

October 27-30, 2020

## NLPS Systems Day

On Monday October 26, there will be no school for students, as all NLPS staff engage in professional learning activities designed to support students and student learning. There are sessions on instruction, assessment, numeracy, literacy, supporting mental health and much much more! Staff learning leads to better student learning!



## Halloween Celebrations at Aurora!

**Costumes!** Students will be permitted to come to school in costume on Friday October 30, though parents must note very specific guidelines. Because our Covid precautions will not change, students *must still wear their AHS approved mask*; this means they cannot have a halloween mask of any kind that inhibits the proper wearing of their appropriate face covering. No face coverings except for your Covid-face covering! As well, no weapon-like costume accessories will be permitted (no swords, guns, knives, etc.). Each student will be entered into a class draw so you can **WIN PRIZES!** Please note that parents will not be permitted to enter school to help with costumes, so keep that in mind when choosing a school appropriate costume.

**Pumpkin Carving Contest!** Students interested in participating in the annual carving competition should work with a parent/guardian at home to carve a school-appropriate design for submission. Pumpkins should arrive *Friday morning* at the start of the day; we will ask students to write their name and homeroom on a small piece of paper we will put under your pumpkin for display in the gymnasium stage. Top three pumpkins as judged by our PAC will **WIN PRIZES!** For safety reasons, students will carry and place the pumpkin. A few Parent Council members parents are volunteering on Friday to help with the Halloween prizes and judging, but unfortunately, we are not able to open up the school to all of the parents.

**Candy!** Students should also be reminded that sharing of candy and other snacks with each other is strongly discouraged so we can prevent the spread of illness. Teachers will ensure that if any classroom treats are shared, it will be done so by staff with appropriate safety precautions.

## **Dress for the Weather and Outside Masking**

Brrrrr!! It's getting cold outside, and because of Covid precautions, your child will be remaining with their grade cohort for recess. **Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather.** Cohorting and other precautions have changed the look of non-instructional time, and because of this, when it is time to go outside, then your child must go outside. Many students (especially in grades 7 and 8) are trying to convince our staff to let them back inside before their recess time is up, but there are no indoor areas with supervision at this time; all our staff are supervising in their designated spaces to maintain cohorting and enhanced safety. **Parents/Guardians must send your child prepared for fresh air and exercise by dressing appropriately for the temperatures.**

With COVID-19 cases still on the rise in the province, **we ask parents to support the school by reinforcing the importance of following masking guidelines.** Many students are becoming too comfortable taking their masks off outside. Regardless of cohorting, students can only take their mask off during physical activity outside, or if they are appropriately distanced from others. Cold weather has kids cuddling up for warmth and talking closely, but even outside being that close means wearing the mask. Some students believe incorrectly that they can take masks off outside because of cohorting; physical activity and appropriate distancing remain conditions of mask removal. Our staff are coming across some resistance, so we thank parents/guardians for doing their part in explaining this necessity to them in terms they understand so our staff can continue to provide a safe environment for your child. Thank you!

## **Pre-Order Lunch and Snack Cards - Saturday Night**

All lunch orders must be made by midnight on the **Saturday before** that week of school. Go to <https://nlsd.schoolcashionline.com/> to order for lunches or for concession cards. We aren't using any physical cards for our 'concession cards', so note that each **Tuesday morning**, any funds you've added to your child will be added to your child's card in the cafeteria. The snack list should be now online and will be updated accordingly. If you need to register for this service, Please Register Online:

Step 1: Go to School Cash Online

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, log in and add each of your children to your household account. To do this, you need your student's last name and Alberta Student Number (ASN), which is listed on their report card and on PowerSchool (in the upper left hand corner of the screen).

Step 4: If you want to receive email notifications when new fees are added, please ensure the notification box is checked in the Manage Your Notifications section. If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the SUPPORT option in the top right hand area of the screen.

**Important Dates:**

System Day - Oct 26

Halloween Celebrations - Oct 30

Remembrance Day - Nov 11

Parent Teacher Interviews - Nov 17/18

Family Friday - Nov 20

Family Friday - Dec 4

Winter Break - Dec 21 - Jan 3