Good Morning Glen Allan families,

It was wonderful to connect with parents at our GASC meeting last Thursday! Please take the opportunity to share your input as we plan our school fees for next year by completing the survey! We value your feedback and will use it to guide our fee structure for the 2021-22 school year. [School Fee Consultation](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/wCf-Qm_G37VEMY0WV1u9zQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh8EPjP0TLaHR0cDovL3RyYWNrLnNwZS5zY2hvb2xtZXNzZW5nZXIuY29tL2YvYS9ON0pUNlAzWlAzc1JLTHRETUZ0d1VBfn4vQUFBQUFRQX4vUmdSaDV5cTJQMFFqYUhSMGNITTZMeTltYjNKdGN5NW5iR1V2T0hGSFdFcGhablZMU20xSE4ydElOelpYQjNOamFHOXZiRzFDQ2xfOU52Y0ZZTEs0MDF4U0ZXcDFaSGt1WVc1a1pYSnpiMjVBWldsd2N5NWpZVmdFQUFBQUFnfn5XB3NjaG9vbG1CCmAIYxAPYHLG5ppSFWp1ZHkuYW5kZXJzb25AZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

**Important Dates:**

* **January 29: Professional Learning Day (school closed to students)**
* **February 1:** 2021-22 registration opens
* **February 3**: Early dismissal
* **February 3:** [Winter Walk Day](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/UhXivi6R-e3s-L2Zek3u8g~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh8EPjP0QkaHR0cHM6Ly9zaGFwZWFiLmNvbS93aW50ZXItd2Fsay1kYXkvVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgCGMQD2ByxuaaUhVqdWR5LmFuZGVyc29uQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)
* **February 4-5:** Teachers' Convention (school closed to students)
* **February 10-11**: Parent Teacher Interviews
* **February 15:** Family Day (all schools closed)
* **February 24:** [Pink Shirt Day](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/AIhZ8WG9xReQTe6kn4qJQA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh8EPjP0QcaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucGlua3NoaXJ0ZGF5LmNhL1cHc2Nob29sbUIKYAhjEA9gcsbmmlIVanVkeS5hbmRlcnNvbkBlaXBzLmNhWAQAAAAC)
* **February 26:** School Spirit Hat Day
* **February 28:** Returning student registration closes

**Pink Shirt Day orders are due on Thursday, January 28!** Thank you again to Sheila Connolly for coordinating this event and a huge congratulations to Ben Salmon in Grade 5 and Spencer Salmon in Grade 2 who had the winning t-shirt designs! Our staff look forward to wearing our t-shirts on February 24 and are extremely grateful to GASC for purchasing them for us as a staff appreciation gesture. THANK YOU!

We have a **professional learning day coming up for staff on Friday, January 29**, which will give us opportunity as a staff to **continue our learning with Brightspace**. Having a platform like Brightspace will allow students and teachers to remain connected to their classrooms, even when they are not able to attend school. At the start of this school year the Division had been focusing on Brightspace as a tool for our out-of-school learners. However, Brightspace is a tool for all EIPS families, not just those registered in out-of-school learning.

If a particular cohort of students is legally required to quarantine, Brightspace will be used by their classroom teacher to provide continuity in their programming and to connect with students.

In February we look forward to **Parent/Teacher Interviews** that will be held on **Wednesday, February 10 and Thursday, October 11 for all students in Kindergarten to Grade 6.** Interviews will be **from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. for Grades 1-6 and begin at 12:45 p.m. for Kindergarten**. Having parent teacher interviews prior to report cards will give you and your child the opportunity to focus on targeted areas for growth as well as celebrate the success since our October conferences. Next week you will receive detailed information about booking your interview but please save the dates in your February calendar! **All interviews will be either virtual or by phone depending on the teacher. The next report cards will be available on March 19 for you.**

**Just another reminder with Valentine’s Day around the corner, students in EIPS are not permitted** **to bring Valentine’s cards, treats or items to school for distribution.** One of the measures EIPS put into place to mitigate the spread of the virus was to reduce, as much as possible, the number of high-touch items in our classrooms. In terms of class celebrations, this has meant eliminating the passing out of treats and other items traditionally shared among students. Thank you for your kind understanding and we strive to keep our staff and students safe and healthy.

**I hope you stay warm and have a great week! As always, if you have any concerns, questions or feedback, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us in the office.**

**Warm Regards,**

**Judy Anderson**

**Principal**