

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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September 2010 Newsletter

St. Peter Catholic School Mission Statement

Based on the teachings of Jesus, the mission statement of St. Peter Catholic School is to show by example and instruction that we can and should live and work in harmony with others. We aim to provide quality Catholic education in a secure, caring environment that encourages development of self-esteem, confidence, and talents.



Welcome Back

Welcome back to students, parents and staff as we begin another busy and exciting school year at St. Peter Catholic School. With literacy and numeracy as a continued focus at our school, we look forward to the continued growth of our students. St. Peter and St. Patrick Catholic Schools continue to be twinned and share an administrative team. I will be the principal at both sites and Mr. Mark Sonnemann is the Vice Principal at both locations. This year I will continue to spend the majority of time at St. Peter Catholic School while Mr. Sonnemann will be the on-site administrator at St. Patrick Catholic School. Please feel free to contact either of us with your questions or concerns. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding school year.

Karen Leavitt



Liturgical Celebrations

We are fortunate to be part of the parish of St. John the Apostle Church and we will celebrate our first school Mass on Friday, September 10th, at 9:30 a.m. Please join us if you are available. We have already met with Friar David to plan the dates for our liturgical celebrations this year. There will be a meeting for parents of those students making their First Communion this year on Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. This meeting is in preparation of First Reconciliation (Confession) which precedes First Communion.

Staffing 2008 – 2009

Principal	Ms. K. Leavitt
Vice Principal	Mr. M. Sonnemann
JK-SK Teacher	Mrs. A. Sousa
Gr. 1 – 2	Ms. J. Rutherford
Gr. 3 - 4	Ms. R. Lesslie/ Mr. S. Griffin
Gr. 5 – 6	Mr. S. Griffin/ Ms. C. Taylor
Gr. 7 – 8	Ms. M. Markotich
French Teacher	Mr. G. Boulianne

Special Ed. Teacher	Ms. C. Taylor
E.A.	Mrs. L. Hochguertel
E.A.	Ms. A. Rodrigues
E.A.	Ms. B. Megill
E.C.E	Mrs. S. Greenis
Library Resource Asst.	Ms. M.F. McGuire
Youth Worker	Ms. T. Hoey
Secretary	Mrs. W. Decaire
Custodian	Mr. D. McCullough
Pastors	Friar David Collins/ Friar Ed Debono

As you can see there have been several changes to our staff this year. We say good-bye and wish good luck to Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Grant. We hope you will join us in welcoming our new staff members and making them feel comfortable in our school.

School Time Table

Please note that the entry bell will ring at 8:45 a.m. for all students. Please ensure that all students are dropped off / arrive on the playground before the 8:45 a.m. bell so that they may line up with their class to start school on time each day. Late arrivals cause delays and unnecessary interruptions at the start of our day. Being **on time** for school is one of the most valuable life lessons you can teach your children for future success. Let's aim for no lates this year!!

8:45 – 10:45	Class time
10:45 – 11:00	Recess
11:00 – 11:40	Class time
11:40 – 12:25	Lunch time
12:25 – 2:45	Class time
2:45 – 3:00	Recess
3:00	Dismissal

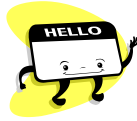
On the Family Information form, we ask that you indicate if your child is to do anything other than walk home at the end of the day (e.g. walk to the babysitter, be picked up by someone, etc.) Any changes to the regular arrangement must be made in advance in writing. This year we ask that all Parents/Caregivers pick up their children inside the fence where the Bus Duty Teacher is on duty. **All transportation arrangements need to be made in advance of the end of the school day.**



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Family Information Forms

The Family Information Forms will be sent home on September 8th. They must be completed, signed and returned to school by **Friday, September 10th, 2010**. It is critical that we know as soon as possible any special medical conditions. If your child needs an Epipen at school or needs to have medication at school, Board policy requires that you and your doctor submit a medical consent form to the school. (Available at the office). **This must be completed each school year. It is also important that we have at least one alternate phone number so that we can contact you in case of an emergency.**



School Entry, Dropping Off, Security Etc.

Again this year, all students including Junior/Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be lining up outside when the bell rings at 8:45 a.m. All students will walk in with their teacher to class. No students are to come in to the school building before 8:45 a.m. All students are expected to come onto the yard between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.

We would like to remind you that our Board's Safe Schools Policy requires that all visitors (guardians, parents, supply staff, etc.) check in at the main office, sign the Registry Log Book and obtain the appropriate tag. Upon leaving the building, you are asked to sign out. This is an important safety procedure and we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

As indicated earlier, it is important for students to arrive at school on time for the **8:45 a.m. entry bell.**



Pupil Absence

A safe arrival program is in effect. In order for the program to work efficiently, **you are requested to contact the school at 542-3691 whenever your child will be late or absent.**

A message may be left at any time on the school answering machine. Thank you for your assistance.

Student Lates

All students are expected to be on time and ready to learn. **In the event that a student is late, he/she must report to the office upon arrival to school to have their agenda signed for entry into class.** Habitual lateness is not acceptable as it is a disruption for the teacher and fellow classmates. Any student or parent who enters the school during the morning exercises (anthem, prayer, announcements) is asked to stop, respectfully listen, and then proceed to the office following the announcements.

