

Hello everyone,

Thank you for making this a wonderful year at Saint Mary's! If your child is moving on to another school, we wish you all the best. For those returning or joining us for the first time, we look forward to seeing you in September. Either way, have a happy and healthy summer!

Warmly,

Ms. Johnson & the SMES Team

Save the Dates!

- **September 2:** Open House & Curriculum Night (5:30–6:30)
- **September 3:** First Day of School
- **September 25:** Professional Development Day (no school for students)
- **September 30:** Truth & Reconciliation Day (Holiday)
- **October 2:** Photo Day
- **October 8:** Fall Fair at Saint Mary's (5:00–7:00)

Important End-of-Year & Summer Information

Report Cards

Report Cards, IPP Reports, and Adaptations will be sent home via email on **June 30**. If you have any trouble accessing your child's reports, please email or call the main office **before noon on June 30**.

Summer Office Hours

The school office will close for the summer and reopen on **Tuesday, August 25**. Please keep in mind that the stmarys@hrce.ca email account will not be monitored while the office is closed.

Class Placements

Because we receive many new registrations over the summer, class placements will not be finalized until early September. Your child's teacher will reach out to you before the Open House on September 2.

Our school team takes great care to balance the diverse needs of all students when preparing class lists. Because moving even one student impacts many others, we cannot accommodate last-minute change requests.

Teacher Updates

Please join us in welcoming some new members to the Saint Mary's staff:

- **Ms. Marwa Dewidar** – Administrative Assistant
- **Mr. Michael Haley** – Grade 5/6
- **Ms. Kayla Scott** – Primary & P-3 Prep Time Relief
- **Ms. Andrea Zinck** – School Counsellor (50%)

School Supplies

All school supplies for the 2026–27 school year will be provided by the school, thanks to the generous support of our School Advisory Council (SAC).

New Lunch Schedule

Next year, we are transitioning from a staggered lunch to a unified, one-hour lunch period for all students.

- **12:00 PM – 12:30 PM**
 - **Eating:** P/1, 1/2, and 2/3 classes
 - **Outdoor Play:** 3/4, 4/5, and 5/6 classes
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 - **Outdoor Play:** P/1, 1/2, and 2/3 classes
 - **Eating:** 3/4, 4/5, and 5/6 classes

We Are Hiring Lunch Monitors!

We are seeking Lunch Monitors for September. Regular hours are Monday to Friday, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, with the potential for additional hours. If you are interested, please email emily.johnson@hrce.ca to learn more.

Qualifications include:

- Criminal Record Check w/ Vulnerable Sectors screening and Child Abuse Registry completed within the last 3 months.
- Strong verbal communication skills.
- Ability to manage a group of 25–30 students and respond appropriately to minor misbehaviour.
- Ability to understand and follow school safety and emergency protocols.
- *First Aid training and prior experience working with children are considered assets.*

Volunteer & Chaperone Guidelines

The summer is an excellent time to complete the necessary paperwork if you would like to work as a lunch monitor or volunteer on school trips. We love welcoming parents and caregivers into our school community!

Before volunteering or working with students, you must provide the school with the following two background checks (completed within the last 3 months):

1. **Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening** can be completed in person at the Police Station or online [Using this link](#)
2. **Child Abuse Registry Check** [Complete online here](#)