



THE CONNAUGHT CHRONICLE

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REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCES AT CONNAUGHT

On Monday, November 11th, our students and staff will be observing Remembrance Day. This year, we will be observing in our classrooms, watching a virtual assembly, designed by our students at 10am on our SMARTBoards.



Let's We Forget

PROGRESS REPORTS!

On **November 19th**, your child will bring home their Elementary Progress Report.

Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of **work habits** and the **learning skills**. Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead.

Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning, the report communicates the path your child is on toward achieving the grade level expectations. The Progress Report does not include grades or percentages for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth!



IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

1. We will be having a **PD Day on Wednesday, November 18th**. Students will have the day off as our staff is involved in Health and Safety training for the day.
2. **Virtual Interview Evenings** are **Tuesday, November 24th** and **Thursday, November 26th**. A note will be going home to let you know the dates on which your child(ren)'s teacher is available. They will coordinate a time to connect with you.

Reporting your child's attendance?
 Call
 1-866-606-5567
 Or use the School Messenger app
 Sign up today!

KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE, HEALTHY AND HAPPY!

Winter Weather: On Its Way!

The temperatures are getting closer and closer to that freezing mark! It's very important to us that our kids are properly dressed for the snowy, cold weather that is on its way.

Winter clothing is costly—especially if you have a number of growing folks who need new gear! If you are finding it hard to outfit your children with the necessary items, please contact the school for additional support. We'd be happy to help. Simply call the office and speak with Mrs. Nardangeli, Mrs. Ravazzolo or Mrs. Diiorio.



Don't Take the Risk This Season: Get Your Flu Shot

It is more important than ever to get your flu shot this year.

The flu shot **won't** protect you from COVID-19. The flu shot **will** protect you from influenza and help keep people out of the hospital. Remember, the flu vaccine still prevents and reduces the severity of the flu, even if it's not a perfect match.

Getting the flu shot won't increase your risk of COVID-19 illness.

Where to Get Your Flu Shot

Free flu shots will be available across Niagara. Please make a plan to get your flu shot with your health care provider. If you do not currently have one, see a list of [family physicians in Niagara who are accepting new patients](#). Flu shots are also available at participating pharmacies (for children five years of age or over) and walk-in clinics. You can also monitor Public Health's [Where to Get the Flu Shot](#) webpage to see if there are any community flu clinics run by community health care providers.

More Information

Visit Public Health's [Flu Shot and Activity](#) webpage for more information about the flu.



What to do if your child has COVID-19 symptoms

Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should NOT enter school or child care. They should return home to self-isolate.

The next steps for children depend on what kind of symptoms they have. For information visit our website <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/reopen/schools.aspx> - scroll down to "Prevention and Protection" and click on "what to do when a child has COVID-19 symptoms."

Adults with any one symptom of COVID-19 should always self-isolate and seek assessment by a health care provider or self-refer for testing. **It does not matter what kind of symptom they have.**



Looking for a great way to spend some time with friends in a safe way? Here's your answer!

Youth Action is back and better than ever!

FREE for youth ages 10 to 14

Monday and Wednesday evenings at Folk Arts Multicultural Centre
from 6 to 8pm (please arrive by 6:15pm)

Be yourself, have fun in a safe space, be active, get creative,
hang out with old friends and make some new ones!

Program spaces are limited please book your space up to 1 week in advance.
Youth can attend one program per week.

Bring your mask, water bottle and running shoes.
Complete the screening questions up to 1 hour prior at ymcaofniagara.org
Physical distancing and safety measures in effect.
Please stay home if you are ill.

Visit ymcaofniagara.org/youth-action
Follow [ymcayouthaction](https://www.instagram.com/ymcayouthaction) on Instagram
Or call (905) 934-9755 x 295

Kids Help Phone

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I will try again tomorrow." ~ Mary Ann Radmacher

Need help? Kidshelpphone.ca OR Text CONNECT to 686868 OR Call 1-800-668-6868

More News from Connaught!

FRIDAYS IN NOVEMBER

In an effort to make those dingy days of November seems a little brighter, we have included four spirit days during the month - one each Friday!



November 6: Team Spirit Day

Get that favourite jersey or team shirt out of the closet and rep your favourite sports team!

November 13: Celebrate Canada Day

Wear red and white or clothing that represents Canada to show off your Canadian pride!



November 20: Crazy Hair Day

How crazy can you make your hair? Bed-head? Wild braids? Bows? Give it a try!



November 27: Connaught Spirit Day

You've shown your team and national pride, can you show some love for your school this time around? Wear Connaught spiritwear or the school colours of blue, gold and orange!



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next Connaught virtual School Council meeting is Thursday, December 3rd at 4:00 pm.

Please join us from the comfort of your home! Instructions are provided to those who sign up with the office. Only a connection to the web is needed!

HOLIDAY SEASON PLANS

We are still uncertain about how our Christmas concert and other holiday plans might look this year, but we will certainly be making every effort to provide our students with safe and fun activities to usher in the holiday season.

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

Ontario has designated November 2-6, 2020 as Treaties Recognition Week with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships.

DSBN joins with other school boards across Ontario in encouraging schools to support learning about treaties as an important aspect of our province's history.

For more information on treaties, go to www.ontario.ca/page/treaties

WELCOME BACK!

We are excited to welcome back to the school approximately 20 students who were enrolled in the virtual school earlier this year. We want to wish you a terrific start to your in-school learning. We are so happy you've come back to join us!



TREATIES

RECOGNITION WEEK

