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Good evening,

Please see below for some informational items and reminders:

Progress Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews:

Progress Reports will be sent home electronically to student's DSBN emails on Thursday, October 5th, 2023. We will be holding parent-teacher interviews in-person at the school on Thursday, October 12th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The interview scheduler will be made available to parents/guardians starting on Thursday, October 5th at 4:00 pm, and closing on Wednesday, October 11th at 9:00 am. Directions to this scheduler (including the link) will be communicated next week.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30 (recognized this year on September 29th in DSBN):

- The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation became a federally observed holiday on July 20, 2021, to be observed on September 30th each year. Sharing this day with Orange Shirt Day, a day widely recognized across the country since 2013. This day provides an opportunity for Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of Residential Schools
- On Friday, September 29th, students, and staff across the DSBN will wear Orange to recognize the harm that the Residential School System had on First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children and to recognize that, "Every Child Matters."
- We are selling Orange Shirts (Every Child Matters Shirts) for \$5 at lunch in the front foyer (either cash or debit). All the money raised will go to a Truth & Reconciliation Initiative this year.
- We have placed a large Circle display, which is made with student-decorated wooden tiles, in the library. We have extra blank tiles available for students to color and decorate, which will be used to add to the circle display following Truth and Reconciliation day this year.
- Student Council is facilitating a Truth and Reconciliation project that will be a rock display set in front of the school. They have approximately 100 small rocks collected and painted orange. Students will be asked at lunch tomorrow to write on a rock how a child should feel, an inspirational message, or something kind to be displayed. In the center, there will be a title rock stating 'Every Child Matters'.

Student Activity Fees and Registration Forms:

This is a reminder to students & families that have not yet completed the required consent forms through School Cash Online, or not yet paid the required \$40 registration fee, to please do so at your earliest convenience. We thank you in advance for completing these requirements.

Grade 11 & 12 Parent Information Session

We will be offering a parent/guardian information session in late October/early November on how to support your child during the post-secondary planning process. More information and details to follow.

Washrooms and Hallways

We are continuing to deal with inappropriate use of school washrooms. Specifically, some students are congregating in washrooms and engaging in inappropriate activities such as vaping and vandalism. This is making other students feel uncomfortable and unsafe using our washrooms. We are continuing to address this issue as washrooms are to be used for their intended purposes only. Please review these concerns at home.

Thank you!

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