



# St. Joseph the Worker Elementary School

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## Back to School 2022!

August 30, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. While I have met many of you already, I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children this year. I am blessed to begin this school year with you and work in partnership with the staff to live our school mission of developing the whole child. Our staff is very excited to resume many of the activities we have all missed over the past few years including our sports competitions and practices, theatre productions, band, and choir.

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude the legacy of care, love and joy for learning that Mr. Paul Fraser generously gave to this school community in his 13 years of service. I know we will continue to see Mr. Fraser in our faith community of St. Joseph the Worker.

We welcome Ms. Cecilia Ramirez to our staff who is a familiar face in the parish community. We are blessed to have Ms. Ramirez as part of our permanent staff. She will begin the year as the Grade 4 teacher while Mrs. Williams continues her medical leave. We continue to hold Mrs. Williams in our prayers and look forward to her return.

In just over a week, we will be welcoming our students back to school! A few reminders for our return to school on **Tuesday, September 6, 2022.**

1. Some key reminders from the Communicable Disease Guidelines for the 2022/23 School Year:
  - The school protocols remain much the same as when we left in June.
  - Daily cleaning and disinfecting, including cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, will continue.
  - As a reminder, students, staff or other adults must stay home when ill or when required by public health to self-isolate
  - Masks are no longer mandated or required but students are welcome to wear them.

- Students, staff, parents or anyone entering the school with symptoms must stay home.
  - Anyone who tests positive for Covid must follow all Provincial protocols and should stay away for 5 days and return to school after those 5 days only if they are symptom free.
  - School Safety requirements will continue to be updated on the school website as the year progresses.
2. There are undoubtedly many questions about school start times, pick-up times, as well and other school-based routines weekly. I have addressed many of these below. The newsletter will be published during the first week of school with much more information. ***Kindergarten parents*** - please note, with gradual entry your start and pick up times will initially be different and I know that Mrs. Whitlock has contacted you and will continue to keep you updated as to your child's schedule.
- We will continue with a “soft start” each school morning. This means students can be dropped off ANYTIME from 8:40am-8:50am. Supervision begins at 8:30 for those who require an earlier drop off. However, students will not be able to enter the building until 8:40 am, when they will go straight to their classrooms. Parents are asked to remain in their cars during morning drop-off (same as last year).
  - Dismissal will continue to be at 3:00 pm for ALL students. Parents can either pick up their kids at the pickup zone (assisted by Grade 7 crossing guards or staff), or they can park their car and escort their children across the marked “crossing zone” to their car. Please see the map below for the pick up process and parking areas.
3. Please ensure your child has their uniform in order and ready to go for our first day! Lots of growth happens over the summer!
4. Please note that Tuesday, September 6 is a **HALF-DAY**, with a noon dismissal for all students. Please do not send a lunch but please send a morning recess snack with your child.
5. The office is open this week Tuesday and Friday. Our staff will be away on retreat Wednesday and Thursday.

Finally, please continue to enjoy your summer with your loved ones. We look forward to seeing you very soon.

God Bless,

Mrs. Andrea Bernett, Principal



St. Joseph School  
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Guide

Drop Off Route

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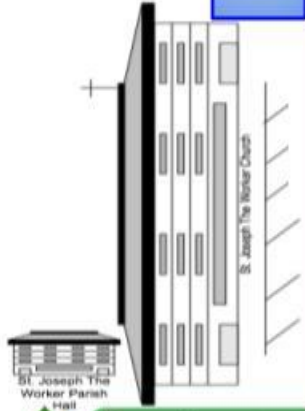
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