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Veritas Catholic School
A Tradition of Academic Excellence



October Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Veritas has had a great start to this school year with a very busy September, despite ongoing COVID-19 challenges. Thank you to all parents who attended the Open House and volunteered in the school this month with various fundraisers and hot lunch. Your presence and contributions add to our positive school environment!

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary. The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses" and is a powerful, scripture-based prayer to God through Mary, His mother. Praying the Rosary invites mediation on Jesus' life, including the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries. The repetition of the Rosary is meant to provide an opportunity for calm and reflective prayer. I invite you to say all or a portion of the Rosary each week of October with your families.

It is lovely touching base with most of our parents during end-of-the-day pick-up. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Tamara Berg
Principal, Veritas School
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Dates of Importance:

October 7

Candy Kabob Sales After School

October 8

Half Day - Dismissal at 12:00 Noon
Donations of New Scarves, Mitts, and Toques Due

October 11

Thanksgiving Day - School Closed

October 14

Candy Kabob Sales After School
Veritas Council Meeting @ 7 pm

October 18

VPSG Meeting @ 7:00 pm

October 19

School Photo Day

October 21

Candy Kabob Sales After School

October 22

Provincial Pro-D Day - No School

October 27

School-Wide Mass @ 9:00 am

October 28 & 29

Scholastic Book Fair
Student Led Conferences
No School for Students
No After School Care



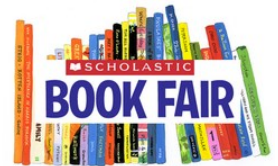
Face Masks: The BC Ministry of Education COVID-19 guidelines require all staff, visitors, and students in grades 4-9 to wear face masks. It is recommended that students in kindergarten to grade 3 also wear face masks. Please ensure your child has extra face masks in their backpack and that their masks are washed after each use. Masks should not be worn for consecutive days without being washed.



Student Led Conferences: Veritas Teachers will be preparing their students for student-led conferences on October 28 and 29. Please watch for more information on how to sign up for a specific time in the coming weeks.

Veritas Parent Support Group: Our VPSG held their first meeting of this school year after September's Open House and have some great fundraising plans! October's meeting will include recommitment and voting for the Executive members (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary). Please see page 4 of this newsletter for more information. Thank you to all those parents who volunteered to be class reps and those who attended the first meeting. The minutes for the VPSG's monthly meeting can be viewed on the school website at www.veritascatholicschool.ca/vpsg-minutes.

Scholastic Book Fair: This year, Veritas School will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair during student-led conferences. Please know that the number of people in the library for the book fair at one time will be monitored. Please watch for further information in the coming weeks.



Veritas School Council: Veritas School Council held their first meeting in September and welcomed returning members: Richard Klein, Chair; Flo Sheppard, Vice-Chair; Erik Hernes, Treasurer; Lynn Cooper, Secretary; and John Krisinger, Director. The Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14 at 7 pm in the Sacred Heart Parish meeting rooms.

After School Care: Regulations require us to have current immunization records on file for all ASC children. If your child(ren) are attending ASC, please ensure you have provided us with their records. ASC ends precisely at 5:00; it is important that your child(ren) are picked up by 5:00. Our attendance at ASC was very high during September. For this reason, please ensure that your child's teacher or the school office know that your child(ren) is attending during the morning hours. If your plans change and your child (ren) no longer need an ASC spot, please inform the school office as soon as possible.



Grocery Cards: Our grocery card program is an easy way to support Veritas' fundraising efforts, and is still available despite restrictions to the school! We have grocery cards available for Safeway, Save-On-Foods, and Wholesale Club in a variety of denominations. The school receives a percentage of your purchase in funds, at no cost to you! Please contact the school office for purchasing details.

Playground: Our newest piece of playground equipment, a ZipKrooz zipline, has been installed in the front playground. Once the cement foundation finished curing, the zipline will be open to our students! Thank you to the Rotary Club of Terrace for your significant donation of \$20 000, which allowed us to purchase this piece!



The grade 9 students have begun their woodwork classes with Mr. Ramsay!

Friday, Sept 17 was Smile Day! We played music and danced at random times all day, and ended the day with Tiim Horton's Smile Cookies to benefit the REM Lee Hospital Foundation. Thank you for picking up the cookies, Mr. Pedro!

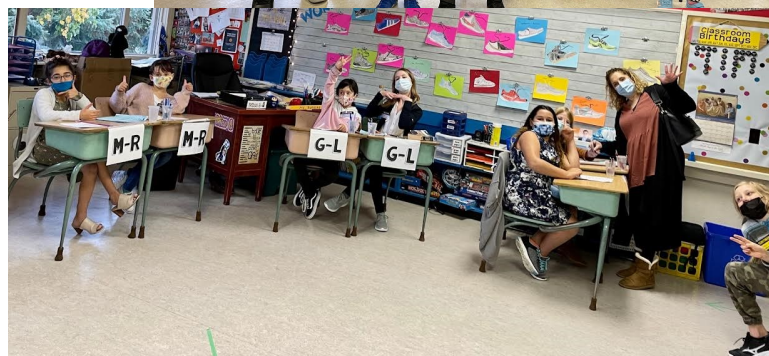


The morning kindergarten class had a special visit with Camille's bunny, Jamal!.

The grade 5 class ran a student vote as part of their Social Studies curriculum.



Here are Frankie and Lincoln reading a book together in preschool!



Veritas Parent Support Group

VPSG Executive: The VPSG Executive includes a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The Executive positions will be voted on at the October 18 meeting.

Fundraising Monies: Last year, the VPSG fundraised \$16 000 for Veritas School. The majority of these funds were used to purchase new wall-mounted white boards for every classroom. The remaining amount was moved into our playground fund. This years fundraising goal is \$25 000!

Hot Lunch: Hot Lunch is permitted to run under the Operational Guidelines for schools. The operation of Hot Lunch relies on classroom reps and volunteers to assist each Wednesday.

Fundraisers: The VPSG is intending to run many of their traditional fundraisers online this year. If you are interested in organizing any of the following fundraisers, please contact Silvia Barg at silviar_99@hotmail.com.



Meetings: The next VPSG meeting is **Monday, October 18** at 7 pm in the Veritas School music room. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend any meeting. Please contact Silvia Barg at silviar_99@hotmail.com. if you have any questions or concerns.

Candy Kabob Sales: The VPSG will be selling Candy Kabobs after school on Thursdays for the month of October for \$2 each!

