



October 2018

The 'DRAGON'

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# St. George-German School

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## October Greetings

As the autumn leaves turn and cooler temperatures usher in fall, we can reflect back to an excellent start for the school year and look ahead to what lies ahead for October. We have had baseball teams compete very well for St. George at tournaments including one championship, the School Council first meeting, Book Fair, Photo Day, Meet The Teacher, 'Me To We' Day and start up to our Student Leadership Group. October brings Thanksgiving, Cross Country and Hallowe'en at the end of the month. Our school safety patrollers will also be starting in the first week of October. Thanks to those students for keeping our school safe.

We would also like to invite everyone to visit our Facebook Page again this year for updates on school events and happenings. This is a great way to find out about all of the great things happening at our school from students, staff and our community. See us at: <https://www.facebook.com/St-George-German-Public-School-499676590213100/timeline/> Have a great month!

Mr. T. Zebroski, Principal

## School Council

The next meeting for this year will be Tuesday October 9th at 6:30 pm. This meeting will include discussion about possible fundraising. Please come out if you are interested or would like to be involved.

## Important Dates to Remember

Tuesday October 2	- PD Day
Friday October 5	- Terry Fox Run
Monday October 8	- Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Tuesday October 9	- School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
Wednesday October 17	- Immunizations Day
Friday October 19	- Grilled Cheese Day
Tuesday October 31	- Hallowe'en Parade

## **Baseball Updates**

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys Three Pitch Team which won the Championship September 26th in Paris. The team went undefeated for the whole tournament beating Ecole Confederation in the semis with a thrilling walk off win in the bottom of the last inning. They then held Greenbrier to one run to win the Championship 2 to 1. Every player made great contributions and it was truly a team victory. Way to go Dragons! Members of your championship team include: Brennan A, Jack K, Ty P, Sam S, Mason P, Jacob S, Ramsay K, Luke B, Jacob A, Tyler L, Rhys M, Owen L, Adam F and Adam K. Thank you to all the parents who came out and supported the team. The boys would like to thank Mr Lee for his help coaching the bases.

On September 25, the Intermediate Girls' 3-Pitch team played in their tournament at Green Lanes in Paris. The girls had a strong start, dominating their pool play with two wins and a tie, advancing to the quarter-finals where they shut-out Banbury, 8-0. Despite a well fought game, our Dragons were defeated by a strong Glen Morris team, 6-4. The girls consistently demonstrated team spirit and a positive attitude toward each other, their competitors and umpires. Congratulations to members of the team: Lauren M., Lauren C., Madeline H., Olivia W., Sadie O., Grace W., Jasmine G., Jessa M., Kara W., Aislinn B., and Presley E. Coach: Ms. Evans

On Thursday, September 27, the Junior Co-ed 3 Pitch team travelled to the Green Lane Diamonds in Paris to compete in the BCESAA tournament. In round robin Play we tied 1-1 with Russell Reid and beat Bellview 10-0. In the quarter finals, we played a close game against Cobblestone, winning 4-3 to secure our place in the semi-finals. In the semi-finals, we lost to the eventual tournament champs, North Ward, 2-1. Our junior Dragons showed great sportsmanship, tenacity and work ethic all day. Mrs. and Ms. Beedham would like to thank our graduating grade six players Pyper, Jadenn, Caleb and Tommy for their leadership, and look forward to seeing Nathan (and mom Tara), Carter, Wyatt, Rowan, Olivia, Colt, Evan, Joel, Emma, Jorja and Emelia at tryouts next year.

We were also proudly represented by Madeline, Lauren, Sadie, Olivia, Rhys, Ty, Jacob and Luke who volunteered their time to ump the tournament. It was so nice to see our St. George leaders giving back to the community and we had many compliments about the professionalism they displayed on the diamond. Thanks for all your hard work, you all did a fantastic job! Ms. B. Beedham

## **Knitting Club**

Mrs. Aleksandrov is planning to run a knitting club for twelve weeks, starting in November. The club will meet every Day 2 during second nutrition break. The club is open to Grade 3 and 4 students and the number of members will depend on the number of parent volunteers we can get. If you like to knit and would like to help out, please come in and talk to Mrs. Aleksandrov. Please remember volunteers need to have an updated police check. Forms can be obtained at the school office.

