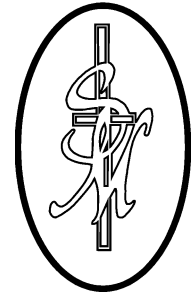


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August 26th, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and healthy 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 this year in Catholic Schools is, "Walk with Jesus, Our Living Hope." Please join us in reflecting on this theme throughout the school year. There will be many unknowns this year and as we navigate the year we ask for your patience and flexibility. This package includes information on our new back to school protocols. I know that working together we will have another great year!

Please read the following important information for parents.

OUR STAFF FOR 2020-2021

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. Together, we can make this year an outstanding one for all the children. You can check out our staff list on our website: www.stmaryspg.org.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

School begins for all classes (K-7) on Thursday, September 10th starting at **8:20 am** and ending at **2:20 pm** for all students. Upon arrival, students will be welcomed into their cohort areas outside. Grades 1-4 will be on the Freeman street playground side (in two cohorts), and Kindergarten and grades 5-7 will be on the Gillett St. side (in two cohorts). This will ensure students are spaced out and able to enter the school from different areas.

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.

DISCIPLINE AND TECHNOLOGY USAGE

A form will go out during the first week regarding our discipline and computer usage policy. This is 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.

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, leggings (may only be worn under skirts or tunics), large noticeable jewelry, & make-up

CALENDAR

A current calendar for the school year is normally attached to this letter. Under the current circumstances we are re-evaluating many of our regular activities, as we are unable to hold school masses or large PSG events at this time. Information will be sent home as soon as it is available.

LATES OR ABSENTS

All students are expected to be here by the first bell at 8:20 AM. Thank you for ensuring our school day starts off on time and with no disruption to classes. Also if your son or daughter is absent, please call the school and then send a note to the office when they return. There are blank notes available on our website as well as in your student's planner.

SUPPLY FEES AND TUITION

Each student will be charged a \$75 supply fee to help cover the cost of paper, agenda's, and consumables. **This fee must be paid by Sept. 30, 2020.** E-transfers are now accepted! Send transfers to smsaccounting@cispg.ca Pre-authorized payment forms are due asap. 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.

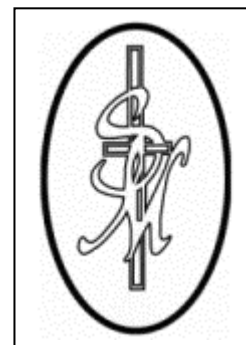
FINAL NOTICES

Enclosed is a family statement of commitment, one to sign and return to the office and one to keep for your records. There is an infographic attached for some of the changes you can expect to see at the school this year due to new health guidelines as well as our Return to School Protocols. Please read carefully. Please check off the box below and send it back with your child regarding future newsletters. This year newsletters and other school updates will be sent via e-mail. **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.

I look forward to seeing you all on September 10th!

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Schroeder
Principal



I would like to receive paper copies of newsletters:

Print name: _____ Child's Grade: _____