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The 'DRAGON'

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Autumn is Here!

The leaves are changing colour, it's getting darker earlier, and temperatures are much cooler in the morning and evening. Please make sure to send the proper gear for your child(ren) as many teachers are continuing to take their learning outside.

Masks During Drop off and Pick Up

Please remember that during drop off and pick up masks must be worn in order to comply with Public Health protocols.



A Note About Hallowe'en—Friday, October 30th

We will be celebrating Hallowe'en in many different ways at St. George German. Celebrations do look slightly different from previous years in order to maintain important Public Health measures.

Guiding Principles for Hallowe'en Activities

- No outside food brought into the school by parents or staff for sharing or distributing.
- No sharing of treats among students.
- Costume **masks do not** qualify as COVID protection.
- **No costume masks over COVID masks.**
- Students are welcome to wear *Black and Orange* if they choose to not wear a costume this year
- Students should wear their costumes to school, as staff will be unable to assist with costume changes or "costume malfunctions", due to physical distancing and COVID protocols
- Celebrations to be limited to classrooms.

Boomerang Lunches



Five Tips for a Litterless Lunch

The idea of a litterless or “boomerang” lunch is to decrease the amount of waste brought to school. Check out the tips below for some ideas to get started with helping us reduce our waste!

1. Look beyond the plastic sandwich bags for packaging items.
2. Use reusable water bottles or a thermos.
3. Take hard to open items out of packaging at home and put in Tupperware to encourage an easier open for little ones.
4. Provide cutlery that can be washed and then reused at home.
5. Get your child(ren) to help pack and learn the steps involved in being litterless!

Upcoming Dates

Friday November 27:

- Spirit Day—Hat Day!

PA Day on Friday, November 13th

- No school for students

Conflict vs Bullying

From our Safe and Inclusive Schools Team: Discuss with your child the difference between conflict and bullying.

Take a look at the issue of power. In a normal peer conflict, the parties involved are friends, or good acquaintances and have the same power & status among those of their classmates. With bullying there is a clear imbalance of power, with one having greater social status than another. Remember that bullying is deliberate & repeated over time & causes serious harm to the target. Normal peer conflict happens once & awhile, is not targeted & usually doesn't result in serious harm. Look at the child's willingness to resolve the conflict. Children involved in normal peer conflict will try to resolve their differences, usually with the help of others. In a bully-victim situation, the bully takes no responsibility for his or her actions, often blames the victim, makes little or no effort to resolve the problem. When one member of a peer group begins to feel disempowered or excluded, then the conflict becomes a form of bullying.



What can you do to help?

Be considerate of those who are sensitive to fragrances, scents or odours. Avoid using these products in the school.