



November 5, 2021

Dear BCA families,

Christmas is on its way, the malls and stores these days are already starting to play Christmas music and you can find the decorations going up everywhere. It seems a little early to me, but after the year we just experienced, everyone is so excited to think we might be able to celebrate again, which will make this Christmas even better. Our Christmas Drive-Through was such a success last year that we are making plans with the PTA to do it again. So, stay tuned for volunteer opportunities, if there is enough interest, we may plan it two nights in a row so you can invite your friends and neighbours.

Things are changing (for most of us, not fast enough), we were able to participate in three soccer tournaments this past month, the children enjoyed the Fall Fair last week and our ultimate frisbee teams had a great time at the local tournaments in Oakville. Volleyball season is right around the corner and you will hear more about upcoming matches in the next few weeks. The latest instructions from the Halton Region Medical Officer of Health has indicated that all children will be allowed to participate in school sporting matches. They are encouraging students to get vaccinated but they are not required to be as long as the games are held in a school facility. For now, parents will not be allowed into the gym to watch the games but we are hopeful that may change in the coming months.

The new uniforms pieces are finally arriving for most and they look great. Please make sure to label your child's clothing, so we know who it belongs to if it happens to be left behind. Consider using Mabel's Labels since a portion of all sales to BCA families goes to our PTA fundraising.

One other piece of information I need to share with you, just in case you are making plans to travel outside of Canada in the next month. We received new guidelines from Public Health this past week indicating that any school age children that are not vaccinated will not be allowed to return to school for 14 days after they return from their trip. Once again, these rules are changing on a regular basis so we will keep you updated to any amendments or changes that affect us as a school community.

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, November 11 – Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:45 (final day to purchase a poppy and donate to the poppy campaign which raises funds to support veterans)
- Monday, November 12 – Poinsettia fundraiser – orders due
- Thursday, November 19 – Disney Theme Casual Day – hosted by Student Council (students will receive tickets to win prizes)
- Friday, November 26 – Toonie Casual Day

Toonie Casual day continues to be a good fundraiser on the last Friday of the month. All money raised goes to the “Next Door Social Space” to help out those in our community that are in need. From the two Toonie Casual days so far, the students have raised nearly \$500. With two more Toonie Casual days before Christmas wouldn’t it will be fantastic if we could give them a check for \$1000.

Yours in Christ,

Rob Lofthouse