Caledonia Junior High Newsletter **November 1, 2020**

Spirit Week

We had a very successful spirit week this week. Many staff and students dressed up and took part in bringing lots of spirit to Caledonia Junior High. We had a successful Pumpkin Carving Awards on Friday with many very talented entries. Students were the judges and choose Mrs. Joukhader's Among Us pumpkin as the winner. There are lots of pictures on our twitter account and are also located on our school website as our twitter feed is on the school website.
Follow up on twitter @CJHS_HRSB.

Lunch Time Routines

As the municipal fields have closed for the season, we are adjusting our lunch schedule and rotation. Students staying at school for lunch will still be on the rotating schedule of six classes inside and six classes outside each day, however the schedule of which classes go outside on which days will have some changes to help facilitate smoother transitions. We apologize for any initial inconvenience this may cause. Students leaving for lunch are still more than welcome to leave, but are reminded of the expectation to leave school property for the duration of lunch and return around 12:35 pm and queue in their cohort's area. Students staying for lunch must stay in their cohort in accordance with the back to school plan. A reminder to families the little and big Beazley properties are not school property and are not supervised at lunch.

Back To School Plan Update

We are reaching two months of students getting use to routines. We would like to take the opportunity to remind families to continue to do the COVID Daily screening test each morning. Our shared health is our shared responsible so we are reminding students of the three levels of support build into the back to school plan ;class cohorts, masking and hand sanitizing are critical pieces of the back to school plan. We have put lots of support in place in each cohort to prevent sharing to limit exposure for students.

The Back to School plan had three phases build into the plan. Plan A is back to school full time as we are doing currently, Plan B is blended learning and this plan would mean 7 and 8 students attending school in smaller cohorts while Grade 9 students would be supported virtually. Plan C is learning virtually from home. We are teaching in a pandemic and are following recommendations from public health and the department of education. We are always preparing at Caledonia Junior High. We have been encouraging teachers to introduce and use Google classroom so students are familiar with using this form of online learning. We have given out Google classroom codes to students. We will start sharing these codes with families in the future. We have issued PowerSchool login to all families and students. You can contact Mrs. West in the main office if you require your PowerSchool login. Students and families should be login to gain progress feedback on PowerSchool's.

Black Educator Association

IS offering Virtual Learning Sessions for Cultural Academic Enrichment Learning Experience for African Nova Scotian Students. I have enclosed the flyer and registration form for any families and students who may be interested.

Free Math Tutoring

Nova Scotia Homework Hub is offering free 7-12 Mathematics homework help. Students can log in to their GNSPES account to access the Nova Scotia Homework Hub for live tutoring, video tutorials, practice exercise, access to e-texts and more.

School Pictures

School picture proofs and school ID went home on Thursday and retake day will be November 3, 2020.

Reminders:

- Students are reminder to bring a spare mask and a full water bottle each day.
- Please remind students to dress warmly as we will continue to go outside.
- Parents, Guardians and any visitors who are coming to the school are reminded to call ahead so we can make virtual arrangements or come to meet you at the door to assist you. Visitors and families are unable to enter the building.
- Students may bring a device and that must remain in the students school bag turned off until the teachers invites and gives directions to the student to use their device. The school will be providing chrome books to homerooms. They will be signed out to homeroom teachers this Friday so each homeroom has a number of chrome books for student use. All homeroom/cohort teachers will have wipes to clean devices between uses.
- Please ensure you are doing the daily screening protocol and send students with a mask and a water bottle each day.

Upcoming Dates:

School Photo Retake Day- November 3, 2020
SAC Meeting via zoom- November 4, 2020
Caledonia Remembrance Day Service- November 10,2020
Remembrance Day- November 11, 2020
Report Cards Go home- November 30,2020
Parent Teacher- December 3, 2020
Grade 7 Immunization Clinic- December 10,2020
Last Day of Classes before Holiday Break- December 22, 2020