



St. Francis Newsletter

September 10, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the new school year! The newsletter includes lots of information related to the school start up and upcoming events in the month of September.

This year, as a result of our afternoon recess, we have a few changes to our school schedule. Please note that if you are dropping off your children at school it should not be before 8:35 am. Our teachers are not on duty until this time. If you have a time constraint in the morning that requires an earlier drop off, we do have a Daycare that opens at 7:00 am. As well, the school day ends at 3:20 pm. If you are meeting your child, please wait at the Brown or Silver doors for your child to be dismissed. Thank you kindly!

***PJ Storytime returns to St. Francis:** This fun event will take place on Friday, September 13. The theme is fall.*

Transportation Information:

Temporary passes: Please remember that our bus drivers do not accept temporary bus passes or notes for changes during the month of September.

Bus delays: Should your child's bus be unreasonably late, please check the ETSB website as bus delays are posted on the website. Drivers do try to call parents when a bus is broken down but lateness due to other issues is only notified by using the website at www.etsb.qc.ca

Purple PARENT tab - Bus Delays

Visitors on the bus: Should your child wish to have a friend take the bus with him/her after the month of September is over, please keep in mind we must receive a note from you and the other Child's parent a day or two ahead of time so we can make sure there is room on the bus for them. Also, as the buses are very full please keep in mind that they are not permitted to have a group of friends take the bus with them. In this case please make other arrangements.

Other notes:

Parking on Lorne Street: Please respect the parking signs on the street in front of the school. Residents **MUST** be able to enter and exit their driveways at all times.

The **DAYCARE** is an active and caring environment thanks to our Daycare Educators, Valerie Guenette and Tina Jeanson. Our 1st Daycare Planning Day is on Friday, September 20th. If you have any questions related to our Daycare, please email: stfdaycare@edu.etsb.qc.ca.

St. Francis will participate in the **Terry Fox Run** on Friday, September 27 at 1:00 pm. Parents and community members are encouraged to join us! Our goal is to

walk/run for 26 minutes to represent the kilometres that Terry Fox ran daily 39 years ago. He had hoped to raise \$1.00 for each Canadian. He has far surpassed this goal. Our goal is to raise \$260 for the Terry Fox Foundation, as this represents each child in our school. Please consider contributing to this very important cause to help the Canadian Cancer Society to continue developing and improving treatments and cures for cancer. A letter will be coming home soon with more details regarding the event.

School Fees (first half is due by September 27th): The Consumable Fee Form was sent home on Monday, September 9, with the breakdown of the School supervision and Consumable fees for the school year. We have broken the amount into two halves. The first payment is due on September 27th or earlier.

Perfection Gourmet Cheese Fundraiser: The annual cheese fundraiser is a great way to help cover the cost of events at school such as Geordie Productions (January 30 @ 1:00 pm), the buses to transport our students annually to the Richmond Fair, and the Artist in the School Project which takes place in April. The funds raised contribute to reducing the cost of the end of year class trips. Miss Bates, who oversees this fundraiser, will be sending home a package of information very soon.

School Photos: Monday, September 30 is school photo day. More information will be sent home shortly.

Fire Drills and Lock Downs: At the beginning of a school year it is important to practice fire drills and lockdowns. We will be holding our first fire drill today. The fire chief will be coming to the school on an undetermined date to conduct a fire drill with our students and staff. As well, we will be working with the SQ to hold a lockdown practice later in October. We will send home a letter with more details regarding the lockdown closer to the date.

The First Communication: On October 10 the teachers will be sending home the **Interim Report** with the students. Please review the interim and if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. The Interim Report will have a rating on your child's academic effort in English Language Arts, Math and French as a Second Language, as well as behaviour. Please sign and return the report by October 17, 2019.

"I Was Here Way Before You: A Tribute to the St. Francis River": Presented to Grade 3 - 6 on the St. Francis school stage October 10 (1:00 p.m.) and October 11 (11:00 a.m.). **Author & Presenter:** Isabelle Gosselin; **Translator:** Holly McMillian.

Books to Bellies: Sign up with your child(ren) to attend this exciting workshop which will be held at Table en Follie on October 18th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Together we will add an exciting twist to collective cooking by adapting a recipe from a children's story book. Hope to see you there! Register by calling (819) 826-3702 or email: richmondclc@etsb.qc.ca.



Babies & Kids Bazaar & PPO Used Book Sale

Mark your calendars!!! Saturday, October 19th from 8:30-12:30

A table rental form and information will be sent home soon with the youngest in each family. We look forward to supporting and helping our community with this project. For more information, please contact Mandy Sullivan sullivanm@edu.etsb.qc.ca or (819) 826-3737.



Items we can reuse at school: The following items can be used in our math and science programs. If you have any at home that you'd like to donate because you're not using them, please send them to school to Mrs. Sullivan's attention.
MEASURING CUPS (any kind) - CALCULATORS - LEGOS

Unpredictable Weather: As the weather is fluctuating from extreme heat to very cool, please ensure your children are prepared for what mother nature has to offer, such as mitts, a hat, a fall coat, a rain coat, splash pants, and/or a scarf.

RRHS Open House: The Richmond Regional High School Open House will be held on Thursday, October 24th. More information will be sent home in a few weeks regarding the activities.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 10:** First Fire Drill Practice of 2019-2020 is today
- **September (TBD):** Perfection Cheese & Gourmet Products Fundraiser is launched.
- **Thursday, September 19:** General Assembly (6:15 pm in the conference room); Meet the Teacher Evening (7:00 pm in the gymnasium)
- **Friday, September 20:** Planning Day; Daycare is open (pre-register)
- **Saturday September 21:** Christian Vachon Cross-Country Run @ La Ruche in Magog.
- **Friday, September 27:** Terry Fox Run @ St. Francis 1:00 p.m.; School Fees (1st payment due)
- **Monday, September 30:** School Photo Day
- **Friday, October 4:** Grade 5 & 6 hike at Mt. Orford
- **Thursday, October 10 (1:00 – 2:00 pm):** *“I Was Here Way Before You: A Tribute to the St. Francis River”. Part 1*
- **Thursday, October 10:** 1st Communication sent home with your child
- **Friday, October 11:** *Silly Hat Day* (Theme: Historical Figures): 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.: *“I Was Here Way Before You: A Tribute to the St. Francis River”. Part 2*
- **Monday, October 14:** *Thanksgiving Holiday*

- **Thursday October 17:** Grade 5, 6 Cross-Country run team at GALT (9:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.)
- **Thursday, October 17:** Return Interim Reports (signed) to the homeroom teacher
- **Friday, October 18:** *Books to Bellies* Program 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- **Saturday, October 19:** Babies and Kids Bazaar (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- **Monday, October 21** *Planning Day*
- **Monday, October 28:** Richmond Fair Awards Evening @ St. Francis (7:00 p.m.)

Sincerely,

Louise Retchless, Principal