



# St. Henry School

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**CALGARY CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## Newsletter - September 2019

### Message from Administration



Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! On behalf of all the staff at St. Henry School, we extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students and families.

As you will see in the attached monthly calendar, we already have many exciting events happening in September. Of special note, is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'free' Welcome Back Picnic on Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. An RSVP is included in your child's start-up package, so please ensure you send this back to us ASAP, so we can plan for the food accordingly.

It is also our pleasure to introduce the 2019-2020 Instructional and Support Staff, including our new Grade One and Two teachers.

- **Principal:** Mrs. Lynn Leslie
- **Assistant Principal:** Ms. Katherine MacDougall
- **Secretary:** Ms. Cassie Novakowski
- **ELL Preschool:** Mrs. De Marchi & Mrs. Maria Spencer
- **Kindergarten:** Mrs. Sharon McDonald
- **Grade 1:** Ms. Vanessa MacKinnon
- **Grade 2:** Mrs. Cathryn Sabey
- **Grade 3:** Mrs. Baylee Mancuso
- **Grade 4:** Ms. Teresa Marks (AM) & Ms. Katherine MacDougall (PM)
- **Grade 5:** Mr. Mateusz Majkowski
- **Grade 6:** Mr. Jason Hauenstein
- **Diverse Learning Coordinating Teacher (DLCT) and Music Teacher:** Mrs. Kim Wallace
- **Learning Commons Librarian:** Mrs. Heather Megliola
- **Educational and Lunchroom Assistant:** Mrs. Stacey Cesario & Mrs. Christine Suherman
- **Caretaker:** Mr. Stanley Lee

### Prayer of

### New Beginnings

(Adapted from an Unknown author)

*God of new beginnings, as we look forward to this new school year, we know we are walking into mystery.*

*In the coming school year, remind us to welcome all who come our way.*

*Help us to use the gifts and talents you have granted each of us to find the best pathway for those we meet.*

*Deepen our faith to see all life through your eyes.*

*Fill us with hope and abiding trust that you dwell in us amidst all our joys and sorrows.*

*We thank you for the treasure and blessings of our faith life. Help us to draw upon it deeply to undertake the work of your hands.*

*We praise you and remain committed to respond to your call to follow in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Bless our work today and throughout the year.*

AMEN

## Kind Reminders

### Bell Times & Supervision:

8:30am Supervision Begins (please do not drop off your child before this time)

8:45am Entry Bell

8:50am Instruction begins

10:30am Recess begins

10:45am Recess ends

11:30am Kindergarten dismissal

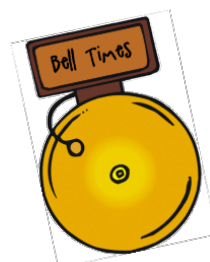
12:15pm Lunch begins

12:50pm Lunch ends

12:55pm Instruction begins

3:05pm Dismissal

3:20pm Supervision Ends (please ensure your child is picked up before this time)



**Parking Lot:** To ensure safety of students, please do not use the parking lot to drop off or pick up students.

**Visitors / Volunteering:** In compliance with school safety procedures, *all adult visitors must enter through only the office doors, sign in at the office and wear a visitor badge BEFORE walking through the school.* This required procedure helps students and staff see approved adults in the school. Please do NOT enter the school through side doors.



Also, there are many opportunities throughout the school year for parents and/or guardians to volunteer at the school. An orientation will need to be completed prior to volunteering. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your child's teacher and/or the front office.

**Student Agenda/Communication:** Please review the student handbook at the front of your child's agenda and check daily for notices and/or messages. Teachers will also be launching classroom blogs, and more information will be forthcoming. Please note: all communication regarding your child should be first done by contacting your child's teacher. You may leave them a message at the office and/or email them to set up a convenient time to call and/or meet. Please note, that teacher's priority is teaching, so they may require up to 24 hours to respond. Urgent matters should be directly communicated with the office secretary, Assistant Principal or Principal.

**Cell Phones/School Phone:** If students bring cell phones to the school, please note that they will not be able to use them during the school day, not at recess times or at all while inside the school. If students need to use the school phone, they are to talk with their teacher first before coming to the office. This ensures that teachers and office staff/administration are aware of what assistance your child needs and that distractions during the day are minimized.

**Medical Alerts & Allergies:** If you have not already done so, please ensure your child's teacher and/or the office is aware of any allergies and/or medical concerns. Please note: while we do our best to communicate awareness of allergies, it is not possible to provide a guarantee, given the day to day complexity within the school.

**AMA Safety Patrols:** Mr. Hauenstein our Grade Six teacher will once again be leading our AMA Safety Patrols this year. Training for our new student patrollers will happen in September, with our program getting up and going as soon as possible. Please remind your child(ren) to be mindful of the busy crossings. We also ask that for the safety of all our students, that you please do not make U turns on the street, as this increases safety risks to our students. If you do notice this and/or any other traffic violations, please report the license plate and make of the vehicle to the office.

**ADmazing Coupon Books:** These books will be sold in the office until the end of October. Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing one for \$25. The class with the most books sold will win a pizza lunch.

### Lunches



**Times:** Students will eat in they gym from 12:15 to 12:35pm, followed by recess. Students are reminded to limit visiting until recess, to ensure they have enough time to finish their lunches.

**Lunch Drop Off:** If you do need to drop off your child's lunch, please do so before 12:15pm and make sure it is labeled with your child's name and grade.

**Brown Bagging:** Once again we are happy to offer the brown bagging lunch program for students who have no lunch or who need a bit more to eat. This amazing service is provided by Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids. More information can be found at <https://bb4ck.org/>

**Canteen:** We continue to offer a small canteen including items such as juice boxes, cheese strings, yogurt and fruit cups. Items are \$0.50 each. Students can pay by cash or through using credits on a Canteen Card, that may be purchased for \$20. Please contact the office if you have questions.

