

East St. Margaret's Elementary

monthly newsletter

October 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

September went by so fast. Our recent Orange Shirt day celebration was a great success. We have our first family dance coming up at Halloween that we hope that all of you will attend. It is always a wonderful event. Further information will be coming very soon on our much anticipated School Lunch Program. The ordering process will begin mid-October, with the first meals arriving near the end of the month. The menu looks fantastic, [have a look!](#)
-Mr O'Brien

Demographic Update Reminder

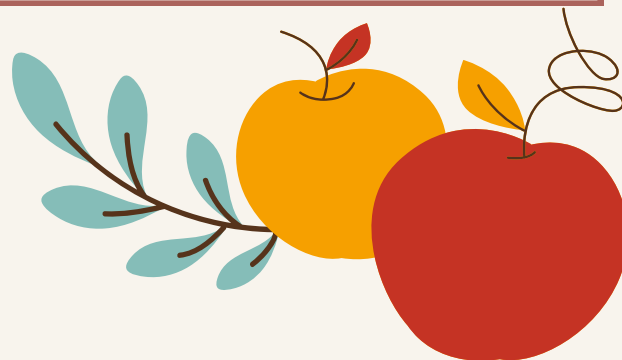
On September 23, all families received an email from PowerSchool Enrollment requesting that they complete the 2024-2025 Demographic Update form. If you have not updated your student's records in the Parent Portal, please do so by **October 14, 2024**. The form will close and will no longer be available after this date.

It's critical that we have the most accurate information each year so that we can contact you quickly in the event of an emergency, send you important information, and to understand your student's health requirements.

If you have any issues filling out the form or logging into your Parent Portal account, please let us know in the Office.

Dates to Remember

- OCT 3 School Photo Day
- OCT 3 Home & School General Meeting
VIRTUAL @ 6 PM - [JOIN HERE](#)
- OCT 11 Professional Development Day
NO CLASSES
- OCT 14 Thanksgiving Day
NO CLASSES
- OCT 24 ESM Halloween Dance
6 PM - ESM Gym
- OCT 25 NSTU Conference Day
NO CLASSES
- OCT 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN



School Advisory Committee Final Call for Nominations

Nominations Due - October 6, 2024

Are you interested in getting more involved at ESM? We have an active School Advisory Council (SAC) made up of dedicated parents/guardians, East St. Margaret's staff and administrators, and local community members who work together to improve student achievement and student community well-being through policy, school practices and initiatives, and special funding that ensures all students receive an inclusive education.

ESM is currently seeking nominations for TWO parent/guardian members. Those elected to each position will serve a three-year term beginning October 2024. You may nominate yourself by emailing ESM at estmehrcce.ca from now until the end of day October 6, 2024. The slate of candidates will be presented to the school body via email on October 7, 2024. Additionally, paper ballots will be sent home that day to be returned by October 10, 2024. The first meeting of the 2024-2025 school year will be held virtually on October 15, 2024.

School Photo Day - October 3, 2024



In preparation for viewing your student's photo proofs online, please pre-register for ESM's photo gallery by following these steps:

- Visit **ESM Photo Gallery**.
- Log in or Create Account
- Click the **Submit** button

When your student's images have been uploaded to the photo gallery, you will receive an email letting you know your images are ready to view.

Home & School Association General Meeting

The first meeting of the ESM Home & School Association for the 2024-2025 school year is scheduled for **Thursday, October 3 at 6 PM** and will be virtual for the convenience of ESM families.

If you're interested in getting involved in Home & School activities, please join us for this very important first meeting of the year.

Virtual Meeting: **JOIN HERE**

