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St. Francis Xavier Newsletter September 2021

Welcome Back to School!

We have so much to be thankful for at St. Francis Xavier and we thank all of you for sending your kids to school with incredible smiles on their faces! Happy children in our lives at school make our job the best job in the world! This year we look forward to resuming many of the fun activities that we have enjoyed in the past. Students can enjoy recess time and play time with their friends. Teachers are careful to encourage safe play and indoor routines are established according to safety protocols, social distancing, and ongoing cleaning and disinfecting. York Region Public Health provides us with ongoing reporting tools and requirements that apply to all schools across Ontario.

Curriculum Night this year will take place on September 23 at 6:30 pm with different sessions offered by teachers virtually through their Google classrooms. Please feel free to attend the session that best suits you.

We also welcome so many new staff! Welcome to: Ms. Nazareth, Ms. Guimond, Ms. Haderaj, Ms. DiPietro, Ms. Chan, Ms. Chang, Mr. Mastromartino, Mr. Benyamin, Ms. Hanna, Ms. Marino and Ms. Giorgio.

God bless you all on this wonderful journey of learning together!

Catholic School Council News

Thank-you Lord for our wonderful parents! We are so lucky to have so many of you giving your time to helping us with school initiatives this year. We cannot thank them enough for their valuable contributions.

Parents. 2020-2021 year's executive is as follows: Chair – Melanie Larivee, Treasurer: Kristina Wheeler, Secretary: Nadia Camara

REMINDER: Elections for this year's council has started. Please refer to the letter sent home regarding our online elections process.

Meetings will also take place online via Google Meet. Thank you for all of your contributions and support of local charities!

Terry Fox and Orange Shirt Day

September 17th marks the courage of so many brave individuals who have demonstrated the love, peace and friendship that Jesus has taught us to bring forward in our lives. Terry Fox selflessly ran across Canada while bravely fighting his own battle with cancer. The Canadian Indigenous people bravely found so many ways to protect their heritage and culture. On this day, students will be asked to participate in a variety of fun ways to show that SFX spirit and support that still shines bright!

We will also be participating in Orange Shirt Day again this year as we demonstrate awareness of the Indigenous history, contributions and incredible cultural heritage which makes Canada so great.

SFX Civvies 2021 -2022

Please mark the following days as Civvies for our school. – Oct. 29, Nov. 26, Dec. 17, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr. 29, –May 27 and Jun. 28. Civvies money is given to various charities that we often support. (Sick Kids Foundation, Terry Fox, Down Syndrome, etc). Please let us know of any other charities you would like us to consider.

COVID Self-Assessment at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

Complete this self-assessment daily before sending your child to day camp, child care or school settings 75 Last Updated August 4, 2020 STAY INFORMED. Visit york.ca/covid19 1-800-361-5653 Before sending your child to day camp, child care or school settings, assess your child for NEW, WORSENING or UNEXPLAINED symptoms related to COVID-19. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, consult your health care provider.

Mission Statement	Vision Statement	Core Values	Strategic Commitments
Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.	Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.	Excellence Equity Fiscal Responsibility Catholicity Inclusion Integrity Respect	Integration of Our Catholic Faith Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement Effective Use of Our Resources Engaging Our Communities

Public Health Newsletter Information

Preparing for School during COVID-19

Children need structure to learn, to socialize and to maintain good mental health. Here are some ways to prepare children for back to school, safely.

- Stay informed. Check credible sources for the latest information
- Learn to be flexible as schools adapt.
- Have a plan, in case your child needs to stay home.
- Teach children handwashing, physical distancing and the proper way to wear a mask.
- Explain how their classrooms may be different.
- Greet others with a smile, a wave or nod from a distance.
- Remind children not to share their mask, food and other personal items.
- Make sure their vaccinations are up to date, including the flu vaccine in October.
- Create a routine to screen your child for symptoms of COVID-19, before school each day.
- Keep your child at home if they are sick, and get tested.
- Take care of yourself to manage your own stress. Children can sense your stress or anxiety.

How will public health measures reduce the spread of COVID-19 in schools? Following public health measures in schools will keep students and staff safe. The most important measures continue to be physical distancing as much as possible, wearing a mask, staying home when sick, and washing hands. Schools will be doing enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch areas, and using barriers such as plexiglass to prevent the spread.

Should I send my child to school? Everyone needs to make decisions that are best for their children and family. Factors to consider include:

- Your child's ability to follow directions for physical distancing, wearing a mask, etc.
- Ability to homeschool. The educational needs for each child may be different.
- If you have vulnerable relatives, such as older grandparents, sibling or others with health issues in your social circle. 3. How will the cohorts in school differ from the social circle we have for our family?
- Children in schools will be part of a cohort (or dedicated group) of students, which is different from a social circle.
- In a cohort, students should still practice physical distancing as much as possible, and wear a mask when they are indoors and also outdoors when physical distancing is not possible.
- In a social circle households can have up to 10 people in their circle with whom they can interact without keeping a physical distance or wearing masks.

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