## Welcome Back to School!!



## Calgary Catholic School Division (CCSD) News

**District Updates:** Please see the attached link for the Chief Superintendent's Reports and Calgary Catholic School District's Monthly Newsletter.

<https://www.cssd.ab.ca/News/NewsUpdates/Pages/default.aspx>

**Calgary Catholic School Board Meeting Highlights** can be accessed using this link: <https://www.cssd.ab.ca/BoardOfTrustees/Highlights/Pages/default.aspx>

**2019-2020 Parent & Trustee Forums:** Parents are invited and encouraged to attend Parent & Trustee meetings throughout the year (November 26<sup>th</sup>, January 21<sup>st</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>). More information will be forthcoming and also available on the CCSD website at <https://www.cssd.ab.ca/Parents/SchoolCouncil/2019-2020/Pages/default.aspx>

## Corpus Christi Parish



### Children's Sacrament Registrations at Corpus Christi Parish:

Registrations for First Reconciliation preparation will be closing Sept. 8, 2019. To avoid disappointment, register early for the 2020 First Eucharist and Confirmation Preparation.

Registration FORMS are available in the church entrance at Corpus Christi Church, 404 Northmount Place N.W. Calgary, Alberta T2K 3P9. Parish office current hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

If you have questions, please contact the church directly - Rita Greco-Piotto at (403) 274-4349.


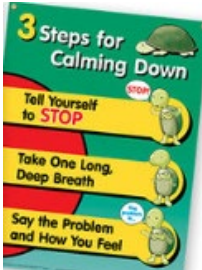


## Community Connections

**Community Connections:** WeConnectYou is a community organization serving North Central Calgary whose mission is to support strong caring communities and families. They provide resources and supports such as parenting workshops and activities. More information can be found on their website: [www.weconnectyou.org](http://www.weconnectyou.org). They are located in the Huntington Hills Community Centre: 520 - 78 Ave. N.W. (Corner of Centre Street and 78 Ave N.W.) Contact them by phone at [403-275-6666](tel:403-275-6666) option 2 or 3.

## 2019-2020 Three-Year School Plan

To develop this year’s school plan, along with reviewing past surveys and assessment data, we look forward to working with parents and/or guardians at the October School Council meeting to continue our school plan goals in permeating our district mission, **“Living and Learning in our Catholic Faith”**. As a Catholic Community of Caring, we will continue to strive to ensure that **“Every Child has a Champion.”** The plan will be posted on the website by mid-November, and monthly highlights will be shared in newsletters as per below:



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| <h3 style="text-align: center;">Faith Formation</h3>  <p>This year marks our third year of our faith theme: Year One, “Search and you will find”; Year Two, Ask, and it will be given you; and this year: Knock, and the door will be opened for you (Matthew 7:7).</p> <p>We are excited to bring this theme to life with students through our Catholic Community of Caring and Big Family Groups throughout the year!</p>                    | <h3 style="text-align: center;">Student Wellness</h3> <p><u>Kindergarten to Grade 3</u> students will be learning about Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHs). This Social Emotional Learning (SEL) helps to facilitate emotional literacy, self-control, social competence, positive peer relations, and interpersonal problem-solving skills.</p>  <p>We are also excited about our new partnership with McMan Youth, Family and Community Services Association. Starting in October, <u>Grade 4 to 6 students</u> will have weekly opportunities to learn and practice skills related to mindfulness, emotional regulation, distress tolerance and interpersonal effectiveness.</p> |
| <h3 style="text-align: center;">Student Success</h3> <p>Home-School communication is a key component of student success. Teachers will once again be using SeeSaw blogs to highlight classroom activities.</p> <p>Please be sure to sign up for SeeSaw once you receive the directions from your child’s teacher.</p> <p>This is wonderful way to share and celebrate some of the learning that your child is doing at St. Henry School.</p>  | <h3 style="text-align: center;">First Nation, Metis and Inuit Knowledge</h3>  <p>We will be recognizing <b>Orange Shirt Day</b> on Friday September 30th. Activities will be organized throughout the day, to show a commitment that every child matters.</p> <p>Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools, and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. Order forms for T-shirts will be forthcoming.</p>  |

| SUNDAY    | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                         | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|-----------|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|-----------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>Labour Day – No School            | <b>3</b><br>Day 1<br>First Day of Classes      | <b>4</b><br>Day 2                 | <b>5</b><br>Day 3<br>Kindergarten – Staggered Entry  | <b>6</b><br>Day 4<br>First day of Kindergarten                           | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>Day 5                             | <b>10</b><br>Day 6                             | <b>11</b><br>Day 1<br>Picture Day | <b>12</b><br>Day 2<br>School Opening Picnic 4:30-6:30pm<br>* Please RSVP on form sent home   | <b>13</b><br>Day 3   | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b> | <b>16</b><br>Day 4<br>ELL Preschool First Day | <b>17</b><br>Day 5<br>Gr. 6 Patroller Training | <b>18</b><br>Day 6                | <b>19</b><br>Day 1<br>School Opening Liturgy 9:30am at Corpus Christi Church<br>Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30pm<br>Beakerhead School Presentation | <b>20</b><br>No School<br>Parent/Teacher Conferences 9-12pm & 1-3pm      | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br>Professional Day – No School     | <b>24</b><br>Day 2                             | <b>25</b><br>Day 3                | <b>26</b><br>Day 4<br>School Council Meeting 6-7pm<br>* All parents/guardians welcome  | <b>27</b><br>Day 5<br>Terry Fox Run – pm<br>* Please join us if you can. | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br>Day 6<br>Orange Shirt Day        |  |                                   |  |  |           |