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Building Great Character...One Virtue at a Time



Dear Families,

It is with excitement and hearts full of joy that we welcome you back, or welcome you and your family for the first time to our École St. Henry's Jr. School Family. We hope that you have already felt like you are a part of our school family as we greet each other with a "Welcome and Bienvenue", a warm smile, a hug and chatter about the summer. We have loved getting to see each one of you and we look forward to working together this year as we support and care for each child physically, emotionally, spiritually and academically.

This year we will continue to use email as our main form of communication from the office. Just as this newsletter will be sent home electronically, we will be trying to update parents frequently using the email provided to the school. If you have updated email information, please call Ms. Bartake or Mrs. Adams at the office to ensure we can get information to you as quickly as possible.

Our division theme this year is "Sharing the Journey. How fitting that as we begin a new school year, with anticipation, hope and love, we do it together as a school family. All year we will be praying together and learning about ways that we can continue to share in the journey of your children.

Wishing you all an exciting and rewarding school year filled with peace and love!

Mrs. Shannon Hahn, Principal on behalf of the entire École. St. Henry's Jr. Elementary Staff

Please note that children should not bring any medicine in their backpacks or lunch bags. Staff are not permitted to administer any medication to students (Advil, Tylenol, cough syrup, etc.) unless parents have completed an Administration of Medication form.

Our School Bell rings at the following times:

8:47 - Bell to bring students in from the playground

11:45 - Lunch Begins (Eat Inside)

3:25 - Bus students dismissed

8:55 - Morning classes begin

12:10 - Outside Recess

3:30 - End of the day bell

12:40 - Afternoon classes begin

Proud to present École St. Henry's Jr. Elementary **School Family**

Mrs. Shannon Hahn Principal

Ms. Cheryl Bartake Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Nalicia Adams Administrative Assistant/Educational Assistant

Mr. Austin Finnerty Pre-Kindergarten/Grade 4

Mrs. Kara Molnar Kindergarten Mrs. Kelly Connell Grade 1 Mme Isabelle Wotherspoon Grade 1/2 FI Mr. Emilio San Martin Grade 2 Mrs. Whitney Kienas Grade 3 Mme Kim Lucyk Grade 3/4 FI Mr. Norm Macdonald Grade 4/Phys Ed. Mrs. Sarah Bellamy

Student Support Services Teacher

Library Technician Mrs. Yvonne Rogalski Mrs. Chelsea Aeberhard **Educational Assistant** Mrs. Glenna Giesbrecht **Educational Assistant** Mrs. Emily Harvey **Educational Assistant**

Speech & Language and Education Assistant

Mrs. Nerissa Kresowaty Mrs. Kelly Macdonald **Educational Assistant** Mrs. Suzanne Morin **Educational Assistant** Ms. Jennette Stachowich **Educational Assistant** Mrs. Shauna Rusnak **Educational Assistant** Mrs. Grace Sanders **Educational Assistant** Ms. Erin Strom **Educational Assistant** Mrs. Christy Sweatman **Educational Assistant** Ms. Alison Willmott **Educational Assistant** Mrs. Marcy Yewsuk **Educational Assistant** Mrs. Leanne Sauser School Counselor Mrs. Grace Exner Custodian

Before and After School Procedures

Before School

- Children should arrive at school as close to 8:45 as possible.
- Children place their backpacks inside and then head outdoors for recess. Staff supervisors are on duty beginning at 8:35.

After School

- Bus students will depart classrooms first to get on their bus.
- Teachers will bring out students onto the front lawn just prior to the 3:30 bell.
- After the 3:30 bell, parents can come onto the front lawn area to pick up their child. Children with alternate plans (walking, biking) will be free to go at 3:30.
- oxdot We appreciate families not coming onto the lawn area prior to 3:30 to help ensure the safety of all of our students.

The drop-off area in front of the school is for buses only. Please refrain from using it to drop-off or pickup your children at the beginning and end of the day. Parking is available on the west side of Main Street or on the two sides of the school. Please help ensure safety by having your child use the crosswalks!

All parents and visitors are required to enter through the main doors, ring the bell and wait until a staff member greets you before proceeding further into the school. Thank you for helping us follow these safety practices.

SCHOOL FIRE SAFETY

École St. Henry's Jr. School has a comprehensive plan for responding to various emergencies, such as fire, weather emergencies, and dangerous situations. The plan is reviewed annually by the staff and practiced with the students. During the course of the year, our staff and students will practice 6 fire drills (in addition to practice walk-throughs and sounding the alarms), 2 relocations, 4 lockdowns, and 1 tornado drill. In case of an evacuation of the school building, students will leave the school and move to the playground area. For safety reasons, we stress the importance of "no talking" and "not covering their ears" so that they are able to hear teacher directions. If it is not safe to return to the building, we will relocate to St. Henry's Church. In the case of an emergency, parents will be contacted by a phone call.

A reminder that we are a PEANUT-and-Nut-free school as well as PERFUME-free. Please refrain from sending food containing peanuts or nuts for snack or lunch. Several students and staff have a severe allergy which could cause anaphylactic reaction, which could result in death. Thank you for your consideration!

Southland City Bus

Our city bus provider is currently using our route from last year. We will be sending out a survey in the next few days to help provide updated location information from families. The bus company will use this information to update seating plans and modify routes. Once the new route is ready we will provide further details to families.

Families it is of utmost importance that you call the school if your child will be away for any reason. Ms. Bartake and Mrs. Adams look forward to connecting with you during these phone calls. Please call 306-728-4758 to notify the school of an absence.

Cross Country lunch practices for students in grade 1-4 will begin in the next couple of days. Students in grades 3 and 4 that participate in practices will attend the CTTCS Division Meet (grades 3-8) on Sept. 21!

FEES

Agenda Fees (\$10 for Kindergarten to Grade 4) can be paid by sending money with your child in their agenda. Please place money in a baggie or envelope with your child's name on it.

School Pictures

School Pictures will take place over two days this year.

Kindergarten (M/W) Grade 1 and 2 Wednesday, October 4th

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PreK, Kindergarten (T/Th) Grade 3 and 4 Thursday, October 5th

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Labour Day - No Classes	5 First Day of Classes	6	7	8 Opening Year Assembly	9
10	Lunchtime Milk Sales Begin	12	13	14 Southland City Bus Forms Due	Opening Year Faith Experience	16
17	18	¹⁹ Tie-Dye /Bright Colors Day!	Agenda Fees (\$10) Due	21 CTTCS Cross Country Meet	22 Terry Fox Walk - Wear Blue and White	23 First Day of Fall
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