



St. James Catholic School

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613 628-2927 Principal – Maureen Enright



September 2016

Welcome Back!

I am so happy to welcome all of our students, staff, families and volunteers back to St. James for the 2016-2017 school year! We are thankful to God for the warm, restful and safe summer.

We offer a warm welcome our new students and our new staff members. Joining our staff from last year are:

Ms. Sandra Boudens - office administrator

Mme. Shoemaker - FSL teacher

Mr. Len Lehto – custodian

I look forward to seeing each of you and working together with you, your child(ren) and our staff throughout this year. Please stop in to say hi and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time.

Please keep us in your prayers as we learn and grow together as a school community throughout this year.

First Mass

Our First mass of the school year will be held at St. James the Less Parish on Friday, September 9th at 10:00 am. Please join us if your schedule allows!

Open House

All are invited to visit the school on Wednesday, September 14th between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to meet teachers, view classrooms and socialize. We hope to see you there!

Anaphylaxis Policy

St. James will continue to be a nut free school this year in order to provide a safe environment for all of our students. Please be diligent when checking snacks and lunch items. Even foods that say, "may contain traces of nuts" should be avoided.

Bell Times

9:23 First Bell

9:25 Start of instructional day

11:35 Recess Starts

11:50 Recess Ends

12:30 Lunch Begins

12: 50 Time to finish lunch and go outside

1:13 End of lunch

1:15 Start of afternoon instructional time

3:25 Recess

3:40 End of Recess; Dismissal for walkers and First Bus

3:56 Bell for second bus

4:00 Last bus

Bicycles

Students are most welcome to ride their bicycles to school. For safety reasons, they are expected to walk the bicycles while on the school grounds and in the parking lot. **Helmets must be worn.**

Staffing

Our staffing for the school year will be as follows:

JK/SK	Ms. Jennifer Perry
1/2	Ms. Katie Milosek
2/3	Mrs. Erin Dick
4/5	Mrs. Lisa Hart
6/7	Mrs. Alanna Hermans
8	Mr. Matt O'Connor
FSL	Mme Nadia Shoemaker
Special Education	Mrs. Allison Kubiseski
Native Language	Ms. Michele Gaudry
Aboriginal Student Success	Mr. Myles Sabourin
Music	Mr. Joseph Platt
Native Liaison	Ms. Jessica Levesque
Educational Assistants	Mrs. Donna Zomers Mrs. Carole Kohoko Mrs. Amy Regier Mrs. Jessica Verch Mrs. Erin Schweigert
ECE	Mrs. Karen Tracey
Secretary	Ms. Sandra Boudens
Pastor	Rev. Ken O'Brien
Custodian	Mr. Len Lehto
Noon Hour Supervisors	Mrs. Marie Lehman Mrs. Eunice Schulist
Trustees	Mrs. J. Ellis Mr. B. Michaud
Superintendent	Mr. Mark Searson

School Council

The First School Council meeting for 2016-17 will be held Monday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Staff Room. Everyone is welcome! We are still looking for

new members so please come out! Elections will take place at this first meeting of the school year

Pupil Information Update

Pre-printed information forms will be sent home with each child. Kindly check the information and make any necessary changes, including changes to address and emergency contact persons/phone numbers. It is imperative that these be updated! Please sign and return these forms even if there are no changes.

Absences

Please call the school office (613)628-2927 to report your child's absence. The answering machine is always on, so please leave a message with the information if your call is not answered. If it is known ahead of time, a note can be sent in the agenda advising that your child will be away.

Student Supervision

Yard and kindergarten supervision for walking students and regular bus students begins at 9:10 am. Students should not arrive at school earlier than this time as they cannot be left unsupervised. All students dismissed at the end of the day must leave the school premises. If you are picking up your child, please do not go onto the yard. Instead, please go to the office we can page for your child(ren) to meet you. Thank you for your cooperation with this safety practice.

Medication

Medication is administered only after a form is completed in full by parents and a doctor. Medication cannot be given by staff without this completed consent form. Teachers must be notified in writing of any medication that is sent to school, even if your child will administer to themselves.

Safe Schools

We welcome visitors to St. James Catholic School, but we will continue to lock all exterior doors this year. All visitors entering the building must report to the secretary's office to sign in and obtain a pass. We will be happy to relay messages, lunches, etc. to your child for you. Please help us to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for your children and to keep class interruptions to a minimum.

Offence Declarations

All parents who have had a Vulnerable Screening Check done in the past will be required to sign and return the attached Offence Declaration for 2015-2016. If you have not had a Screening done, please call the school and the appropriate forms will be sent home to you. Please note that every person who is involved as a volunteer in the school (driver, chaperone for class trips or tournaments, etc.) is required to have a Vulnerable Screening Check.

Cell Phones

The school has a telephone for the students to use in the event of an illness or emergency. If a child has a cell phone, it must be kept off and in his/her school bag during the day, unless a teacher instructs them otherwise and is supervising the use of the phone. Cell phone use is not permitted at recess or during the classroom lunch time.

Melissa Bishop Parade

On Saturday, September 10th, a committee is hosting a Parade to honour two time Olympian, Melissa Bishop. We would like St. James to be represented in the parade. Students and families are invited to be part of a walking group representing the school in the parade. If you would like to join us, please let Mrs. Enright know ASAP. We need to be at Legion Field by 12:30 pm in order to be ready to go at 1:30. Please make signs and wear your red to help show our support and pride!

Private Music Lessons

Any age, any level/experience on Piano, Voice or Guitar! Schroeder Nordholt has been teaching kids in this area for 15 years, continuing to foster a love of not only music but learning in general. Students can expect a fun yet demanding and overall highly rewarding growth experience. Lessons during school time! Space is limited. Find out more by phoning [613.757.1093](tel:613.757.1093), or by email at schroedernordholt@icloud.com

Bus Transportation

Please remember that, we will not be able to accommodate any requests for "bus passes". If there are parties, etc. we will have to ask that you please arrange for your own transportation. For information regarding your bussing, please see <https://www.onthebus.ca/en/index.asp>.

BonFire Friends
Meetings are held
Tuesday evenings at
EDPS from 7pm - 8pm.
Boys and girls are
both welcome!

We believe in enabling our children and building self esteem, and we do so through games, activities, crafts, songs, skills and badge work, hikes, bonfires, and camping.

Start date is Sept. 13. The cost is 100 for the school year. For more information, please contact Susan at 613.628.3815

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 9th – School Mass 10:00 am
Saturday, September 10th – Melissa Bishop Parade
Wed., Sept. 14th – Open House 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Monday, Sept. 19th – School Council 7:00 pm