



"TAKE A RISK. GET INVOLVED. BE COMMITTED."

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WELCOME TO THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

GREETINGS TO THE GOETZ COMMUNITY,

WHAT AN EVENTFUL WEEK AHEAD! IN ADDITION TO A FEW HOME GAMES FOR GIFTS FLAG FOOTBALL AND JR/SR BOYS VOLLEYBALL, OUR STUDENT COUNCIL HAS ORGANIZED SOME FESTIVE HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES FOR OUR ENTIRE STUDENT BODY! SOME OF THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST, HALLOWEEN CIVVIES AND A LUNCHTIME KAHOOT! AS A REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS, AND FOR SAFETY REASONS, BRACELETS PROVIDED THROUGH HOME ROOM CLASSES MUST BE VISIBLY WORN ON CIVVIES DAY, THURSDAY OCTOBER 31ST. IN ADDITION TO THIS, WE END OUR WEEK WITH A POET AND MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, WALI SHAH, FOR ALL OUR GRADE 11 STUDENTS AS PART OF THEIR RETREAT PROGRAM.

NEXT WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH, ALL GRADE 9'S ACROSS THE PROVINCE ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAKE YOUR KIDS TO WORK PROGRAM. THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE WORLD OF WORK AND TRY FIRST-HAND WHAT A PARTICULAR JOB OR CAREER ENVIRONMENT FEELS LIKE. SHOULD YOUR CHILD NOT HAVE A WORKPLACE TO GO TO, WE HAVE PROVIDED THEM WITH SOME ONLINE RESOURCES AND LINKS THAT WE HAVE SENT TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES THROUGH SCHOOL MESSENGER SO THEY CAN EXPERIENCE THE WORLD OF WORK VIRTUALLY.

WE WISH YOU ALL A WONDERFUL WEEK AHEAD AND FOR STUDENTS TO CONTINUE TO ACCESS OUR ACADEMIC, EMOTIONAL AND FAITH SUPPORTS THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE WHILE WE APPROACH MID-TERMS AND THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK! - MS. ALLEGRETTO

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE FAIR - 6-8PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
CIVVIES DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
2023-2024 ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY
GRADE 9 - TAKE YOUR KID TO WORK DAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
PHOTO RETAKE DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
GOETZ OPEN HOUSE

HALLOWEEN

Costume ideas should avoid the following:
(Please note that this is not an exhaustive list)

- Any cultural stereotype
- Blackface, Brownface
- The Covid-19 pandemic
- A person with differing abilities
- People with mental illness
- Body shaming
- Body objectification
- Animal cruelty
- Culturally specific references: e.g. Day of the Dead, Hula
- Differing lived realities e.g. homelessness, imprisonment
- Anything trivializing
- Anything mocking gender identity
- Anything transphobic
- Depictions of violence



IN THIS SPOOKY WEEK, THE CHURCH CELEBRATES THREE VERY IMPORTANT DAYS: ALL HALLOWS' EVE (HALLOWEEN), ALL HALLOWS' DAY, AND ALL SOULS' DAY, AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH. THESE THREE DAYS ARE KNOWN TOGETHER AS "HALLOWTIDE".

ON ALL HALLOWS' EVE, WE PREPARE FOR THE SPECIAL DAY THAT IS TO COME: ALL HALLOWS' DAY. ON THIS DAY WE REMEMBER AND HONOUR THE COUNTLESS MEN AND WOMEN WHO LIVED LIVES DEDICATED TO GOD AND GOODNESS. THESE INDIVIDUALS, KNOWN AS SAINTS, ARE SHINING EXAMPLES OF FAITH, LOVE, AND SERVICE IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION.

ON ALL SOULS' DAY WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THIS WORLD. IT IS A DAY DEDICATED TO HONOURING THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, PRAYING TO GOD FOR THEIR SOULS, AND ALL THE SOULS IN PURGATORY.- THE CHAPLAINCY TEAM.