



St. William School

Parental Involvement

St. William School warmly invites and encourages parents to become involved in their children's education.

School Council: The School Council is composed of parents, administration, community and staff representatives from the St. William School Community. Elections are held annually for School Council positions. The St. William School Council is an advisory group to the principal designed to help strengthen and promote communication between the school, parents, community and Board of Trustees. This group meets monthly to discuss overall school matters. All parents are welcome and warmly invited to attend the monthly meetings which will be advertised in the school newsletter and posted on our website.

More information on School Councils can be accessed on line at:

<https://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/stwilliam/Parents/School-Council/Pages/default.aspx>

Trustee Parent Forums: Throughout the year, the district provides information events for parents to gather on specific topics of interest. Dates and locations of these events are published on the district web site and in the school monthly newsletter.

Volunteering: We actively encourage and gratefully appreciate parents who volunteer to assist in the school. Active and visible parental involvement in the school is an important part of the education process. The quality and variety of school programs have been enhanced by the many talents and gifts of our school volunteers.

It is a policy of Calgary Catholic School District that any parent wishing to volunteer in any capacity during the school year attend a volunteer orientation session at the school. It is our intention to host the orientation sessions early in the school year so that parents may attend the brief meeting prior to volunteering in any of our classrooms and programs. A date for this session will be published in our September newsletter.

Supporting Your Child's Education: The support and interest of parents play an important part in forming a student's attitude towards homework and learning. Parents can help by promoting home study as an important activity and by allotting enough time for home study, providing a quiet, regular place to work.



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Parent Teacher Conferences: Parents are encouraged to attend parent teacher conference sessions in September, November and March to discuss their child's progress with the teacher. Communication with your child's teacher and helping to set learning goals for your child are important to your child's education.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS! Parents are encouraged to provide the school with both input and feedback via phone calls, meetings and a variety of surveys throughout the year. We use parental, student and staff input to guide our school goals as we strive to always improve!

PARENTS AS PARTNERS: When concerns come home

Coming into conflict with a fellow student is part of every student's social learning. Students come to school with differing levels of sensitivity and from a variety of backgrounds. Supporting your child through conflict situations is important and provides an opportunity for home and school to work together to help your child self-advocate, develop communication skills and develop resiliency. If your child shares a conflict concern at home, it helps to ask your child questions to understand his or her perception of the situation. Questions may include: What happened? Who was involved? What was your role? What were the roles of others? Did you share this with a staff member? What tools did you use to resolve the concern? What else could be done to repair the relationship?

Sometimes, your child may feel confident to attempt resolution on his or her own. Other times, you may wish to contact your child's homeroom teacher to share your child's perspective and request that the teacher further investigate. Most concerns are resolved at this level. If the concern requires further investigation / intervention, the school administration may become involved. At all levels, school staff will keep in contact with parents as we appreciate that concerns are important.

Sharing any information with your child's teacher regarding learning concerns, social interactions or medical conditions assist the school in providing your child with the best learning experience possible!