

## December 2022 Newsletter

<b>December 5-16</b>	<b>The 10 Days of Giving</b>
<b>December 6</b>	- National Day Of Remembrance Of Violence Against Women -Gr. 7&8 to River Run for "The Ridge" -Gr. 1 Traffic Safety presentations -Anti-Bullying Presentations, Gr. 5 -Bus Patrollers Pizza Lunch -Gr. 8 CCVI Guidance Presentations
<b>December 7</b>	<b>Intermediate Volleyball Tournament</b>
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Jr. Boys Volleyball Tournament</b>
<b>December 22</b>	<b>Last Day of School before winter break</b>
<b>December 23-January 9</b>	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>



Hello everyone!

We hope that everyone is staying healthy and safe as we head into the holiday season. Below is some information that you may find useful.

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### **This year, our school is running "The 10 Days of Giving" in support of Guelph's Women in Crisis!**

Each day, students are invited to bring in the selected donated item in support of this important organization. The "10 Days of Giving" will begin on Monday, December 5 and run until Friday, December 16. All donations must be new, unused items. Here is a list of the suggested donations!

December 5- Underwear for women and children

December 6- Slippers and Bathrobes

December 7- Pajamas

December 8- Winter gear, coats, and boots

December 9- Baby Diapers

December 12- Umbrellas

December 13- Hair styling products

December 14- Journals and Craft Supplies

December 15- Children and Adult Colouring books

December 16- Items for teens: headphones, gift cards for fast food, cineplex, Best Buy, etc.

Throughout our donation period, we will also accept grocery gift cards and other gift cards (ex. Giant Tiger, Gas Cards, Walmart, phone cards, etc.) as well as any personal care items for women, teen girls and boys, and children. Any toiletries donated must be full-sized, unscented or mildly scented.

Thank you for your help supporting this organization in our community!

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### **J.F. Ross Grade 8 Parent Night is Tuesday, January 10th.**

It will take place from 6 to 8 pm.

From 6 to 7 pm, there will be department and clubs displays.

At 7pm, we will make a presentation in EL FOX for all attendees.

French immersion parents are invited to a short presentation about French Immersion from 6 to 6:20 in the cafeteria.

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### **Webinar for Parents and Guardians of Elementary School Students**

Register for this free live webinar and learn about EQAO assessment results and Ontario's large-scale assessment program at the elementary school level. EQAO will review highlights from the 2021–2022 assessment results. The session will also highlight how the primary (Grade 3) and junior (Grade 6) EQAO assessments have been modernized. The session will be approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by a live Q&A with EQAO staff.

**Registration:** [www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507)

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### **School Bus Cancellations**

This year the Transportation Consortium will be returning to the model where families and school communities are encouraged to follow STWTDS and subscribe for notifications to determine if buses are canceled. To subscribe to notifications from the bus consortium, please visit their website: [www.stwdsts.ca](http://www.stwdsts.ca). For Twitter: @stwdsts

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### **dancED**

Thank you to all the families who were able to come to school to see our dancED showcase. We are tremendously proud of our students. This is our 2nd year with dancED and we would love to continue this tradition, but it is in jeopardy of being canceled in the future.

We have had considerable difficulties collecting the funds and are currently \$2600 short. We are required to put "optional" on the SchoolCash Online items, otherwise the software does not work. But if programs are not paid for, we are not going to be able to bring things like dancED or field trips to the Grotto, etc. because they are costly. We will never turn a student away from participating in a school event if the family is experiencing financial hardship. If that is the case for your family, please contact the principal, Mme Harrison, by phone or by [email](#) and your payment will be taken care discreetly and respectfully. However, if that is not the case for you, or you have simply forgotten, please go back to SchoolCash online and remit your payment.

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### **Public Health Reminders**

These are the best practices key protocols and messages to be shared and followed to promote healthy learning environments. Please emphasize these as well with your staff communication:

- Screen daily prior to arriving at school/work for symptoms
- Stay home if you are not feeling well.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided (medical masks, eye protection, gowns,

- gloves etc.) including non-fit N95 and medical grade masks, eye protection for staff
- Continue to emphasize proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
  - Alcohol-based hand rub is available throughout schools and buildings
  - Daily cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces is continuing
  - Monitor the use of standalone HEPA filters in all of our classrooms and learning spaces. Standalone HEPA units must be running in all occupied spaces where they are located
  - Encourage the opening of windows where possible and maximizing the use of outdoor learning spaces
  - Emphasize to staff, students and visitors the signs encouraging best practices related to preventative measures
  - Families may visit the board website for updates:  
<https://www.ugdsb.ca/blog/keeping-ugdsb-schools-healthy-and-safe/>

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**Kindergarten registration is January 10th! Please share widely!**