

Norman Ingram PS

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Principal's Message

Dear Norman Ingram Families,

There is so much great work happening in our classrooms, and it was a pleasure to share some of that learning with you at **Curriculum Night**. Thank you to the families who joined us and to our staff for their preparation and warm welcome. These opportunities to connect help strengthen the partnership between home and school.

A special thank you to **Ms. Woods** for organizing our **Scholastic Book Fair** and helping students discover books that spark their interests.

Among our ongoing classroom priorities is building strong **foundational literacy and mathematics skills**. Students are developing their reading, writing, and communication skills while strengthening their understanding of numbers and their ability to explain mathematical thinking. We want children to develop confidence, ask questions, and enjoy the process of learning.

At home, small, enjoyable moments can support this work. Reading together, visiting the library, and letting children choose books about topics they love can help build a lasting interest in reading. Reading aloud remains valuable even when children can read independently. Sharing stories and conversations in your home language is another wonderful way to make these connections.

Thoughtful questions can also encourage curiosity. Try asking, **"What do you notice?" "What do you wonder?"** or **"What makes you think that?"** Give children time to think and explain their ideas. Everyday activities such as cooking, shopping, and playing board games offer opportunities to explore mathematics. A simple **"How did you figure that out?"** can open up a meaningful conversation about their thinking.

As our **Pizza Lunch program gets underway**, thank you to School Council and the volunteers who give their time to organize orders, prepare, and distribute lunches. Your work makes this program possible and is greatly appreciated.

As we head into the Thanksgiving weekend, thank you for your continued support and partnership. A reminder that there is **no school on Monday, October 12**; students return on **Tuesday, October 13**. Wishing everyone a restful long weekend and a happy Thanksgiving to those celebrating.

Warm regards,
Kosta Flegas
Principal

Significant Dates

- **October 12:** Thanksgiving Day – **School Closed**
- **October 13:** Cross-Country Practice – 8:15 a.m. (**Grade 3–5 qualifiers only**)
- **October 15:** Cross-Country Practice – 8:15 a.m. (**Grade 3–5 qualifiers only**)
- **October 16:** First Pizza Lunch
- **October 16:** Terry Fox Run – 2:35 p.m.
- **October 20:** Cross-Country Practice – 8:15 a.m. (**Grade 3–5 qualifiers only**)
- **October 22:** North Conference Cross-Country Final – Earl Bales Park, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (**Top 40 qualifying students in Grades 3–5**)
- **October 22:** Field Trip – Grades 2/3 and 3/4
- **October 22:** YMCA Open House — 3:45–5:30 p.m.
- **October 26:** City Cross-Country Final – Sunnybrook Park, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (**Top 20 qualifying students in Grades 4–5**)
- **October 29:** Photo Day
- **November 20:** PA Day – **No school for students**

Norman Ingram YMCA Open House

Families are invited to the Norman Ingram YMCA Open House on Thursday, October 22, from 3:45–5:30 p.m.

Come meet the YMCA team, ask questions, and learn about licensed before- and after-school child care for children ages 4–12. Please see the linked [flyer for program](#) details and fees. For more information, contact Zoë White-Goodbody, Centre Supervisor, at 416-443-0770.

We hope to see you there!

Terry Fox Run

Thank you for supporting Norman Ingram's Terry Fox Run! Together, we can honour Terry's legacy and raise funds for cancer research.

Please look for the event flyer coming home with your child. **Donations are accepted online only** through our [school fundraising page](#).

Thank you for your generosity and school spirit!

French Corner: Mon autobiographie

Our students have been working hard on their very own **autobiographies in French**! They are learning new vocabulary, building sentences, and growing in confidence as they express themselves in another language. Next, they will present their profiles to the class and practise their French speaking skills.

Thank you to **Ms. Runighan** for her guidance and encouragement, and for creating this opportunity for students to

share their stories in French. Our students should be proud of their efforts and accomplishments. **Bravo, les amis!**

Please see the photo links below for examples of their work.

[Image 1](#) / [Image 2](#)

Student Nutrition Program — Your Support Makes a Difference

Our Student Nutrition Program helps ensure that students have access to healthy, nutritious food during the school day so they can arrive ready to learn, participate and thrive. The program is designed to be universal, inclusive and stigma-free, with foods such as fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains and protein-rich options available to students. We are sharing the attached [Student Nutrition Program donation flyer](#) with families and inviting those who are able to support the program. Every contribution, large or small, makes a difference and helps us continue providing balanced food for students throughout the year.

Donations can be made online at:

<https://tfss.ca/donate/schoolsites-snp/>

Please select Norman Ingram Public School from the drop-down menu.

Tax receipts are available for online donations.

Thank you for your support.

Community Opportunities: Free Girls' Soccer Program and Community Survey

White Haven Community Club Corporation (WHCCC), in partnership with Toronto Skillz F.C., is offering a **free soccer development program for girls ages 8–12**. Participants will build soccer skills, confidence, and teamwork in a supportive environment.

- **When:** Fridays, 6:00–7:00 p.m., October 16–December 18, 2026
- **Where:** Joseph Brant Public School, Gymnasium Double 1 & 2
- **To register:** Email info@whcfc.ca.

Volunteer opportunities: WHCCC is also seeking volunteer coaches and managers, including female coaches and managers to support the girls' program. Interested community members can contact the email above. **Share your ideas:** Families are invited to complete a short community survey to help WHCCC understand local interests and plan future programs, including public speaking, drama, coaching, and leadership.

[Complete the Community Survey](#)

Please see the attached flyers for more information. [Flyer 1](#) / [Flyer 2](#)