

September 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labour Day - No School	3 FIRST DAY OF CLASSES (GRADE 1-4)	4 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION	5 OPENING ASSEMBLY	6 Prekindergarten Orientation - Group A	7
8	9 Prekindergarten Orientation - Group B	10	11	12	13 Opening Faith Experience - 9:10 Classroom Color Day	14
15	16 SCC Meeting - 7PM	17 CTTCS Cross Country Meet - Grade 3&4	18  K, 1, 2 SCHOOL PHOTOS	19  PREK, 3, 4 SCHOOL PHOTOS	20 Terry Fox Walk Wear School Colors	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Orange Shirt Day	28
29	30 No School for Students Teacher In- Service					



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September 3, 2024

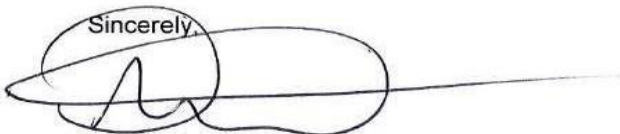
Dear Parents/Guardians:

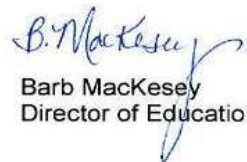
The safety of our children is of top priority for all of us. We, the Good Spirit School Division (GSSD) and Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools (CTTCS), are involved in intensive safety training with our community partners. Together, we developed a plan for responding to high-risk behaviours. High-risk behaviours include, but are not limited to, possession of weapons, bomb threats and threats to injure oneself or others.

This letter is to inform you that GSSD/CTTCS school systems have a policy that requires principals to initiate a "threat assessment" in all cases of students displaying any type of high-risk behaviour. Should you wish to review the *"Administrative Procedure 165: Safe Schools"* or *"Administrative Procedure 354: Threat Assessment"*, please visit our websites at either www.gssd.ca or www.christtheteacher.ca. The purpose of these assessments is to determine how best to support high-risk students so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive. If your child comes home and tells you that a student has behaved in a threatening way at school, please advise your principal and be assured that your principal will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please be assured that the procedure is being followed and that the primary goal is safety, not punishment.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as school communities, will not accept "no response" to a serious threat. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment.

We are pleased to provide, in conjunction with our community partners, a safe environment for all of our students.

Sincerely,

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Dear Families,

In the first few days of the new school year we have been met with many smiles, greetings of “Hello and Bonjour”, and the sharing of highlights from a wonderful summer. We have loved getting to see each one of you and we look forward to working together this year as we support and care for each child physically, emotionally, spiritually and academically. It has been wonderful to see so many returning faces as well as new students that join our St. Henry’s Family.

This year we will continue to use email as our main form of communication from the office. Just as this newsletter will be sent home electronically, we will be trying to update parents frequently using the email provided to the school. If you have updated email information, please call Ms. Bartake or Mrs. Adams at the office to ensure we can get information to you as quickly as possible. This newsletter will be sent both electronically and in paper form this month only. Please call the office (306-728-4758) if you did not receive the electronic version (please check your junk folder to make sure it didn’t get sent there).

Our division theme this year is “Lighting the Way” which fits our school and our focus on Virtues so well. We will continue to highlight the virtues that our students display each week with our Virtue Angel program. Check our Facebook page out weekly to see a new student highlighted for the modeling and practicing of our virtues. Wishing you all an exciting and rewarding school year filled with peace and love!

Mrs. Shannon Hahn, Principal
on behalf of the entire École. St. Henry’s Jr. Elementary Staff

Please note that children should not bring any medicine in their backpacks or lunch bags. Staff are not permitted to administer any medication to students (Advil, Tylenol, cough syrup, etc.) unless parents have completed an Administration of Medication form. If you have questions, please call the office.

