

## Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Holy Family School

We hope that you were able to enjoy special time with your children over the summer break and that you are ready for the return of school. We welcome everyone back to school, and extend a special welcome to all of our new students and their families. The staff has been busy preparing and planning learning opportunities for each child's learning and wellbeing. We are looking forward to having another exciting year of learning at Holy Family School.

#HolyFamilyStrong #BetterTogether

### Meet the Staff Night - Thursday, August 26, 2021

WOW, what an amazing evening filled with joy and excitement! Thank you for coming to meet our staff. The evening was a great success and was an opportunity for you and your child to bring school supplies and meet your child's teacher in the classroom. This year we are welcoming 395 students from Kindergarten to Grade 5, with 3 classrooms at each of the grade levels.

### Staggered Entry: Kindergarten - August 31 & September 1

Kindergarten	Tuesday, Aug. 31	Wednesday, Sept. 1st	Thursday, Sept. 2nd	Friday, Sept. 3rd
Mon/Wed Kinder	No School	Morning: A-L last names attend <b>8:30am-11:00am</b>	No School	All Mon/Wed students attend
		Afternoon: M-Z last names attend <b>12:20pm-2:50pm</b>		
Tues/Thurs Kinder	Morning: A-L last names: <b>8:30am-11:00am</b>	No School	All Students Attend	No School
	Afternoon: M-Z last names <b>12:20pm-2:50pm</b>			

### Staggered Entry: Grade 1 to 5 - August 31 & September 01

Staggered entry for the rest of the school will occur over the first two days of school. Please see below for your child's staggered entry date. Your child's staggered entry day will be a full day with busses running to and from school.

- Last Names A-L: Tuesday, August 31, 2021
- Last Names M-Z: Wednesday, September 1, 2021
- All Students Attend: Thursday, September 2, 2021

## Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up

As a result of positive feedback from last year, we have decided to continue with the following practices:

- **Staggered Entry and Dismissal Times**

Grade Levels	Start Time	Dismissal Time
Kindergarten, Grade 2 and Grade 4	8:19 am	2:53 pm
Grade 1, Grade 3 and Grade 5	8:26 am	3:00 pm

- Kindergarten, Grade 2 and 4 students line up and enter the school at 8:19 am
- Grade 1, 3 and 5 students line up and enter the school at 8:26 am
- We ask our grade 1, 3 and 5 students to either play at the playground or arrive at school as close as possible to 8:26 am. This allows our Kindergarten, Grade 2 and Grade 4 students to enter the school safely. This practice greatly assisted with congestion at the drop and go and supported a safe entry into the school and hand sanitizing practice in the boot rooms.

- **Students dropped-off and picked up from their respective grade doors**

- We found that this practice made for safe and smooth transitions for our students in the mornings and afternoons. Teachers will meet their students at their respective doors. This allows for less congestion during the times when we have the most people arriving at and departing the school. We ask you to pick a meeting place outside of the school to meet your child at the end of the day.

- **Parent Access**

- We will continue with the practice established last year with parent access restricted to the office area. You are welcome to make arrangements with your child's teacher for a meeting and check in at the office. This will greatly assist with safe transitions at the beginning and end of day and minimize distractions in the learning environment. Once we settle into our new school year, we are anticipating that parents will be welcome to volunteer as opportunities arise. Please connect with your child's teacher if you are interested.

## Staggered Morning Recess and Lunch Recess

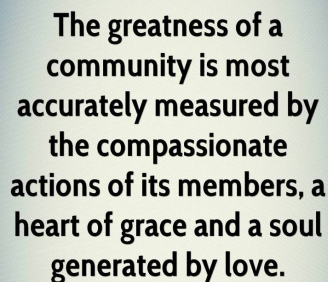
Grade Levels	Morning Recess Times	Lunch Eating & Recess Times
Kindergarten, Grade 2 and Grade 4:	10:15-10:30 am	12:00-12:30 pm (recess) 12:30-12:50 pm (lunch)
Grade 1, Grade 3 and Grade 5	10:45-11:00 am	12:20-12:40 pm (lunch) 12:40-1:10 pm (recess)

### Helping your child

- We will be monitoring every student's academic, social and emotional progress throughout the year, to support their growth as positive, confident, cooperative, creative, kind and responsible students in our school. When this is mirrored at home as well the child has an amazing opportunity to really FLOURISH!

### Thank you to all families for:

- Greeting all families and staff warmly as you move around our school
- Communicating respectfully and thoughtfully to teachers - in emails, on the phone and in face to face communications
- Supporting your child with their learning goals
- Meeting your commitments with transportation fees and staying in touch with the office if you need extra time or consideration
- Supporting your child's social emotional growth: learning the value of: good manners, appreciating difference, contributing to the greater good, saying sorry, learning to forgive, working hard and playing hard too, being kind to ourselves and to one another, the power of prayer, giving service to others...



**The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members, a heart of grace and a soul generated by love.**

Again, we thank you for your support and are so grateful to work together with you. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns or suggestions on how to enhance our school community.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Rori-Lynn Daniel  
Principal

Mrs. Stacey Martz  
Vice-Principal

*Be Strong, Be Brave, Be Fearless. You Are Never Alone.*  
Joshua 1:9

Lord Jesus, we invite you into our classroom every day.  
Bless our minds and fill them with knowledge  
And wonder about your world.  
Bless our hands as they become your hands  
Of care and thoughtfulness to others.  
Open our eyes to all our education offers us each day,  
And help us learn your ways.  
Fill our mouths with kind words  
That shows appreciation to our teachers, classmates, and friends.  
Forgive us when we forget that you are our guest.  
Thank you for dwelling in our hearts, our classroom,  
And our school with your spirit, grace, and love.  
May we serve you with our learning  
And love what we do in your name.  
We ask all of this through you,  
Our greatest teacher of all. Amen

