

SQUAWK!



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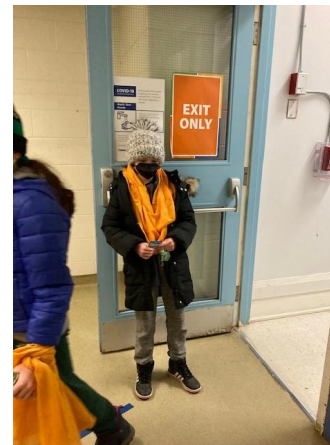
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Kindness Day:
Yesterday is history
Tomorrow is a mystery but
Today is a gift

Children and Vaccines

Children 5 to 17 years old are [eligible](#) to get the COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines for children can be booked using the [Province's registration system](#) or by calling the vaccine booking line at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY 1-866-797-0007).

Currently John Fisher P.S. will not be offering vaccinations to elementary aged students

Children 5 to 17 years of age should talk about the benefits and risks getting the vaccine with a parent or trusted adult. This means the



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young person must understand information about the vaccine, why it is being recommended and what will happen if they accept or refuse vaccination. Parents or caregivers of younger children will usually have to provide consent ([see Form here](#)) on behalf of the child before or at the time of the appointment. For more information [read here](#).

Parent Communication through Class Parents

In order to foster communication between parents, teachers and the school council, the Class Parent representatives are required to obtain email contact for each family in their classroom. To assist the parent volunteers to communicate with you, please complete this [google Form](#) as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact Cassie Brown at cassandra.brown@blakes.com and Faridah Nassali at nassali.faridah@gmail.com

Switching between in-person and virtual learning

As per letter sent to families this week the opportunity to switch between in-person and virtual learning is to take place by February 22, 2022. Parents/caregivers requesting a change must complete an [Elementary Switch Form](#) between **Friday, December 3 and Friday, January 7**. This form must be completed for each student requesting a switch. Parents/caregivers and students who do not wish to make a change do not need to complete a form. While we cannot guarantee that all switch requests will be met, it is our goal to accommodate as many as possible based on available programs and space (e.g. French Immersion, Extended French, Specialized Programs, Alternative Schools, other limited circumstances).

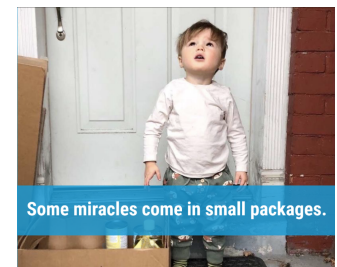
Food Bank Donations - Drop off this Week

This upcoming week, Monday November 29th to Friday December 3rd, we are asking John Fisher families to participate in the [Toronto Miracle 2021](#).

We will be collecting non-perishable food donations at John Fisher between Monday, November 29th and Friday December 3rd. Please send your donations with your child to school and they can drop them off in a designated box in front of the school office. We will have them delivered to the food bank as part of the initiative on Dec 4th. For a list of recommended foods to donate, please [visit here](#).

Thank you for your support

Lauren Bull, School Council Secretary



Toy Drive



Hello John Fisher parents. Some of the grade 6 students have organized a toy drive to take place from November 29th to December 14th. All proceeds will be going to a shelter for women with young children. Please make sure the toys you are donating are new or never



used (unopened) and not gift wrapped. There will be a box at the front of the office to place the donations. All the presents will be placed in a box in front of the office, next to our 'sapin pingouin'.

Thank you, M.C.

Book Fair/Festival du Livre

Dates: The week of Monday, December 6th to Friday, December 10th.

Location: John Fisher Library

On December 6th, students will have an opportunity to view books and to make their 'Wish List'. Please provide your child with a ziplock bag, labelled with their name. They can use this bag to place the money and any change they may have after their purchases. If at all possible, provide your child with the exact amount of money for their purchases. Taxes are included in the prices of the books and other items.

Students will go to the library during their regularly scheduled library period in their cohorts to purchase books and other items. [The Virtual Shopping link](#) for parents/guardians will only be activated on Monday, December 6th. A portion of the sales will go back to the library for the purchase of books.

Mme Raviele,
Teacher Librarian



School Council Fundraising Team

Given the continued challenges faced this year with social distancing requirements, many of John Fisher's traditional fundraising events and socials have either had to be postponed or adapted to meet these requirements. However, we will endeavour to run as many events as possible to keep our community connected. [Here](#) are some exciting events and initiatives to look forward to:

[Acorn Cards](#)

[Scholastic Book Fair](#)

[Virtual Bingo Night](#)

[JF Spirit Wear](#)

[Indigo](#)

[FlipGive](#)

[Direct Donation Continues...](#)

Lunchroom Supervisors

We are still searching for parents/guardians to work during the lunch hour from 10:55 - 12:10 to fill in when a permanent lunchroom supervisor is ill. If you have experience working with children and an ability to communicate sensitively with our students, please consider joining our team. Your main role will be to ensure the safety and security of our students indoors while they eat and outdoors in the schoolyard during play time. Necessary skills include patience, understanding and the ability to encourage positive relations among students. If interested, please contact Jane Wadden (jane.wadden@tdsb.on.ca) or call 416 393 9325.

PIAC Parent Conference

This weekend join us for the PIAC Parent Conference!

On Saturday November 27 and Sunday November 28 is the long awaited PIAC Parent Conference. **Bridging the Gap** is a two day virtual event with speakers and workshops focused on bridging the gap in our schools in mental health, parent engagement and school councils. Engage with other parents and caregivers from across the TDSB as we learn and share best practices on reconnecting mentally and socially with ourselves, students, schools and communities. More information will be available online at www.torontopiac.com



Trustee Chernos Lin's Update



[See here](#) for Trustee Chernos Lin's Newsletter. To receive regular updates, please [Sign up here](#).

If you have missed these past Squawk articles, see below:

[Thinking of Travelling over the Holidays?](#)

[Spirit Wear](#)



[Kiss 'N Ride](#)

[Health Screening Self assessment](#)

[Saliva Test Kits](#)

Dates to Remember

November 27 and 28 [PIAC Parent Conference](#)

November 29-Dec 3 [Food Donations for Toronto Miracle](#)

November 29 - Dec 14 [Toy Drive](#) Donations

Dec 3 - Jan 7 [Switch from from Virtual School to In Person and vice versa](#)

December 6-10 [Festival du Livre/ Book Fair](#) and [Virtual Shopping Link](#)

December 9 2:30-1:30 Sultans of String (Virtual) Musical Concert

December 14 Last day for Toy Drive donations

December 18 Winter Break starts

January 3, 2022 School resumes