Orange Shirt Day is a day for everyone across Canada to remember and show support for those children and families affected by their experiences in Residential Schools. Orange shirt day was inspired by Phylis Webstad's story about how she arrived at school proudly in a new orange shirt, only to have it taken away by the Residential School officials. This orange shirt taken away from a child became a symbol of the many losses these children suffered at the Residential Schools and shows the survivors and their families that we recognize and support them today and every day. Orange shirt day shows that we all stand together against neglect, bullying and racism.

**On Monday, October 1st, wear an orange shirt to show that  
St. George-German believes Every Child Matters.**



It was **38 years ago** that a young man from British Columbia captivated Canadians with his determination, commitment and energy to find a cure for cancer. **His name was Terry Fox.**

This year our school we will be holding an event to commemorate Terry's inspirational "*Marathon of Hope*". All students and staff will be gathering on the soccer field and participating in a half hour walk/run within the school premises. Millions of students are expected to participate across Canada. The event will take place on

**Friday October 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.** Parents /Guardians are welcome to join us for this very special occasion.

Since Terry's Marathon of Hope in 1980, 37 annual Terry Fox Runs have contributed more than \$500 million for cancer research. In order to support the Terry Fox foundation and ongoing cancer research, every participant is *encouraged* (every student will participate no matter if they bring a toonie or not) to donate two dollars. We are calling it "**Toonies for Terry**". Terry Fox is a Canadian hero-students are encouraged to wear red and white for the event.

***"Even though I am not running anymore, we still have to try to find a cure for cancer.***

***Other people should go ahead and try to do their own thing now."***

***(Terry Fox, September 2, 1980)***

## **School Council News**

We have a number of wonderful parents on our committee and we want to say thank you to each of them for all of your dedication to helping to make this school a great place for our children! We look forward to working with you this school year!

We would also like to welcome any and all parents who have an interest in joining us...

### **Ever wonder what School Council does?**

\*We plan and organize fundraising events and decide where and how our fundraising dollars are spent.

\*We work with the school's principal, vice-principal and teachers, discussing issues and problems that arise in the school year and we work together to reach a reasonable solution.

\*We plan educational entertainment for our students, whether it is through fundraising or grants.

Come and join us if you want to contribute to your child's school, if you want to provide input on certain issues or if you want to find out why things are done the way they are. Our council meetings are typically the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm in the Staff Room at the front of the school. If you are unable to make meetings but still are able to participate in other ways please let us know as we would still enjoy having you on council!

**The School Council meeting this month is Tuesday**

**October 9th at 6:30pm**

**Come join us all are welcome!!**

**We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Meet the Teacher BBQ and to Lions Club for their hard work to help make this event a great one!**

### **Student Leadership Team**

Our Student Leadership Team is up and running and ready for another exciting year. Eight students were chosen in a draw to attend We Day in Toronto on Sept. 20th, where we were inspired by some amazing speakers and artists to create change in our local and global communities. We got to work right away by helping organize our school's Terry Fox Run/Walk which is taking place on Oct. 5th at 1:30pm (don't forget your toonie!) and by promoting awareness of the impacts of the residential school system through Orange Shirt Day (Oct. 1st). We are also hoping to get involve in "We Scare Hunger" by holding a dance for our Grades 6-8 students and collecting food items for local food banks at Halloween. Throughout the year, our SLT will help deliver pizza to classrooms, promote spirit days, organize special events within the school and support both local and global charitable organizations this year. We will communicate via Twitter (@MadameChaplin) and bulletins sent home with classroom teachers. With twenty-five "executive members" (Grades 7-8) and thirty-nine "class reps" (Grades 4-8), this is our biggest team ever. We are looking forward to making all sorts of positive change together!