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# **October 2023**

Welcome back to students, families, and community members. We are proud and excited to share important school events with you to keep you informed. Isaac Newton staff are committed to providing diverse experiences that students engage in, spanning sports, music, academics, and so much more!

As the weather changes, please stay informed about best practices for staying healthy. Getting lots of sleep, staying hydrated, eating healthy foods, and washing hands regularly all support us as we enter the cold and flu season.

Isaac Newton staff are thankful to be a part of your child's learning journey. We all work together to celebrate successes and support challenges in a holistic way. Feel free to contact Isaac Newton if you have questions or concerns.

Along with all the wonderful activities offered, Isaac Newton will practice safety procedures throughout the school year. This includes monthly fire drills, evacuation practice, hold and secure drills, and lockdown drills. These are important to practice in the event that a real-life event occurs so that staff and students are able to remain calm and know what to do and where to go.

We also encourage families to talk to their children about the safety of the internet. This includes how to engage in conversations online. Knowing who the audience is and who they speak to is important. Looking at the various platforms your child uses and discussing what to post and not to post are important interactions that affect students at home and in school. Promoting healthy relationships has expanded greatly with the internet and can involve several layers of people, both publicly and privately. "Before you post, think... "Is it true?, is it harmful?, is it illegal?, is it necessary?, and is it kind?"

We look forward to building communities and working together to help develop learners who are creative, who collaborate well, who are kind citizens, who think critically, who are connected to themselves, and who work at developing effective communication skills. We are proud to be an Isaac Newton Blazer! A Place to Belong, A Place to Shine!



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#### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS (Mr. Fast)**

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, Isaac Newton School was represented by room 13 and friends for the first time in the Special Olympics Bocce Tournament! It was a huge success. Our Special Olympics athletes, along with two student helpers, put on Blazers uniforms and competed against other schools at the Bonivital Soccer Field. The weather was perfect, our athletes were exceptional, and all of us had a lot of fun getting to know each other in an inclusive and competitive environment. WE ARE BLAZERS!



## VOLLEYBALL (Mr. Fast)

Our volleyball league starts up after Thanksgiving weekend, as do all of our teams. We have about 75 students participating in volleyball this year, and they have been working hard practicing before and after school in preparation for an exciting volleyball season. Good luck to all our athletes!

Volleyball schedules will be sent home early in October. Please have a look at your child's schedule and ensure they have a ride to and from each game!

### **VOLLEYBALL SMASH TOURNAMENTS**



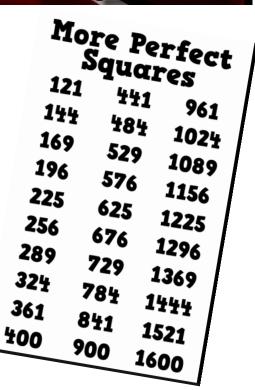
OCT 20: Grade 8 Boys Volleyball Smash Tournament, 3:30–10:00 p.m.

OCT 27: Grade 8 Girls Volleyball Smash Tournament, 3:30–10:00 p.m.

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#### MATH (Mr. Dhalla)

In September, students studied how to calculate the approximate square root of whole numbers that are not perfect squares as well as how to concretely, visually, and symbolically express their comprehension of perfect squares and square roots. Our math class will concentrate on working with percentages, integers, and fractions during the month of October. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at the school if you have any questions.





#### SCIENCE LAB (Mr. Dhalla & Student Teacher John)

Calculating the diameters, lengths, and widths of various objects is a skill that students are learning to use with calipers, measuring tape, and a variety of other tools!





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#### STUDENT COUNCIL (Mr. Edinborough)

If you enjoy spirit week, school dances, and other enjoyable events, becoming a student council member might be right for you. Come help us organize student events that will bring energy and enthusiasm to our school on Thursdays at lunch in room 5. On October 31, we have the Halloween Dance scheduled as our first event. Come see it for yourself and contribute to making this academic year enjoyable!





# SAY CHEEEEESE!

Picture Day Tuesday, October 24



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#### AUTISM PROGRAM (Ms. Regehr)

I would like to introduce myself. I am the new autism program teacher at Isaac Newton School. Prior to coming to Isaac Newton School, I was an inclusion support teacher for 3 years, a resource teacher for 17 years, and an early childhood teacher for 9 years. We have 10 students registered in our class, all boys, and the staff and I are enjoying learning from them and working with families to develop a range of skills such as improving communication,



navigating safely in the community, and exploring a variety of experiences both in the school and in the community. Thanks to the Phys Ed department, we participated in the Special Olympics Manitoba in September, and in October we will begin weekly visits to the Sargent Tommy Prince Pool for exploratory water activities. Throughout the year, we will acknowledge the seasons and a variety of cultural celebrations, as well as birthdays (see pho-

tos). I look forward to meeting the wider Isaac Newton community and the learning year ahead.







On Friday, October 6, 2023, Isaac Newton students will receive a free turkey lunch

