

THE PANTHERS' PRIDE



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SACRED HEART SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back!!



We hope you had an enjoyable, restful summer with your family. We are anxious to start our new year and we hope you feel the same. Great new things are happening at Sacred Heart. We underwent a "face lift" this summer as our top floor classrooms and hallway were painted along with our main hallway. Several classrooms also received new flooring!

We would like to welcome a few new staff members to Sacred Heart School. Mrs. Melanie Paquette and Mme Emilie Fortier are our Early Childhood Educators who will be working with our Full Day Kindergarten classes. We are very fortunate to have them both in our school.

We will be continuing to live and learn the virtues of our faith concentrating on specific virtues every month. An additional focus throughout the year will be to treat all members of our school family with respect and kindness. We would like to thank last year's grade 4-6 students on their work on equity and inclusive education which resulted in the creation of a beautiful poster promoting kindness using images from our own students. We will continue to further develop their excellent work this year throughout all our grades.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families to our Sacred Heart School community. We are looking forward to a great year of working together to provide your child(ren) with the best possible education.

Yours in Catholic education,

Roslyn Gauthier
Principal



OUR SCHOOL STAFF

Full Day Kindergarten

Mme Demarell and Mme Paquette

Mlle Belisle and Mme Fortier

Mme Vetter

Gr. 1 – Mme Vallier

Gr. 1-2 - Mlle Guevremont

Gr. 2 - Mme Baker

Gr. 3/4 & 4- Mrs. Lamothe and Mme Saudino

Gr. 5 & 6 – Mr. Rosso and Mme Quevillon

Resource Teacher/French Immersion Intervention - Mrs. Savard

Physical Education - Mr. Garon

Music - Mr. Kirkpatrick

Art/Drama- Mme Vachon

Educational Assistants - Mme Maille and

Mme Quesnel

Child and Youth Worker – Mrs. Meunier

School Secretary - Mrs. Belisle

Custodians - M Morin & Mr. Westerling



OUR SCHOOL DAY

8:50 - Entry & Opening Exercises

10:10-10:25 - Morning Recess

11:45-12:15 - Lunch Recess

12:15-12:45 - Lunch Inside

2:05-2:20 - Afternoon Recess

3:20 – Dismissal

As a safety issue, we would like to extend a friendly reminder that the supervision of the school yard does not begin until 8:30 a.m. It would be best if students who walk or are dropped off at school do not arrive to school before then.

STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS

Student Information Forms will be mailed to the parents/guardians of all returning students during the first week of September. Please review the form, make any necessary changes directly on the form and return it to school with your child by **September 10th**. It is VERY important that we have updated contact information as well as the completed section labeled "Consent Information". If you have not received this form by the end of the second week of September, inform the office and we will send a form home with your child.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Should your child be absent for the day, please call the office before 9:00 a.m. and leave a message on the phone by **dialing 1** when the automated voicemail begins. You may always inform the office of planned absences ahead of time by phoning the office or sending a note to school with your child. Please know that any child who is late must report to the office to get a

late slip before reporting to class. We encourage all children to be on time as it causes disruption to the classroom and/or morning exercises when students enter the classroom late.



PICKING UP YOUR CHILD

If your child has alternate transportation plans on any given day, we ask that you report the change in transportation to the office **BEFORE 2:30 p.m.** Just **dial 1** and leave a message. Our voicemail is checked regularly throughout the day. This allows us to make the appropriate changes to the bus and pick-up lists.

To reduce the amount of disruptions to our learners in the classroom and reduce congestion at the office, we ask that you to wait outside the school to pick up your child and that you only pick them up at 3:20 p.m. Students who are being picked up at the end of the day will wait **with the staff member on duty by the front NORTH doors** of the school (front doors closest to Rehab Plus). When the bell rings, you will need to meet the staff member on duty to have your child signed off the "pick-up" list and pick up your child. As a safety precaution, students are expected to wait with the staff member until you come and get them.

We understand that there will be times when your child must leave for appointments during the school day. For these occasions, we ask that you inform the office of the early dismissal times and we will have your child wait by the office until you come to check in with the school secretary.



COMMUNICATION WITH HOME

Information letters, newsletters and order forms will be sent home with your child every **WEDNESDAY** in a red pocket folder. Please send the red folder back the following day. We ask that you read any information or monthly calendars we send home carefully so that you are aware of special events, theme days, due dates, etc., that your child will be participating in throughout the school year. We always include dates, times and locations in these letters so that you may attend these events or you know how to prepare your child for the event. We will also be sending a form home soon asking whether you prefer to receive notes and letters through email or as a paper copy. The email system definitely reduces the amount of paper being used which is a great step towards helping the environment.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Please know that the only school supplies you will need to supply your child are a lunch bag, school bag and a pair of indoor shoes. All other supplies will be provided by the school. It is always a good idea however, to send a box of kleenex to school as the school does not provide tissues.

MEDICAL CONCERNS

Should your child have a severe allergy, a serious medical condition or require medication to be administered at school (even if occasionally), the appropriate information and Dispensation of Medication forms must be completed according to NCDSB policy. Please contact the school office at your earliest convenience to complete the necessary forms.