

September 3, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we start the 2019-2020 school year at Holy Family School we would like to welcome everyone back for another exciting year. A special welcome to all of the new families and all of you who have returned for another year! We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer!

Our division faith theme, *Lord, light the path and I will lead others*, will be the focus of our school. We will work at inspiring all students and staff to continue making Christ known to all children and our school community. It is through our blessed community that this school year will be one of the best years for your child.




With a new school year brings much excitement and anticipation. This year we are expecting a student enrollment of 484 students from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5, which is a slight increase from last year. We have hired some new teaching and educational assistant support staff to accommodate student numbers and the educational needs of students. Mrs. Shelley Kundert (Grade 5 part-time - Language Arts/Social Studies/Health) will be returning to us this year and new to our staff this year are Miss Rebecca Kostura (Grade 2), Mrs. Jamieson Windle (Pre-Kindergarten) and Miss Channing Gibson (Grade 5 educational assistant).

With the start of the new school year, below are some important dates to be aware of

- First Day of School- Grade 1 to 5: Tuesday, September 3
- Staggered Entry - Pre-Kindergarten / Kindergarten: Tuesday, September 3 & 4
- Earth Rangers Presentation- Kindergarten-Grade 5: Monday, September 9
- New Student/Staff Welcome Lunch: Thursday, September 12
- School Council Meeting - All Parents Welcome: Thursday, September 12 @ 6 pm
- Opening School Mass - St. Mary's @ 10:30 am
- Welcome Back Family Movie Night - All Families Welcome: Thursday, September 19
- St. Pat's/Dawe Run: Tuesday, September 24
- Terry Fox Run: Thursday, September 26
- Orange Shirt Day: September 30th
- Grade 4 Bible Celebration - St. Mary's: Wednesday, October 2
- Fall Picture Day - schedule will come with a specific day for each class: October 3 & 4



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One question we frequently receive from parents is around communication. Be sure to check our website (<https://www.holyfamilyschool.ca/>). The website contains calendars, school information and is updated regularly. We also engage our community through social media (  ) and we encourage you to follow us. We send out a week at a glance through email/PowerAnnounce weekly and your child's classroom teacher will be using Edsby this year to share important class-related information. For information on how to set up your Edsby please review the included document Parent Edsby Setup. All students have been provided with a communication folder for any important documents that need to travel safely between home and school.

As we continue to strive to provide a blessed community, we want your child to be happy and successful at Holy Family School and believe you play an important role. We encourage you to become involved in your child's schoolwork and various volunteer opportunities that present throughout the school year. Our doors are always open; please do not hesitate to drop by, give us a call if you have any comments or concerns.

God bless you and have a great school year.

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