

# NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



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Principal: Mr. J. VanLeuvenhage

Secretary: Mrs. I. Bowden

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

During the month of November, we honour all the Saints of our faith. We also pray for the faithfully departed, our loved ones who have died. Let us remember our family members who have gone to their eternal resting place with Jesus. May they rest in peace. November 11th is Remembrance Day. Please take the time to remember Canada's Veterans, brave and proud. St. Stephen's will be having a Remembrance Day assembly to honour this special day.

First term Progress Reports are going home on November 6th. These reports give a good indication of how your child is achieving in the various curriculum areas and how they are progressing in their learning skills and work habits. Next steps are provided to ensure your child reaches their potential. Parent/Teacher Interviews are in the evening of Thursday, November 16th and the morning of Friday, November 17th. We strongly urge you to attend these interviews. Scheduling your interview(s) will be done online. Information about scheduling an interview is going home this evening and is also included in this newsletter on the following page. Look for the 'Bookings' link from the school to set up your interview. If you are unable to attend please reach out to your child's teacher to make arrangements to communicate with the teacher at a different time.

It is with gratitude and appreciation that I announce our school family donated a large quantity of non-perishable food items to St. Vincent de Paul during Thanksgiving. Thanks to all who were able to give.

A friendly reminder to all families that students are not to arrive on school property before 8:30. Supervision begins at 8:30. To ensure the safety of all, please be mindful of arrival times. Thank you for your continued support.

God bless,  
Jeff VanLeuvenhage  
Principal



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Let Us Forget*

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

-Check your inbox for an email from the school for a link to “Bookings” to set up your interview with your child’s teacher.

We will be sending the link by Monday, November 6th.

### Microsoft Booking Step by Step-Progress Report Interviews

- 1. This step is NOT optional.**

Progress Report Interviews

Please set up a 10 minute interview time. Read more

10 minutes

Booking for Progress Report Interviews

1. DO NOT LEAVE ON “ANYONE”. Please click on the drop-down menu arrow.
- 2. Please choose your child’s teacher.**

SELECT STAFF (OPTIONAL)

Anyone

2. Please choose your child’s teacher.
- 3. Click the arrow to move to November. Choose November 10 or 11 and select a time.**

DATE

TIME

November 2022

3:00 PM 3:10 PM 3:20 PM

3:30 PM 3:40 PM 3:50 PM

4:00 PM 4:10 PM 4:20 PM

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5:00 PM 5:10 PM 5:20 PM

3. Click the arrow to move to November. Choose November 10 or 11 and select a time.
- 4. Please fill out your FIRST and LAST name, email, and phone number.**

**5. Click “Book” to submit.**

**6. Repeat steps 1-5 for additional children.**

ADD YOUR DETAILS

Name

Name

Email

Email

Address (optional)

Address (optional)

Phone number

Select country code

Add your phone number


Notes (optional)

Add any special requests

Book


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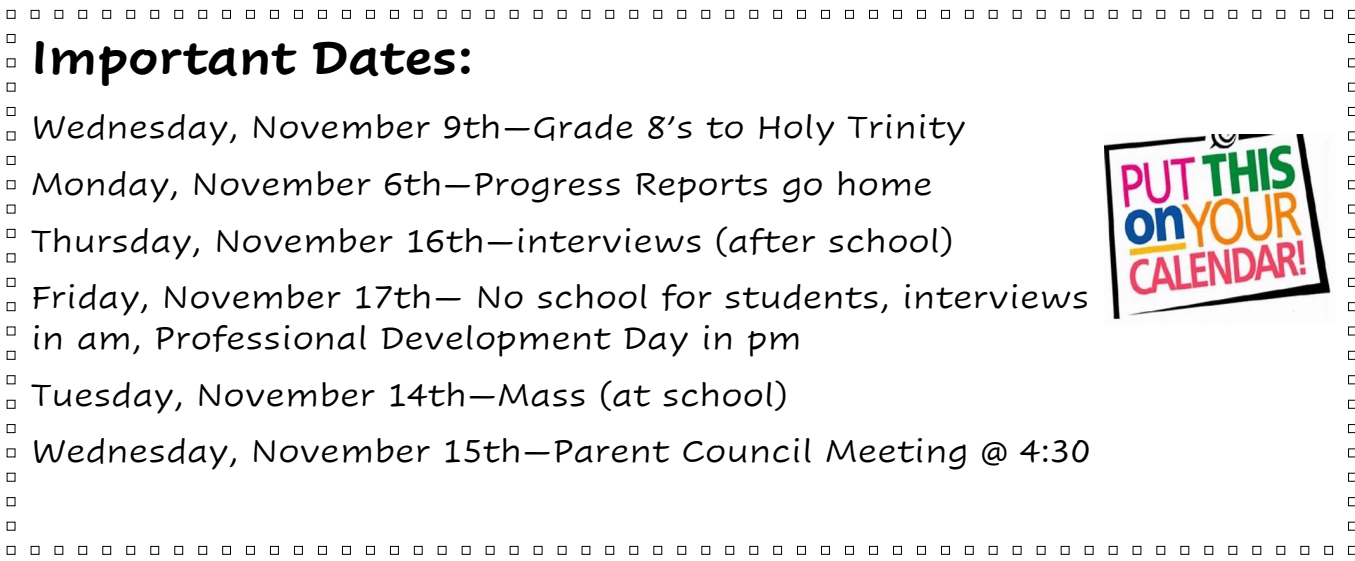
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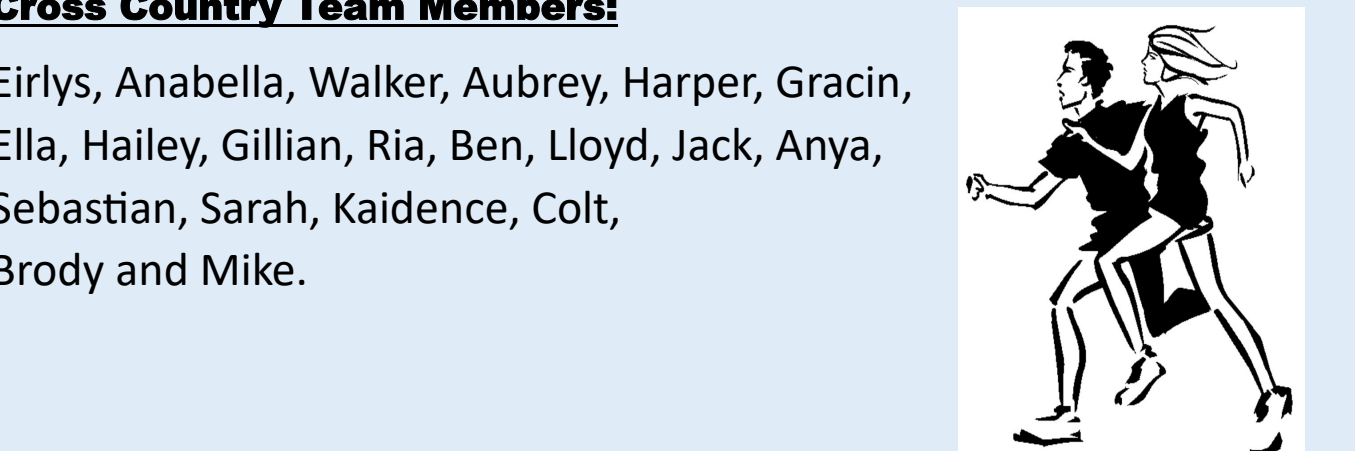
## Cross Country Team

