

# June 2023 Newsletter Saint Mary's Elementary School



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## Important Dates

Grade 6's to Gorsebrook - June 1st

Field Day - June 20th

School Showcase - June 28th

Assessment and Evaluation Day-No  
School June 29th

**Last day of school-June 30th**

**\*Dismissal at 11:00 am**

## Principal's Message

As I sit down to write the last full newsletter of 2022-2023, it always surprises me how quickly the school year flies by. We have had a fantastic year with our students. Spending this time learning together has been invaluable and it's always amazing to look back on everything we have accomplished together. We are sharing only a few of the wonderful moments from the past month, but everyday at Saint Mary's brings learning, wonder and friendship.

June is shaping up to be a very exciting month with a few school-wide events to celebrate our students and this school year. More details and dates for these events are on page 3.

As we approach the end of the school year, we will be communicating more with you regarding the beginning of next year and supply lists, etc. Please continue to check our school website for updates.

I know this is currently a very stressful time for many families in our province. Please reach out if you need support.

Mrs. Longard

## Reminders

- Do not send nut or peanut products to school (this includes Nutella)
- Please send a water bottle to school with your child each day.
- Do not drive onto the school property between 9 am and 3 pm. Park and stop only in appropriate spots on the street.
- Respect "No Parking" and "No Stopping" signs when dropping off and picking up your students.
- Check students' heads periodically for lice.



## Ticks

It is the time of year when ticks are a bit more prevalent. Please remind your children to stay out of long grass and to cover up when outside. For more information on ticks and protecting yourself, you can refer to the Nova Scotia Health Authority website at <http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/public-health/get-tickd>.

## Special School Events in June

We have been planning a number of school activities for the month of June. We are excited to share these opportunities with our students.

**Thursday, June 1st:** Our Grade 6's visited Gorsebrook Junior High for Grade 7 Orientation.

**Friday, June 2nd:** The P/1 and 1/2 field trip originally scheduled for this date, will need to be cancelled. More information will be sent to those families as it becomes available.

**Monday, June 5th:** Some of our Grade 6's will be participating in Track & Field at Beazley Field in Dartmouth (Rain date of June 8th)

**Wednesday, June 7th:** Some of our Grades 4 and 5 students will be participating in Track & Field at Beazley Field in Dartmouth (Rain date of June 8th)

**Monday, June 12th and Tuesday, June 13th:** We will be welcoming our new Grade Primaries and their families to the building

**Wednesday, June 14th:** Our 2/3 and 4/5 classes will be heading on a field trip together

**Friday, June 16th:** The 5/6 class will be heading out on a field trip

**Tuesday, June 20th:** Field Day for all grades. Rain date of Thursday, June 22.

**Friday, June 23rd:** The 3/4 class will be heading out on a field trip

**Wednesday, June 28th:** Saint Mary's Got Talent!

**Friday, June 30th:** Last day of school / Grade 6 Farewell  
**\*Dismissal to take place at 11:00 am.**

The HRCE has published the calendar/list of significant dates for the 2023-2024 school year and you can find it here:  
[https://www.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/Departments/BoardServices/Communications/2023-24\\_hrce\\_school\\_calendar\\_revised\\_v2.pdf](https://www.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/Departments/BoardServices/Communications/2023-24_hrce_school_calendar_revised_v2.pdf)

**The first day of school for students will be Thursday, September 7th, 2023.**

### **Grade 6's Preparing for Jr. High**

Our Grade 6 students have grown a lot and have been an important part of the Saint Mary's Elementary community over the years. They are now preparing themselves to transition to Gorsebrook Junior High. They had a visit in the morning on June 1st.

Staff and students will be saying farewell to these fabulous folks on June 30th in a special gathering. Parents and guardians of the Grade 6's will be invited to attend as well. More information to follow for those families.



### **Grade 3 Provincial Assessment in Literacy and Math**

For 2 weeks in May, our grade 3 students wrote provincial assessments in literacy and math. These assessments provide schools with information on how our students are progressing and they assess skills learned from primary to grade 3. As we receive the results from this assessment, we will share information with families.



### **Saint Mary's Got Talent!**

Auditions were held during music classes this past week. If your child is interested in participating, they should have already returned a signed permission form. New entries/requests cannot be accommodated at this time. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Wilson (Music Teacher) at [caitlin.wilson@hrce.ca](mailto:caitlin.wilson@hrce.ca). This will be a show for our students/staff only, during school hours the last week of June. Unfortunately, we do not have the space to have guests in the audience. We look forward to seeing all the awesome talent at Saint Mary's Elementary!

