



St
Joseph's
School

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ACTION ITEMS:

- First day of school Wednesday September 4th at 8:39 am
- First school assembly - Wednesday at 11:30
- Meet the teacher night - Wednesday September 18th
- Kindergarten slow start schedule - see below

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Welcome back, everyone! We've been hard at work getting everything ready for your children. Perhaps the most exciting from a kid's point of view is that we will soon have a new playground. It's designed for preschool, but anyone will be able to use it. A big thank you goes to Ryan Mattson and his crew for the hard work they've been doing installing it and to Hayden Drygas for the work he did obtaining the grant for the playground. I am happy to say that we are welcoming Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Bolton back to St. Joseph's. I am also pleased to share that we have hired Mrs. Katie Wertz to join our support staff so that we can provide the support that students need. We will spend more time introducing staff later, but for now, please read on for some important beginning of the year information.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: Parents are welcome to attend the first assembly at 11:30 on Wednesday.

KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE:

Sept 4 - 8:39 - 12:00

Sept 5 - 12:00 - 2:05

Sept 6 - 8:39 - 12:00

Sept 9 - 12:00 - 3:07

Sept 10 - 8:39 - 12:00

Sept 11 - 12:00 - 3:07

Sept 12 - 8:39 - 12:00

Sept 13 - Full day 8:39 - 3:07

Family conversations 9:00-12:00 & 12:30 - 2:30 - sign up is available during the first week of school.

ABSENT STUDENTS & EMAILS TO THE OFFICE: Please advise the office by email of any absent students, early dismissals, or appointments. Please only use stj@cispg.ca for any office correspondence.

PICTURE DAY: Individual student photos will be done on October 3rd, retakes will be November 13th. Class photos will also be taken on November 13th.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY:

As we prepare for next year, one of our projects is to create a family directory for parents/guardians to use when trying to do school related things such as set up playdates, arrange carpooling, etc. The purpose would be to enhance community at St. Joseph's, and it would not be intended for solicitation or other non-school related purposes. If you would not like your information in such a directory, please reach out to the school office at stj@cispg.ca. Another note about this will go home in September in case anyone missed this one.

SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE: Reminder the \$80 school supply fee is due. You can pay by cash, cheque or e-transfer.

GRADE 5 CLASS LISTS: Class lists will be posted by 5:00 on Friday August 30th. When creating the class lists, teachers and administration take many factors into account such as student needs, friends, behavior, and number of boys and girls, to name a few. We try to make balanced classes as much as possible. A lot of thought and deliberation was put into the creation of these lists. Please be assured that your child will receive a quality education no matter what grade or teacher they have.

GRADE 1 FAMILIES: Ms Wellington has sent out an email to all grade 1 families, if you have not received her email please contact her at swellington@cispg.ca

HOT LUNCH, PIZZA DAYS AND HOT DOGS: More information on our Hot lunch, Pizza and Hot dog lunches will be in upcoming tuesday notes.

ST JOSEPH'S STAFF 2024-2025

Teachers:

Gr. K: Mrs. Jill McDonald and Mrs. Kirsten Roodzant
Gr. 1: Ms. Shannon Wellington
Gr. 2: Mrs. Debbie Leach
Gr. 3 Mrs. Jen Mitchell
Gr. 4: Mrs. Lexie Wilson
Gr. 5: Mrs. Cara Polanin
Gr. 5-6: Mrs. Liz Creyke and Mrs. Rosemary McKenzie
Gr. 7: Mrs. Karolina Bolton
Music: Mr. Colin Maskell
Learner Support: Mrs. Karen Kuemper

Support Staff:

Mrs. Joanne Boot
Mrs. Cathy Doyle
Mrs. Christina Kotai
Mrs. Shanualea Vliegenthart
Mrs. Jessica Vinnish
Ms. Katie Wertz

Bookkeeper: Mrs. Elaine Onderwater

Library: Mrs. Jessica Vinnish

Admin Assistants: Mrs. Emily Pelzer, Mrs. Arlene McGibbon

Principal: Mrs. Monique Vanderwart

CHURCH NEWS:

Mass: 5pm on Saturday, 9am on Sunday, 5:30 on Tuesday, 9am on Wednesday & Fridays

Private adoration: is welcome at St Joseph's during office hours, Wednesday-Friday 10am -2pm

Flocknote: to get on Flocknote text SMITHERS to 514-900-0130

Confessions: are 15 mins before every Mass or by appointment

Sunday School: is offered during the 9am Sunday Mass for children 2 years old until 1st Communion.

PSG NEWS - FIRST MEETING SEPT 19TH 6PM

Calling all St. Joseph's Parents! The PSG is an integral part of the St. Joe's School Community.

Without active membership from parents we can't contribute to all the amazing activities and supports our kids benefit from each year.

Some things that the PSG contributes to include:

- School field trips to places like K'san, Ness Lake, Camp Emmaus
- Class activities like gymnastics, cooking Bannock, basketball with Mr. Toner, cross country skiing
- Year end activities
- Student Bursaries
- Classroom resources and materials

The goal of the PSG is to enrich the learning environment and experience for our kids, the students, at St. Joes

Whether you have ideas to share, thoughts on where PSG funds should go, or just want to learn more, we would love to have you join us! Your time and commitment to the PSG can be big or small, but without active parents this school year we run the risk of being unable to continue having a PSG at our school. If you have interest in holding a specific position on the PSG there are currently openings for chair, and vice-chair of the PSG.

If you have questions or want additional information about the PSG feel free to reach out via email at psg.stjoes@gmail.com

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No School	3 No School	4 School Resumes	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18 Meet the teacher night	19 PSG meeting 6pm	20 No School
23	24	25	26	27 Orange Shirt Day
30 No School				