, 2019
Now available with SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Please note: We regret that no orders can be accepted after **Thursday, Oct 10th, 2019 **

Subs will be delivered every Thursday from October 17th to November 21st for 6 weeks - October 17, 24, 31
November 7, 14 & 21st

Subway (6 inch) - \$4.00 x 6 = \$24

Subway Options:
Turkey Sub
Assorted Cold Cut Sub
Vegetarian Sub

Subs supplied by SUBWAY



Pasta Days 2019

Monday October 28 to December 16, 2019
Now available with SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

****Please note: We regret that no orders can be accepted after *Monday, October 7, 2019* ****

Pasta will be delivered every Monday from October 28th to December 16th for 8 weeks - October 28, Nov 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec 2, 9 and 16th, 2019

Pasta Options:

Package A: Penne with tomato sauce \$4.50 x 8 weeks = \$36.00

Package B: Penne with meat sauce \$4.50 x 8 weeks = \$36.00

Package C: Penne with Butter Parm \$4.50 x 8 weeks = \$36.00

Package D: Quesadilla with Veggies \$5.25 x 8 weeks = \$42.00

Donations to our snack programs

We welcome families to donate to our snack programs at Mount Joy.

The snacks will be made available in front of the Learning Commons for our students. If you wish to make a cereal donation, the following cereals are nut-safe : Rice Chex, Cheerios, Multi-Grain Cheerios and Shreddies.

Families can also make a monetary donation using **School Cash Online**. Under the "Item" icon, please click "Make a donation" and follow the instructions.

Thank you in advance for your kindness in supporting Mount Joy's snack program.



ARTS UNIONVILLE

at Unionville High School

- A four-year, 8-credit, intensive arts high school program for artistically interested and talented students
- Open through application and audition. Applications due: December 2, 2019
- Dance, Drama, Winds, Vocal, Visual Arts students residing in the Arts Unionville boundary of York Region may apply
- Strings students residing in the Arts Unionville and Arts Huron areas of York Region may apply
- Piano students residing in all areas of York Region may apply
- For more information and to complete our online application please go to:

unionville.hs.yrdsb.ca

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR INFORMATION SESSION:
Tuesday October 29, 2019 at 7:00pm at Flato Markham Theatre



Complimentary tickets must be reserved by visiting [Arts Unionville Showcase Tickets](#), or calling 905-479-2787 X 431 after October 1st. Seats are limited.

Online Applications open on October 30, 2019