## School Registration

Registration for next year is well underway. All students who are currently attending Saint Mary's Elementary, including those in Pre-Primary at Inglis Street Elementary, do not need to re-register. If you know anyone with a child who will be 4 or 5 by Dec. 31st, 2023, please let them know that we are accepting registrations for Pre-Primary and Primary. They can follow the Student Registration Process link on our school website <https://smr.hrce.ca/>.

**Out-of-area requests for the 2023-24 school year opened on April 3rd, 2023.** Parents/guardians may seek placement for their child in a school outside of the neighbourhood in which they reside under the guidelines of the Student Registration Policy. Out-of-area requests can be made for students in Grades Pre-Primary to 12, **however there is no guarantee that they will be accepted. The out-of-area transfer is permanent. Decisions on all out of area requests will be made in June and families who have applied will be contacted.** By accepting an out-of-area transfer, families are responsible for transporting their child to and from school. Please contact the Student Transportation Team if you have questions about bus eligibility. **To make an Out-of-Area request, click [here](#).** If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact the school office at 902-421-6749.



## Primary Orientation

We are very much looking forward to welcoming new Primary students and their families this coming Fall at Saint Mary's Elementary. To prepare for this transition, we would like to host a couple of events for you and your child here at the school. Parents and Guardians are invited to an Information Night on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 pm. You will be able to enter the building through our main entrance. During this time, our Primary Team will share a lot of valuable information that will help your child be ready to start with us in September.

The following day, on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, your child is invited to come to the school from 9:30-10:30 am. They will be taking part in a variety of activities that will help us to get to know them a bit better. Please bring your child to the door just past the basketball court that has a blue square on it. This is also the door that you will pick your child up from at 10:30. Staff will be present to help guide you and answer any questions that you may have.

We would appreciate you letting us know if you are able to attend the Information Night on June 12<sup>th</sup> and if your child will be able to join us on June 13<sup>th</sup>. You can do so by **sending a message to [stmarys@hrce.ca](mailto:stmarys@hrce.ca) by Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**. We look forward to your visits!

**What does Grade Primary look like?** Visit our [Welcome to Primary](#) site.



### Supply Lists for September 2023

Supply lists for September will be sent out via email to families later this month. After that, they will be posted on our school website for your reference.



### Last Day of School

The last day of school for students will be on Friday, June 30th. We will begin at our usual time and will dismiss students at 11:00 am. Please let your child's teacher know if they will not be attending on the last day.

Please be aware that there is no school for students the day prior (June 29th) as it is Assessment & Evaluation Day for staff.



### Field Day

This will be taking place on Tuesday, June 20th (rain date of Thursday, June 22nd). Ms. Jardine is in the midst of planning a fun day for all of our classes. On that day, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather. This includes proper shoes for active play. Please apply sunscreen prior to bringing your child to school and ensure that they come with a full water bottle. We are looking forward to having a great day together!



Sand under  
the  
microscope



Look what's  
happening in  
Primary!



Art in the  
making





Look what's  
happening in  
1/2!



Reading  
outside

Look what's  
happening in 2/3!

Map making



Students showing  
their love of reading



Learning  
how to  
sew new  
covers for  
the class  
cushions



Look what's happening in  
3/4!



Using technology to help us become  
stronger readers



Look what's  
happening in 4/5!



Measurement  
practice outside



# Look what's happening in 5/6!

Our Grade 6's visiting Gorsebrook



Sharpening Math Skills



## Student support

Kids Help Phone understands how fear and uncertainty can fuel anxiety and other feelings. They are available to support the young people in our community through this challenging time – and beyond. Please know Kids Help Phone is available 24/7, will never judge and always be confidential.

Kids Help Phone is here 24/7 for young people and adults across the province who are experiencing the impacts of wildfires. For e-mental health support, text 686868 (young people), text 741741 (all ages), call 1-800-668-6868 or visit [kidshelpphone.ca](http://kidshelpphone.ca). There is no issue too big or feeling too small.

For a guide for caregivers on how to talk to children and youth about an emergency or traumatic event from the IWK, [click here](#).

Kids Help Phone 

## **SchoolsPlus supports for summer**

Did you know? SchoolsPlus operates 12 months of the year! SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available to every school in Nova Scotia. Families and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus by contacting the facilitator for our school, Rachel Field. ([rachel.field@hrce](mailto:rachel.field@hrce)). Learn more [here](#).

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