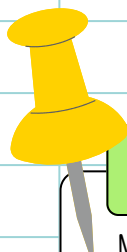


BACK TO SCHOOL

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSAGE FROM MRS. POLANIN

Hi everyone!

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer filled with time to relax, enjoy the sunshine, and make special memories with family and friends. I was very excited to see everyone last week and begin another great year at St. Joseph's!

This year is especially exciting for me as I begin my first year as principal. After many years of being both a teacher and a parent at St. Joseph's, I am happy to have the opportunity to serve our school community in this new role. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of getting to know many of our families, and I am looking forward to building new relationships and getting to know even more of our students and families.

St. Joseph's is truly a special place. Our strong sense of community, commitment to strong academics, and Catholic values are what make our school such a great place to be. I am excited to work alongside our staff, students, and families to continue building on these strengths and help our school grow and thrive.

I am looking forward to a year filled with learning, faith, friendship, and lots of fun! Welcome back, St. Joseph's! Let's make it a wonderful year!

REMINDERS

- Tuition, school supply and Bus fees are now due!
- We are a NUT AWARE school!
- All absent students must be reported by e-mail to the office - stj@cispq.ca
- Please return signed Family commitment statements to the office.
- Cell phone and electronics policy sent home today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 17 - Meet the teacher BBQ 5:30
- Sept 18 - Opening school Mass
- Sept 29 - Orange Shirt day
- PSG meeting 6pm
- Sept 30 - No School - Day of Truth & Reconciliation
- Oct 6 - Individual student photos
- Oct 8 - Thanksgiving Lunch

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MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT & BBQ: We are excited to see you all this week at our 3rd annual Meet the Teacher Night & family BBQ on Thursday, September 17th at 5:30. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 and then from 6:30 - 7:30 parents go into the school gym and then to meet teachers. Kids are to remain outside and there will be babysitting provided during this time. This school event has become a great family social to start the year off, we hope you all can make it!

TERRY FOX RUN: We will be collecting donations for the Terry Fox run September 24th. Students will be coming around to each class next week to collect any donations. The grade 4 students will be leading the school in the singing of "Oh Canada" in the gym at 1:00, with the run to follow. Parents and families are welcome to attend.

PARKING LOT RULES: Please read thoroughly. These rules are in place to keep everyone safe and for traffic to flow efficiently. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

- All traffic is to enter single file via First Avenue and exit via Broadway Avenue, please drive slowly.
- Vehicles are not to be parked along the school building by the Kindergarten doors, this is **DROP OFF** only **not** pick up.
- If you need to get out of your vehicle to assist your child(ren) please use the designated parking areas. All vehicles must be backed in. If you are parking at the rectory your vehicle must be facing the school.
- No parking or dropping students off at the crosswalk or bus lane on Manitoba Street. Please park before the bus lane along the playground.
- No parking across from the Bus lane for the whole block. This is a posted no parking area.
- Do not park in front of the shed, dumpsters, Pre K building and rectory driveways.

BELL SCHEDULE:

8:39 Welcome bell

8:44 Classes begin

10:20 Recess

10:35 Classes resume

12:05 Recess

12:35 Lunch

1:00 Classes resume

3:07 Dismissal ** Thursday dismissal 2:05

There is before school outside supervision from 8am until the welcome bell. Afterschool outside supervision is for 15 mins after dismissal. All students must be picked up by the 2nd bell.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG) MEETING: First meeting of the year will be Tuesday Sept 29th @ 6:00pm in the school kitchen. Calling all St. Joseph's Parents! The PSG is an integral part of the school community. Without active membership from parents we can't contribute to all the amazing activities and supports our children benefit from each year.

DRESS CODE: We have reworded our dress code slightly from what it has been in the Family Handbook and in the Homework Book. Please read so that you are aware of the updates and to have a reminder as the year begins.

Students are to dress neatly and appropriately. For example, tops should not be crop tops and if standing normally they should reach the waistband of their pants or below. Sleeveless tops should be fitted around the arms and have wide straps, no spaghetti straps. Shorts and skirts must be of a modest length and cover part of the thigh. Any slogans or pictures on clothing should be in keeping with Christian values. If students are dressed inappropriately, they may be asked to change into their gym strip, cover up with a sweatshirt, or call home for a change of clothes. In order to keep the mud and dirt outside, we ask that all students have an extra pair of non-marking, gym-appropriate shoes for indoor wear. Gym running shoes may be worn as indoor shoes. As students spend recess and lunch break outside, except in very inclement weather, they are asked to **ALWAYS** dress accordingly. Very inclement weather means very wet conditions or colder than -15 degrees C. There are times when students go outside even when it is raining or cold and they need to be prepared.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:

<https://www.saintjosephsschool.ca/careers>

September/October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14	15	16	17 Meet the teacher nigh!	18 All School Mass
21	22	23	24 Terry Fox run	25 3-7 Mass – Gr 7 reading
28	29 Orange shirt day PSG meeting 6pm	30 No School	1 School council meeting 7pm	2 3-7 Mass – Gr 6 reading
5	6 Student photos	7	8 Thanksgiving lunch	9 District Soccer tournament 3-7 Mass – Gr 5 reading
12 No School	13	14	15 Cross country run	16 All school Mass – Gr 7 reading