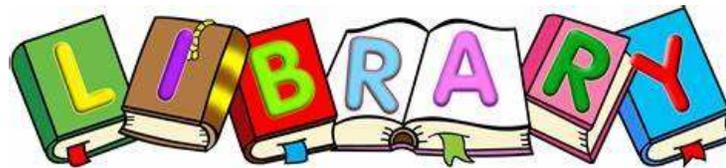




This week, students in grades 3—7 will be taking the Terra Nova 3 tests. These are the annual standardized tests on basic skills: Reading, Language and Math. The best preparation is a good night's sleep, breakfast and be on time for school.



Good news parents! Mrs. Trower is now allowing parents to check out books through the library! Please see the attachment for more information and how to check out the books online.

What a great resource!

The shoe drive runs through November 2!

Please donate your gently used shoes and sneakers to SNEP - oh the places they will go!

The class that donates the most wins an ice cream party!





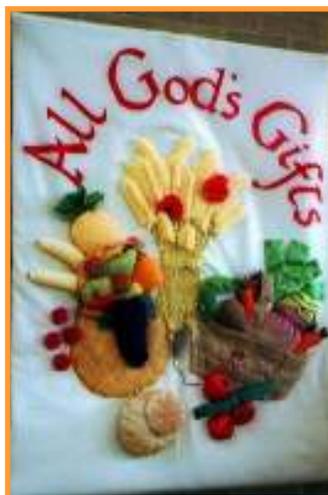
Harvest Fest is ON!

In a year where nothing is the same, it is important to do things that are “normal” and carry on our Stella Niagara traditions, even though those traditions may look a little different. We are happy to say that the annual Harvest Fest will take place on Friday, October 30th!

As you may know, the annual Harvest Fest allows the students M – 5 to rotate through several stations during the afternoon portion of the day. The stations have historically been: Crafts and Face Painting/Tattoos, the 6th grade play with Mr. L., Movie and Snacks, and Carnival Games. With a little bit of tweaking, all of these events can be done right in the children’s classrooms! While there won’t be any Face Painting or “Tattoos” this year, students M-3 have a special craft (generously donated by the Glassner and Zafuto families), while the 4-8 graders will also have a craft available to them. Mr. L and the 6th graders have an awesome play planned, called “Doom on Zoom”, that will be recorded and shared with each grade so they can enjoy it in their own classroom. The SPP will once again graciously provide snacks to accompany a movie for each grade. The Eighth Graders have been scarily hard at work preparing games for the younger grades that can be played while social distancing, like Halloween Charades and Halloween Jeopardy.

As it is the last Friday of the month, students can be wearing Stella Spirit Wear. Get it, “Spirit” wear on Halloween!

Thanks to Glassners, Zafutos, the SPP, the Eighth Grade, and all the teachers who are working to make our Modified Harvest Fest a fun and memorable event!



Library News

Every year, as I purchase books for the library, I take a look at the collection to see what sections need to be updated or expanded. For example, last year I added quite a few new books about space and the planets. This year, my biggest focus has been purchasing books that support Social Emotional Learning, or SEL. The books deal with issues like anxiety, being a good friend, emotions, and taking responsibility for one's actions. The library also has several books about COVID-19 and the affects that it has had on the world.

Because you know your children better than anyone else, and might see the need for some extra reassurance during these unparalleled times, the library is now open for parents to check out books. Here are the simple steps for you to do so:

1. Go to the Library Virtual Classroom. You can find the link on your child's homeroom classroom, or go to https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vSMVAhV1-71AFTTCcnRv5xWAq7aTb0YUi7O8lvwOUDZyL0MR5bSb5RjZ-jdenBIyyT5kdZygJ_BInww/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000&slide=id.g9129c6c562_0_40
2. Click on the Gryffindor poster to take you to the Stella Online Catalog. (Click on Stella Niagara Education Park, and then on "Catalog" on the next screen). Use the catalog to find the books you would like to request.
3. Back on the Virtual Library page, Click on the Ravenclaw poster. It should take you to the Request Form (sometimes it takes you to the next slide. Just use the back arrow for the whole page, and then try again. It's finicky).
4. After putting in your email address, and your child's name and grade, there are four request slots that can be used. Please include the Title, Author, and Call Number for each book. If you request a book that is out, I will automatically put you on hold for the book and send it your way when it is available.
5. After you submit the form, I'll pull the books, put them in a brown paper bag and deliver them to your child's classroom.
6. When you are done with the books, your child can return them to the large return bin on the first floor of the school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ntrower@stella-niagara.com

Happy Reading!

Stella Niagara's Virtual

Harry Potter

Trivia Night

Sunday, November 8th at 7:00pm

Join us for another fun-filled trivia night!
All Stella Niagara families are invited to
participate for prizes.

A zoom link will be sent to all parents.
Login and compete with other families to
win prizes and have fun!

The top **3** winning families will receive a
gift certificate.



"Wit beyond measure is man's greatest treasure." — Luna Lovegood

Update From The Development Office

How grateful we are to be together at school! While we are here together, so much is different this year including fundraising. Unfortunately, we will not be able to host our annual Fish Fry that we all look forward to, but we have some great ways to make up the \$5,000 that we typically raise each fall.

How can you help?

1. Donate shoes - Ask friends, family and co-workers to clean out their closets. If we donate 100 bags of shoes we will earn \$1,250.
2. Amazon Smile - Shop at smile.amazon.com for every Amazon purchase and choose Stella Niagara Education Park as your charity.
3. SCRIP - Buy gift cards at no extra cost for stores like Tops, Target, Walmart, Rite Aid and many more. www.shopwithscrip.com or download the app, RaiseRight.
4. Register your Tops Bonus Card - Visit www.topsmarkets.com/education/ and select Stella Niagara Education Park as your charity.

We will be organizing a Key Event meeting soon to discuss creative ways we can continue our annual tradition that is so important to the school!