



SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

Final Newsletter

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Dear Saint Mary Families:

It's hard to believe a school year has flown by so quickly. My time here since September, has been an absolute pleasure and privilege. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know students and families, and working with an amazing staff. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the support you provide. We are so fortunate to have both a great team of volunteers, as well as families who are incredibly supportive of their children's faith-filled learning journey.

This time of year is always somewhat bittersweet as we say farewell to departing students and staff, but at the same time, wishing them well on their future endeavours.

I'd like to extend my congratulations to our graduating grade 8 students. Our school has been blessed with their enthusiasm and leadership over their time here. They will be missed and we wish them all the best on their continued educational journey into high school.

I wish all departing staff members all the best as they anticipate leaving Saint Mary's at the end of this week.

- From our Team of Educational Assistants, we say good-bye to Mrs. Maw and wish her all the best next fall at St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School. We thank her for all of her efforts in supporting our students with special needs.
- From our Teaching Team, we wish Mrs. Park, Mrs. Gelderbloem and Mrs. DeVillers a wonderful retirement. We thank them for their many years of service and dedication to Catholic education. We also wish Ms. Hetherington all the best at Monsignor Michael O'Leary in kindergarten. Finally we thank Ms. Bond, who has been a great addition to our teaching staff this academic year in the grade 1/2 room.

On a happier note, I welcome the following staff members to Saint Mary's next fall:

- Mrs. Godard will now be remaining at Saint Mary's in the intermediate division next fall.
- Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Bunker are joining our staff from Monsignor Michael O'Leary and St. Peter the Apostle. They will be teaching in the kindergarten and the intermediate division respectively next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our amazing Green Team and Mrs. Baumgart for once again achieving a Gold Eco School designation. Their leadership and commitment to being stewards of the earth are second to none! Thank you also to all of the families who are looking after the mobile gardens this summer.

All students have received their report cards today. We hope that you take the time to celebrate all of the learning that has taken place with your child and set some goals for next year. Kindly return the bottom of the third and fourth page of the report card (gr. 1- 8 students only) with your child prior to their last day of school.

The school office will be open until July 6, 2018. If your family will be moving over the summer, please let the office know by leaving us a message on our answering machine. The school office will re-open the week of August 27, 2018. Please remember to pick up your child's medications from the school office before or on the last day of school. Lost and found items can be claimed until June 29 @ 3:00 pm. After this time, items will be washed and donated.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of our school for all of their efforts over the course of this school year. Their commitment to the education of your children is evident on a daily basis in the classroom, on the schoolyard and during extra curricular activities. The success of this year can be attributed to their willingness to create a positive and safe learning community that upholds the dignity of each child while nurturing responsibility for individual actions through the modeling of Catholic values. The staff of Saint Mary's School wishes all of our students and families a safe and happy summer.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Heeneman
Principal

Fall Information

School Entry - September 4, 2018

Classes resume for the 2018-2019 school year on September 4, 2018. All Grade 1 – 8 students will assemble by grade in the back playground area on the first day of school and then proceed to the school gymnasium where their teachers will organize students by class list. Kindergarten teachers will gather their students in the Kindergarten yard also at that time. Parents are welcome to join us in the gym to begin our new year with O Canada and prayer. We also ask that a note be sent with your child regarding dismissal routines on the first day.

Class lists will remain confidential until the first day of school in order to accommodate any last minute registrations. Please remember that all class placements are tentative until approximately the third week of school when our staffing numbers are confirmed.

New Junior Kindergarten students have a staggered entry the first week of school. JK letters with entry information will be sent out at the beginning of July.

Balance Day Schedule:

Beginning September 2018, our school day schedule will change to a Balanced School Day. The Balanced Day schedule divides the school day into three significant learning blocks: 120 minutes, 100 minutes and 80 minutes. Two longer nutrition and activity breaks are provided; one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Supervision in the morning will begin at 8:20 am due to our shared bussing schedule with our coterminous board. Please do **not** drop off your children prior to that time as they are not supervised.