Code of Conduct

In order to meet the Provincial Safe Schools Policy, schools were required to create Codes of Conduct to ensure the safety of our students. This Code of Conduct is printed in the front of the student agendas. Attendance, dress code, transportation rules and behaviour are addressed. The students will review this code regularly with their teachers and there will be consequences for breaking the rules. We encourage you to read the Code of Conduct and familiarize yourself with the important rules of our school. This year we are continuing with the program called "St. Peter's Steps to Success, Training Camp". The purpose for this program is to reduce time spent on management and focus on instructional time. All staff members will share the same high expectations of the students and these expectations extend to the hall, yard and community. The rules are simple:

1. Arrive on time and prepared to learn.
2. Be polite to children and adults.
3. Work hard to be successful.
4. Respect our environment.

Over the next several weeks, teachers will be working to ensure the students understand what each rule means and what it looks like at St. Peter Catholic School.

St. Peter School Council

School Councils are advisory groups made up of parents whose children attend the school and other interested parties. As such, school councils provide advice to the school Principal/Vice-Principal and where appropriate the school Board on a wide variety of issues related to the operation of a school. At St. Peter, we have a very dedicated number of volunteers who regularly attend meetings. New members are most welcomed as your input is very important to the School Council and your community. Let us know if you require childcare in order to attend meetings and we will arrange for a student to be available.

St Peter Catholic School Council News

Welcome back students, staff, and parents to a new and exciting school year. Our school council will have their first meeting on **Tuesday September 28th, 2010** in the library (6:30). Please join us if you can. At this meeting we will vote on council positions for this school year. If any parents are interested in joining the council, please submit a letter to Mrs. Leavitt stating the position you would like to sit in. If there are no letters of interest, we will ask existing members to stay on for this year.

We have ordered a new climbing play structure to be installed on October 7th. The older children should enjoy this.

We will kick off our fundraisers this year with an Open House Fun Fair fundraiser on **Thursday September 23rd**. This will include a BBQ, a jumping castle, a bake table, games for the children and a fire truck. More details will follow.

We will be selling cheese in October, December, February, April and June. Thanks to Mrs. Vincent for co-ordinating this. A magazine, "No Peeking" with a variety of items will be offered at the end of September.

We will run a BBQ at Walmart on October 1st and April 30th. Also we will sell fudge in March. The profits from these fundraisers will help pay for our new playground climber as well as other school activities, sport baskets and year end BBQ. We hope you will support these fundraisers. We always need volunteers to help with school functions and fundraisers so please contact myself (Sheila) at 613-545-1749 if you are interested. Thank you and hope to see everyone at our Open House Fun Fair. The School Council (Sheila Kinstler-Chair).



Hot Lunch and Milk Sales

These programs are all back up and running thanks to our many student and parent volunteers. Milk will be sold for .75 cents each or a milk card may be purchased. (10 milk for \$7.50 or 20 milk for \$15.00) Milk sales begin on **Monday, Sept. 13th**. Information about hot lunches will be sent home separately.

School Volunteers and Police Checks

We are always looking for parent volunteers at the school to work on such things as hot lunches, etc. If you are able to help out, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

In order to comply with our Board's policy on Volunteers working with children on our schools, Police Checks (Criminal Background Checks) are required for volunteers who have regular and direct access to children in schools. Volunteers without a valid Police Check will not be permitted to work with children at school or on field trips. Police Checks can be obtained at City of Kingston Police for \$15.00. All volunteers will be asked to sign a Confidentiality Agreement. As a volunteer working in the school, you may become aware of personal or confidential information. In order to protect the rights and privileges of our students and their families we insist that this information remain confidential.

Head Lice Policy

We will be conducting "head check" for all students over the first two weeks of school. If head lice is detected, your child will be excluded from school until the child has received appropriate treatment, all nits are removed and a re-inspection reveals no live lice or nits.

Student Agendas

Student agendas have been supplied for each student from Grade 1 to Grade 8. These books are to help students develop their organizational skills and work habits. They are great personal calendars and organizers and are perfect for the students to record homework, upcoming dates, reminders, etc. They also serve as a communication book if you wish to jot a note to your child's teacher, or vice-versa. Your child is expected to take his/her agenda home each evening and return with it to school the next day. The cost of the agenda is \$ 6.50. Please send in the \$ 6.50 to your child's teacher by Monday, September 13th, 2010.

Terrific Kids

In 1983 Kiwanis International began a program called Terrific Kids to motivate, encourage and recognize students and thus create in them more positive attitudes and self-discipline. St. Peter Catholic School will again be part of this program. Once a month we will hold a "Good News Assembly" where a student from each class will be recognized. We will also highlight all the great things happening at our school at this assembly. We are thankful that the local chapter of Kiwanis has included us in this program.

Terry Fox Walk

We will once again have a Terry Fox campaign and walk. More information will be sent separately but the walk is scheduled for Thursday, September 30th.

Picture Day

It is time to get spruced up for class and individual school pictures. These photos will be snapped on **Friday September 24th, 2010**. Retakes are scheduled for **November 2nd**.

Knights of Columbus Basketball

The Knights of Columbus will once again hold a basketball league at St. Patrick Catholic School. This league is open and affordable to everyone. Registration will take place on Saturday, September 11th, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic School on 158 Patrick Street. The league is open to boys and girls from 8 to 14 years of age (all ages as of April 1, 2011). The registration fee is \$10. For more information check the website at www.justforthefunofit.ca or contact Roland Billings at roland.billings@sympatico.ca. The season runs from September to March. This is an opportunity to learn the game of basketball in a "just for the fun of it" atmosphere.

Fall Fun Fair

Along with the School Council, we are planning a different kind of Open House this year. We are still in the planning stages but the event is set for Thursday September 23rd and details will follow.



