

Good Times @ St. Bernard's

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to all students and families for the 2017-18 school year. We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. We can't wait to get started, to hear the student's summer stories and to get going with a fantastic year of learning.

This memo contains important details about our school opening. Please take the time to read over the information contained here. The school will be open on Tuesday 5th for any questions that you may have. Further information is available under the School Information tab on the website, and in the Student Handbook.

We look forward to seeing everyone next week, and hope that you have a great Labour Day Weekend!

The St. Bernard's Staff

Wednesday (Gr. 1-6)

School will begin for students in Grade 1 to 6 on Wednesday. We can't wait to have everyone back. Doors will open at 7:50 on Wednesday morning and classes will begin at 8:10am. Class Lists will be posted by the primary entrance and by the office.

We would ask that parents park appropriately to allow the kiss and ride to operate effectively, and allow the buses to operate as usual. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance with this, and ensuring the safety of our students.

Classes finish at 2:10, and buses will begin their runs at this time. Students who are walkers will then head to the office to be collected by parents. Once more, we ask that parents do not leave before the buses.

Wednesday (KDG)

Kindergarten students will start at 10:45 am. Please be reminded that Kindergarten bussing will not begin until Monday 12th September to ensure a smooth transition for students to the school, and the bus runs.

Bussing

Please note that bussing details have been posted on the school website. The routes are very much the same as we finished with last year. For those that wish to be bussed, and are ineligible because they live within 1.6 km of the school or would like a spot on another route, we would ask that you complete a courtesy bussing form, due back no later than Friday 10th. Courtesy bussing

will be offered according to the NLESD regulations. We remind parents that pick up and drop off addresses must be the same and should remain constant for the year.

Courtesy Seating Forms are available at: https://www.nlesd.ca/busing/doc/courtesy_seating_protocol.pdf

Please be aware that students will only be able to avail of the stop assigned to them by the district until courtesy seating applications have been approved. This will be in a few weeks.

Student Handbook

Our Student Handbook is a veritable treasure trove of information about the school. It contains information on everything from allergies to student dress. Please spend some time going through this with your child this week. It can be found on our website @ www.stbernardselementary.com and in our student agendas.

Lunches/Snacks

If you need to bring a snack or lunch to your child during the day, please drop it off at the main office. We encourage you to prepare healthy snacks and lunches for your child. Please visit www.livinghealthyschools.com for healthy tips and ideas.

A reminder that withi the building we have allergies to nuts / peanuts / fish / shellfish / visible egg.

School Lunch

Online registration is now available. For more information contact. **All students who wish to take part in School Lunch must pay their registration fee first at:** www.school lunch.ca

Please be aware that there will be no lunch served until the 25th September, and no Breakfast Club until October.

Punctuality & Security

Please ensure that your child arrives for school daily on time. Classes start in the morning at 8:10am and all students need to be in their desks ready to work at 8:15am. The school is locked during the day to ensure pupil safety. **ALL PARENTS MUST COME TO THE OFFICE DURING THE DAY.**

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday 5th September - Administration Day (no school for students)

Wednesday 6th September - First Day for students: Grades 1-6 start at 8:10)

KDG start at 10:45am

Friday 8th September - Courtesy Bus Forms due back.

Thursday September 14th - Curriculum Night @7pm

Thursday September 21st - Breakfast Club Initial Meeting

Monday Sep 25th - First Day of Lunch Service.



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“While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about.”

– Angela Schwindt