

Good evening Parents/Guardians & Families,

There have been a lot of questions around celebrating Halloween at school. Please read the TDSB message which addresses some of your questions. In addition, there's information regarding French Immersion.

We're looking forward to seeing you at our School Council meeting Tuesday November 3rd at 6pm.

Halloween: COVID Health and Safety Information

This year, as a result of COVID-19 in our city, schools will be celebrating Halloween differently. Schools must ensure that Covid- 19 related health and safety guidelines are not compromised; and that Halloween costumes worn to school align with the TDSB's anti-racism, equity and inclusion commitments.

Toronto Public Health has provided direction on celebrating Halloween in schools. While there will not be Halloween dances or parades so we can continue to practice physical distancing, there are still many ways to have fun and celebrate safely in the school setting. This may include Halloween art activities, celebrating virtually with other classrooms, reading Halloween stories or watching a movie.

Staff or students should not bring candy to school for sharing with others.

Students who celebrate Halloween, can still dress up in a costume, however, because they are required to wear masks/face coverings in school, they should:

- **not wear a costume mask on top of their face covering**
- **not remove their face covering and wear only a costume mask. A costume mask does not replace a face covering.**
- **not wear make-up, from below the eyes to ensure their face coverings are not dirtied.**

- [TPH Celebrating A Safer Halloween During COVID-19](#)
- [TPH Be Hallo-wise infographic](#)
- [Trick-or-treating alternatives infographic](#)

Early French Immersion Program - Application Information

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's [Early French Immersion](#) Program (begins in Senior Kindergarten), we offer an online process to apply. [Attached](#) please find an important information package.

To apply for the Early French Immersion Program (SK entry) for September 2021, applications must be completed online between [November 2 and November 27, 2020.](#)

An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants and will be made in the weeks following the close of the application window.

Please note: Families with an older sibling currently enrolled in the same French program and who will be in attendance next year are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Please select the “sibling option” within the online application.

For more information about the Early French Immersion (SK) application process, please join us for a [Virtual Information Session](#) on one of the following dates:

November 2, 2020, 7 p.m.

November 12, 2020, 7 p.m.

November 19, 2020, 10 a.m.

For more information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and important dates, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

Stay Strong! Stay Safe! Stay Positive!

Mr. D. Parker
Principal