## **October Birthdays**

### **Birthday Teas**

Thurs. October 7 in Camelia with Alistair Thurs. October 28 in Willow with Phillip Both at 2 pm



## CHOCOLATES

**Christmas Fundraiser** Get ready to place your orders for tasty Purdy's Chocolates & let's make this our biggest year ever! It will also make you much loved at Christmastime when you give the perfect gift to your friends & family members. Recreation will be emailing ordering info to everyone on our family email list. Send your address to Trish.Foley@ Buchanan-Lodge.com.



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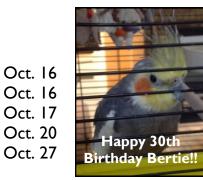
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**RESPECT SUGGESTIONS:** Remember to always wear your name tag displayed prominently.

NOTE TO STAFF: If you have the first version of the new name tag, a newer, better and bolder one is now available. Just sign up at reception and they will be printed mid October. No photo retakes, though, as the cards have already been prepared.





## **BUCHANAN LODGE**



## Autumn

There's nothing as fine as an autumn day, with the smell in the air of fresh mown hay. Each tree is a wonder, of beauty, untold. Each leaf brushed with color, a sight to behold. There's a nip in the air -crisp, cool and clearto remind us that winter soon will be here! But for now we have autumn. the 'Show-Off' of seasons! My favorite, by far, and these are the reasons!





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Thought for October

Sports enthusiasts love this time of year, especially this year, after the fanless, shortened season of 2020. Baseball, football and soccer seasons become more intense and Hockey Night in Canada kicks off with unrestrained and probably unrealistic expectations. Some are hoping the Canucks, with their fresh crop of young recruits, will at least make the playoffs; I believe they will finally win the coveted Stanley Cup. Before you jump on my bandwagon, you need to know how rickety it is! I say this every year and we've yet to win.

Let's face it - we all want to win. That thought struck me when I found myself and my fellow Canuck fans doing the unthinkable. The player we loved to hate, Boston's Brad Marchand, who used Daniel Sedin's face as a punching bag during our last run to the cup, scored two goals for Team Canada against the Russians in the World Cup of Hockey. The man went from boos to cheers, from zero to hero overnight just because he was now winning for **our** side!

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In his letter to Corinth, a city which regularly hosted the original Olympic games, Paul made this comparison: Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to

do what it should - I Corinthians 9:24-27.

The "winning" Paul was referring to was actually "winning souls" (9:22). The metaphor of sports breaks down when we realize that real life is not a game. We are competing in a life or death struggle for eternal souls.

If you liked hearing the national anthem when our Canadian athletes won a gold medal in Tokyo this summer, imagine the scene described in this familiar hymn: Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song!

Chaplain Rob

## **Coming Soon**



BUCHANAN BUZZ

Hebrews 12:1,2

Let us RUN with endurance the RACE

God has set before us.

