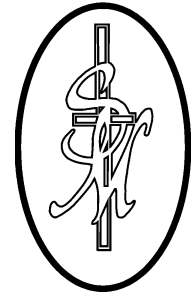


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August 21st, 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and happy summer and is well rested and ready for another great school year. I would like to extend a sincere welcome to all new and returning families. Our theme for the next 2 years in Catholic Schools is, "Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming our Faith." Our focus this year will be on celebrating our faith. Please join us for our first school mass at 9am on Thursday, September 19th!

Please read the following important information for parents.

OUR STAFF FOR 2024-2025

I would like to welcome each of our wonderful staff back for another exciting year of education at St. Mary's. I am really thrilled to have such a varied and talented team of educators to work with this year. We welcome Mrs. Christine Boef who will be teaching grade 2 this year! We are excited to welcome back Ms. Roberts to grade 4 and Mrs. Brown who will team teach together. Mrs. O'Reilly will be teaching a half day a week in grade 5 while Ms. Vandermeer continues as our Christian Education consultant for CISPG. Together, we can make this year an outstanding one for all the children. You can access our staff list on the school website: www.stmaryspg.org.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

School begins for all classes (K-7) on **Wednesday, September 4th** starting at **8:20 am** and ending at **2:20 pm** for all students. Upon arrival, students will be welcomed to play outside. **Kindergarten to grade 3** will be on the Freeman street playground side, and **grades 4-7** will be on the Gillett St. side.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

We ask that you drop off and pick up your children from outside the school parking lot. **Please remember that vehicles are NOT PERMITTED to be on the school grounds at any time.** It is for the **safety** of our children. Please be respectful of our neighbours, keeping their driveways clear!

DISCIPLINE AND TECHNOLOGY USAGE

Forms will go out during the first week of school regarding our discipline and computer usage policies. These are to be signed by the parents and each child and sent back during the second week of classes. A reminder that cell phones, iPod's etc. are not to be used during school hours. They must remain in your child's back pack. All communication with home should be done through the school office. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS AND CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

To ensure student safety and to continue to have great volunteers, ALL volunteers need to have on file:

- A completed volunteer application form (attached)
- A criminal record check

Criminal Record Checks are available to be done online. More information is available on our website under the parent tab. All visitors must sign-in at the school office.

UNIFORM INFORMATION

The school uniform is compulsory for all grade 1-7 students at our school. It is required that students wear only what is listed in the dress code. Contact the school for more info. Uniforms can be ordered from Cambridge Uniforms using the link found on the school website.

NOT PERMITTED AS PART OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM: jogging pants, cargo pants, jeans, large noticeable jewelry, & make-up. Leggings may only be worn under skirts or tunics.

CALENDAR

A current calendar for the 2024-2025 year is attached. The calendar is also available on our website. If there are any changes it will be changed on the newsletters that get sent home or online. Information will be sent home as soon as it is available.

DAILY HEALTH CHECKS

Parents are responsible for assessing their children daily for illness before sending them to school. You can use the [K-12 Health Check app](#) for daily assessment of symptoms. The BCCDC guidelines state a student should not come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities. If a student is sick, they must not enter the school. Thank you for your diligence in keeping our community healthy!

LATES OR ABSENTS

All students are expected to be here by the first bell at 8:20am. Thank you for ensuring our school day starts off on time and with no disruption to classes. If your son or daughter is absent, please call the school and then send a note to the office when they return.

SUPPLY FEES AND TUITION

Pre-authorized payment forms will be sent home if indicated and must be returned as soon as possible. Each student will be charged a \$100 supply fee to help cover the cost of paper, agenda's, and consumables. **This fee must be paid by October 1st, 2024.** E-transfers are accepted! Send transfers to smsaccounting@cispg.ca

Supply Fees and Tuition can be paid online on our website or at the office with debit, credit, cash, cheque, or e-transfer. Thank you.

FINAL NOTICES

Enclosed is a family statement of commitment, one to sign and return to the office and one to keep for your records. Please read carefully and return to the school the first week we are back. Newsletters and other school updates will be sent via e-mail or SeeSaw. **Please subscribe to our email list at stmnewsletters@cispg.ca or fill in the form on the right hand side of our school website.** We put information on our website as well so we as a school can save paper. Please check for updates regularly. **If you would like a paper copy of newsletters sent home, please e-mail me at**

jschroeder@cispg.ca and I will ensure a copy is sent home with your child.

I look forward to seeing you all on September 4th!

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Schroeder
Principal