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Parent Update - October 2025

Our first month together came and went in a flash. September was a dynamic and purposeful month, setting a wonderful tone for the year as we strive to remain ***Anchored in Faith: Guided by Grace***. We began by centering our community at our beautiful opening mass, a moment of collective worship where we officially welcomed Fr. Robert to our school family. The spirit of grace and service was vividly displayed through our highly successful Terry Fox Run, which raised an impressive \$730+ for cancer research. Finally, we honored our commitment to truth and reconciliation by thoughtfully participating in Orange Shirt Day through various classroom and Physical Education activities, acknowledging and learning about Indigenous history. We thank you for your continued partnership and support in making Holy Family a vibrant community!

Here are some key information items for everyone:

PowerSchool for Parents

- To view your child's progress/grades, parents need to access **PowerSchool** using the instructions provided in the links below. Assessment status and reporting is subject to variation by grade and curricular standards. Please understand that teachers are also balancing this with new curriculum and the added requirement of completing mandatory government screens, with Grade 1 having five separate screens which are due shortly.
 - [Instructions pdf](#)
 - [Instructions jpg](#)

Legislation Update - Opt-In Guidelines

- Parents have the opportunity to exercise the decision to "opt-in" their child to curricular instruction that is sexual in nature, such as human sexuality. Alternate learning experiences shall be provided for those students who do not "opt-in".
- Parents who do not respond to requests for opt-in consent will be reminded to complete any necessary documentation. Until consent is obtained, students will move to an alternate location to work.
- "Opt-in" requirements do not apply to discussions that incidentally arise as a part of daily classroom interaction. Examples of indirect references include but are not limited to a book discussed in language arts, in Biology 30 where some learning outcomes involve the anatomy and physiology of human reproduction, but the outcomes are not explicitly about human sexuality, current events, and other similar examples.

Job Action Updates

- Please see <https://www.rdcrcs.ca/job-action-updates> for updates on teacher job action.
- One common question from parents is regarding learning packages being sent home for students to work on during this labour disruption. The expectation is that teachers will not be providing materials for at-home use over this time.

Counseling Programs

- Miss Madi has begun our universal lessons for students as part of our BIG programming. See the link below for background information.
 - [2025/26 Universal Counseling Programs](#)

Student Drop Off/Pickup

- Thank you so much to everyone that is following the [Drop & Go Guidelines](#) that were shared previously. Traffic congestion has been manageable which translates to a safe environment for everyone. We would gently remind everyone that staff parking at the north and south lots are off limits to parents. Curbside parking along the sidewalks to the south and west of the building can be utilized if you are not using the Drop & Go area.

Lunch It Forward

- Your generosity is truly a tremendous blessing. Very soon we will be providing hot lunches to students who may not normally get to enjoy them, all due to your generosity. Miss Madi will be working with families to get this started in the near future.

Administrative Procedures

- Please review the following RDCRS Administrative Procedures
 - [Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media](#)
 - Students at Holy Family School are not permitted to use personal mobile devices during school hours. The school provides necessary technology to support student learning. Parents can call the office if they need to contact their child and students will be accommodated if a call home is necessary. If a student requires specific technology for medical needs, please contact their teacher to develop appropriate expectations and guidelines.
 - [Inclement Weather & Air Quality](#)

Thank you for a wonderful start to the 2025/26 school year. We look forward to continuing on the journey with you.

Yours in Christ,



Jeff Tuchscherer
Principal - Holy Family School

DEAR JESUS, GUIDE US EVERY DAY, HELP US LEARN AND LEAD THE WAY. WITH MARY'S LOVE, SO PURE AND BRIGHT, TEACH US KINDNESS, JOY, AND LIGHT. SAINT JOSEPH, STRONG AND ALWAYS NEAR, KEEP US SAFE, REMOVE OUR FEAR. HOLY FAMILY, HEAR OUR PRAYER, BLESS OUR SCHOOL WITH LOVING CARE. AMEN.