COUGAR NEWS

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back, St. Joseph families!
We are so excited to welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year. A new school year is an exciting time filled with new friendships and discoveries, and we are ready for a fantastic year of learning with your children.

As your new principal, I am deeply honored and thrilled to join such a vibrant, supportive learning community.

Our commitment to providing a safe and nurturing learning environment for your children remains our top priority. We look forward to a wonderful school year!

REPORTING AN ABSENT STUDENT

If your child will be absent from school, please notify the office at 705-235-46 by 8:45 am. You can do this by either calling the school or sending an email to sjtmsec@ncdsb.on.ca
Our school secretary is required to contact parents of all students marked absent. Calling us in advance helps us ensure all students are accounted for quickly and safely, saving valuable time.

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

Principal: Mr. Schaer
School Secretary: Mrs. Lavoie
FDK: Ms. Swartz
Grade 1/2: Mrs. Levesque
Grade 3: Mrs. McCord
Grade 4: Mrs. Cookson
Grade 5/6: Mr. Bechard
Literacy & Numeracy Lead: Ms. Swartz
Spec Ed Resource Teacher: Ms. Swartz

Itinerant Teacher: Mrs Furlott
Education Assistants: Ms Royer
Child and Youth Workers: Mrs. Brazeau
Custodians: Mr. Mackenzie Mr. Michael

Upcoming Events

Prayer Service Sept 18th

Terry Fox Walk Sept 25th 2:00 PM
(Donation QR Code)

PA Day Sept 28th

Truth and Reconciliation Day Sept 30th

Important Information

STUDENT DROP-0FF & PICK-UP PROCEDURE

To ensure the safety of all our students, we ask all families who are dropping off or picking up their children to follow the procedures outlined below.

Morning Drop-off:

- Please drop off your child at the top of the hill between 8:30 am and 8:45 am. Students will walk to the back yeard
- Please note that the bus loading zone is off-limits to all other vecicles from 8:15 am to 9:15 am for student safety. This area is clearly marked with signs

Afternoon Pick-up:

- Students are dismissed at 3:00 pm
- If your child is normally a bus student but will be picked up from school, the office must be notified before 1:30 pm
- For everyone's safety, please park your vehicle and check in with the teacher at door B before picking up your child.
- The bus loading zone is also off-limits to all other vehicles from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm
- If someone other than a pre-approved individual will be picking up your child, you must notify the office in advance.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us ensure every student is accounted for and safe throughout the school day and at dismissal.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Regular attendance is critical to academic success and overall student well-being. When a student misses school or is late for class regularly, this has a direct and serious impact on learning and it causes disruption in the classroom.

We want to work with families to ensure each student is reaching their full academic potential.

For this reason, attendance will be monitored closely and parents will be notified when attendance becomes a concern. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure each student arrives on time and is in attendance regularly.

ENSURING A SAFE & HAPPY ENVIRONMENT

WE ARE A NUT, CITRUS FREE AND SCENT AWARE ZONE.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL NUT PRODUCTS ARE KEPT AT HOME.

PLEASE DO NOT WEAR PERFUME, COLOGNE, AFTERSHAVE AND OTHER FRANGRANCES.

THANK YOU!

SCHOOL DAY STRUCTURE
FIRST RECESS: 8:30 AM - 8:45 AM
START OF SCHOOL DAY: 8:45 AM MORNING RECESS: 9:55 AM - 10:10 AM
LUNCH: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
LUNCH RECESS: 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM
AFTERNOON RECESS: 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM
DISMISSAL: 3:15PM

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