Our School Bell rings at the following times:

8:47 - Bell to bring students in from the playground
8:55 - Morning classes begin

11:45 - Lunch Begins (Eat Inside)
12:10 - Outside Recess
12:40 - Afternoon classes begin

3:25 - Bus students dismissed
3:30 - End of the day bell

Proud to present École St. Henry's Jr. Elementary School Family

Mrs. Shannon Hahn	Principal
Ms. Cheryl Bartake	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Nalicia Adams	Administrative Assistant
Mr. Austin Finnerty	Pre-Kindergarten/Grade 4
Ms. Madeline Baker	Kindergarten
Mrs. Kelly Connell	Grade 1C
Mrs. Kara Molnar	Grade 1M
Mme Isabelle Wotherspoon	Grade 1/2 FI
Mr. Emilio San Martin	Grade 2
Mrs. Whitney Kienas	Grade 3
Mme Kim Lucyk	Grade 3/4 FI
Mr. Kyle Dufault	Grade 4
Mr. Norm Macdonald	Physical Education
Mrs. Sarah Bellamy	Student Support Services Teacher
Mrs. Yvonne Rogalski	Library Technician
Mrs. Glenna Giesbrecht	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Emily Harvey	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Nerissa Kresowaty	Speech & Language and Education Assistant
Mrs. Kelly Macdonald	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Suzanne Morin	Educational Assistant
Ms. Jennette Stachowich	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Shauna Rusnak	Educational Assistant
Ms. Erin Strom	Educational Assistant
Ms. Alison Willmott	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Marcy Yewsuk	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Leanne Sauser	School Counselor
Mrs. Grace Exner	Custodian

Before and After School Procedures

Before School

- ☑ Children should arrive at school as close to 8:45 as possible.
- ☑ Children place their backpacks inside and then head outdoors for recess. Staff supervisors are on duty beginning at 8:35.

After School

- ☑ Bus students will depart classrooms first to get on their bus.
- ☑ Rural and City bus students are dismissed at 3:25 to safely board their buses.
- ☑ All other students are dismissed from their classrooms at 3:30. If they are being picked up, they will meet their family members outside.



The drop-off area in front of the school is for buses only. Please refrain from using it to drop-off or pick-up your children at the beginning and end of the day. Parking is available on the west side of Main Street or on the two sides of the school. Please help ensure safety by having your child use the crosswalks!

Our students play outside at recess and also participate in physical education outside when weather permits. Please note that it is best if they have shoes that they can run safely in. We want our students to have as much safe, physical activity as possible. Thanks for your assistance.

All parents and visitors are required to enter through the main doors, ring the bell and wait until a staff member greets you before proceeding further into the school. Thank you for helping us follow these safety practices.

SCHOOL FIRE SAFETY

École St. Henry's Jr. School has a comprehensive plan for responding to various emergencies, such as fire, weather emergencies, and dangerous situations. The plan is reviewed annually by the staff and practiced with the students. During the course of the year, our staff and students will practice 6 fire drills (in addition to practice walk-throughs and sounding the alarms), 2 relocations, 4 lockdowns, and 1 tornado drill. In case of an evacuation of the school building, students will leave the school and move to the playground area. For safety reasons, we stress the importance of "no talking" and "not covering their ears" so that they are able to hear teacher directions. If it is not safe to return to the building, we will relocate to St. Henry's Church. In the case of an emergency, parents will be contacted by a phone call.

A reminder that we are a PEANUT-and-Nut-free school as well as PERFUME-free. Please refrain from sending food containing peanuts or nuts for snack or lunch. Several students and staff have a severe allergy which could cause anaphylactic reaction, which could result in death. Thank you for your consideration!

Southland City Bus

Our city bus provider is currently using our route from last year. We will be sending out a survey in the next few days to help provide updated location information from families. The bus company will use this information to update seating plans and modify routes. Once the new route is ready we will provide further details to families.

Families it is of utmost importance that you call the school if your child will be away for any reason. Ms. Bartake and Mrs. Adams look forward to connecting with you during these phone calls. Please call 306-728-4758 to notify the school of an absence.

Our grade 4 students are gearing up to run our Lunchtime Dairy Crew which will begin on Tuesday, September 17th. Milk punch cards can be purchased for \$10 or a single milk for \$1. White and Chocolate Milk will be available.

FEES

Agenda Fees (\$10 for Kindergarten to Grade 4) can be paid by sending money with your child in their agenda. Please place money in a baggie or envelope with your child's name on it.

School Pictures

School Pictures will take place over two days this year.

Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2

Wednesday, September 18th

PreK, Grades 3 and 4

Thursday, September 19th

Thank you to Melville Community Thrift Store and the Knights of Columbus for their generous donations to our school. This money will be used to purchase food items for students that need breakfast, snack and/or lunch. We so appreciate your support!