**On Friday, October 26th the Cross Country Team coached by Ms. Major and Mr. Bortolotto competed in Waterford.**

**Congratulations to all.**

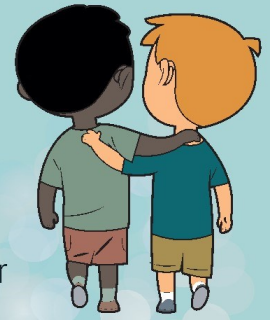
**Cross Country Team Members:**

Eirlys, Anabella, Walker, Aubrey, Harper, Gracin, Ella, Hailey, Gillian, Ria, Ben, Lloyd, Jack, Anya, Sebastian, Sarah, Kaidence, Colt, Brody and Mike.





# How to Teach Your Child About Diversity and Inclusion



1. **Lead by example:** Children learn by observing the behavior of the adults around them. Show your child how to be respectful, open-minded, and inclusive towards people who are different from them.
2. **Discuss differences:** Encourage your child to ask questions about differences they observe in others, and help them understand that everyone is unique and special in their own way.
3. **Read diverse books:** Read books that showcase a variety of cultures, families, and experiences. This can help your child understand and appreciate diversity.
4. **Teach empathy:** Encourage your child to put themselves in someone else's shoes, and to understand and respect others' feelings and perspectives.
5. **Encourage respect for all:** Teach your child to respect all individuals, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or abilities.
6. **Encourage self-reflection:** Encourage your child to reflect on their own experiences and biases, and to continue learning and growing in their understanding of diversity and inclusion.
7. **Model inclusive language:** Use inclusive language and avoid language that may be offensive or hurtful to others.
8. **Address biases and prejudices:** If your child expresses biases or prejudices, address them openly and respectfully, and help them understand the harm these attitudes can cause.

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Haldimand and Norfolk

## THE **ABC's** of Healthy Schools & STUDENTS

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For more information  
about healthy schools,  
visit [hnhu.org/schoolhealth](http://hnhu.org/schoolhealth)

## T is for... Tooth Brushing

Oral health is a key part of your child's overall health and well-being.

To help you ensure your child has healthy, strong teeth to last a lifetime, make regular tooth brushing a part of their daily routine.

Children should brush their teeth using fluoride toothpaste every morning before school and every night before bed. Remember that most children need help brushing their teeth until they can tie their own shoes.

For more information on your child's oral health, or how to access free dental programs, contact the Health Unit at 519-426-6170 or 905-318-6623 and enter extension 3293 or visit [hnhu.org/dentalhealth](http://hnhu.org/dentalhealth).





### Check Your Child's Hair



You know the routine - it's that time of the year again. Check your children's hair at least twice a week, remind them not to share combs, hair bands, hats, scarves, and call the school if you notice a problem. Remember too, that if head lice is detected, you also need to treat your entire house - bedding, upholstery, any clothing that is pulled over the head, and anything that comes in contact with the hair. It's a big job, but it's necessary!

## LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

We have a large amount of items in our Lost and Found bin. These items will be on display outside of the school during Parent/Teacher Interviews (November 16th and November 17th). Please stop by and claim any items that may belong to your child.

