Northern Highlig



Community Update

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Sept. 23 Day 5	Terry Fox Run (rain date) School Council -Office Conference Room (6:00 pm)	September is Deaf Awareness Month National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30, 2024 Orange Shirt Day - September 30, 2024 School Picture Day - Tuesday, October 8, 2024 Picture Retake Day - Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Tuesday Sept. 24 Day 1		
Wednesday Sept. 25 Day 2		
Thursday Sept. 26 Day 3	Meet the Staff Night (5:30-6:30 pm)	
Friday Sept. 27 Day 0	PA Day - no school	

INFORMATION & UPDATES

NLPS SCHOOL COUNCIL - JOIN US!: Our School Council is made up of NLPS parents/guardians. We meet approximately 5-6 times throughout the school year to share updates and provide input toward our school improvement plan. Our first school council meeting for the 2024-2025 school year will be held on September 23rd at 6:00 pm in person at the school. If you are interested in running for an elected School Council position (e.g., Chair, Secretary, Treasurer), please fill in and return the nomination form included in the email with your School Start Up Forms. Please send in your intent to participate in School Council before our September 23rd meeting. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

YORK REGION EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (YRES): YRES Fall Workshops offer free virtual programs like the French Reading Club and Young Scientist, designed for K-12 students to spark interest in various subjects. Additionally, in-person workshops at community centers are available for students in Grades 6-12 and offer topics such as Discovering Volunteering Opportunities. Thanks to the support from community partners, all programs are provided at no cost. Please click here for in-person programs. Please click here for virtual programs.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL PROCEDURES: As per Board Policy and Procedures #665.0, Safe Arrivals and Departures – Elementary and Secondary Students, if your child's absence is still not verified even after exhausting different steps to connect with the family, York Regional Police will be contacted and may be dispatched to your residence. We remind parent(s)/guardian(s) to update the school with all emergency contact information when changes are made. Thank you for your cooperation in reporting student absences.

SCHOOL START-UP VIRTUAL MEETING FOR BLACK FAMILIES: Families, parents, and caregivers, please join us for a special virtual meeting where Black families will have the opportunity to hear about initiatives, available resources and upcoming programming for Black Students in both elementary and secondary divisions. Please click here for further information.

PHOTO DAY: Mark your calendars! This year, picture day will be on October 8, 2024. All students will be photographed at school for an individual and class photo. It is recommended that students do not wear the colour green as a green screen is used for the background. Families will be able to view proofs and order packages online with Edge Imaging.

FARM TO FRESH: Farm To Fresh is a fundraiser that allows families to purchase fresh produce from local farmers in our area. This initiative supports our farmers as well as NLPS as we receive 40% of the profits. These funds help to support our students in various ways. Families may place orders for vegetable or apple bundles through School CashOnline. The due date to order is Friday, October 11, 2024.

PIZZA LUNCH ORDERS: Please place orders for pizza through School CashOnline before Thursday, September 26, 2024. Late orders after this date will NOT be accepted.

SPIRIT WEAR: The deadline to place orders is Friday, September 27, 2024. Orders may be placed through the vendor at <u>www.schooltee.com</u> using the Acess Code: **NOLLAUR**. All sales are final.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS: York Region Public Health is offering the following vaccines at no cost to Grade 7 students this year. <u>Please click here</u> for further information.

INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

MEET THE STAFF NIGHT: We look forward to welcoming our NLPS families to our school and classrooms. Please hold Thursday, September 26th from 5:30-6:30 for our Meet the Staff Night.