8:20 am – 8:45 am	Supervision Begins
8:45 am	Entry Bell
8:45 am – 10:45 am	Learning Block #1 (120 minutes)
10:45 am – 11:05 am	Nutrition Break #1 (Students Eat 20 minutes)
11:05 am – 11:25 am	Morning Recess (Students Outside 20 minutes)
11:25 am – 1:05 pm	Learning Block #2 (100 minutes)
1:05 pm – 1:25 pm	Nutrition Break #2 (Students Eat 20 minutes)
1:25 pm – 1:45 pm	Afternoon Recess (Students Outside 20 minutes)
1:45 pm – 3:05 pm	Learning Block #3 (80 minutes)
3:05 pm	Dismissal Bell (* Note - Earlier Pick Up Time)

Nutrition Break Supervisors Needed

With our move to the Balance Day schedule, we are in need of some additional Nutrition Break Supervisors. This is a paid position (*Criminal Background Check is required) and days are flexible (e.g., I am only available M, W, F for Nutrition Break #1, etc...). If you are interested please contact Mrs. Heeneman in the office.

CSCC Breakfast & Lunch Coordinators Needed

Our CSCC Food Program is in dire need of co-leads for Monday Lunches and Friday Hot Dogs or the programs will not be able to continue. Our current coordinators Mrs. Rowe and Mr. Saari are happy to co-lead these programs, but they are unable to continue with this commitment without assistance. Please contact the office if you are able to help and have a current Criminal Background Check on file or pending. We would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank both Mrs. Rowe and Mr. Saari and all of the volunteers for their hard work with the lunch program.

Our Breakfast Program is also in need of help. Mrs. Rowe is willing to co-lead the Breakfast Program with another parent or community volunteer. Volunteers are also needed to help with shopping and running it in the morning – training will be provided. If you have questions and would like more details, please contact Mrs. Rowe directly at katierowe@live.ca or call her at 705-394-7693. We hope to have the program running by the second week of school if we have enough help. Thank you to Mrs. Rowe, our Breakfast Program volunteers and everyone who donated either their time or donations to the Breakfast Program.

Student Agendas for JK to 8 Students for the 2018-2019 School Year

School Agendas are once again being ordered for all students in grades JK to 8 for the new school year. This agenda contains valuable school and school board information and serves as the ideal home-school communication tool. Agendas will be distributed on the first day of school in September 2018. Each student is asked to pay \$3.50 to offset the cost of the agenda. Students can bring their money in anytime during the first weeks of school.

School Supplies 2018-2019

We are already thinking ahead to September and decided to send you a list of school supplies that may be helpful to your child. We are hoping that having the list early enough will give you an opportunity to take advantage of any bargains over the summer. Although the school will provide basic supplies for the student, we have made a list of suggested items that would be greatly appreciated and very helpful to your child during the school year. *Please label all items clearly with your child's name.*

LIST OF SUPPLIES FOR GRADES SK, 1, 2 and 3	LIST OF SUPPLIES FOR GRADES 4, 5, and 6	LIST OF SUPPLIES FOR GRADES 7 and 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Backpack ● Box of Kleenex for the classroom ● Crayons/Markers (water based only) ● (Gr. 1,2,3) ● Eraser ● Glue Sticks (large) ● Indoor Running Shoes (non-marking sole) ● Lunch kit (with reusable plastic ware) ● Pencils (Gr. 2 & 3) (HB) ● Pencil Case ● Pencil Crayons ● Pencil Sharpener ● Ruler ● Scissors (blunt nose) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Backpack ● Box of Kleenex for the classroom ● Calculator ● Crayons/Markers (water based only) ● Eraser ● Glue Sticks (large) ● Gym Clothing (shorts, T-Shirt) ● Indoor Running Shoes (non-marking sole) ● Lunch kit (with reusable plastic ware) ● Protractor & compass ● Pencil Case ● Pencil Crayons ● Pencil Sharpener ● Pencils (HB) ● Pens (blue, black, red) ● Ruler ● Scissors (small) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Backpack ● Binders ● Box of Kleenex for the classroom ● Calculator (scientific) ● Crayons/Markers (water based only) ● Dividers for Binders ● Eraser ● French/English dictionary ● Glue Sticks (Large) ● Gym Clothing (shorts, T-Shirt) ● Indoor Running Shoes (non-marking sole) ● Lined Binder Paper ● Lunch kit (with reusable plastic ware) ● Protractor & Compass ● Pencil Case ● Pencil Crayons ● Pencil Sharpener ● Pencils (HB) ● Pens (blue, black, red) ● Ruler ● Scissors (small)