



St. Bernard's Catholic School  
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to another exciting year at St. Bernard's Catholic School! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer with your families. The staff of St. Bernard's has been hard at work getting ready for September 6 and preparing a warm learning environment for all of our new and returning students.

Thank you to all of our teachers, educational assistants and early childhood educators who have been preparing classrooms, materials and equipment. Mr. Healy and Mr. Duffy our custodians are to be commended for ensuring that our school is fresh, sparkling and ready. Thank you also to Mrs. Mugford our office administrator for all of her efforts in setting up the office so that it is in tip top shape!

#### **First Day of School:**

The first day of school for all students in SK - Gr. 8 is Tuesday, September 6. Everyone is reminded that supervision begins at 8:40 am. All students in SK and Grade 1 will gather in the Kindergarten yard for recess. At the bell, staff will group the SK children into the appropriate class. The Grade 1 children will be escorted to the big yard at that time. Teachers will be holding grade level signs in the yard and will group students according to class placement. In the event of rain, this process will take place in the gym.

#### **Kiss and Ride:**

Once again this year, our Kiss and Ride will only be available for student drop-off in the morning. For the safety and security of our students and staff, the **Kiss and Ride will be closed at the end of the school day**. Cars will not be permitted to enter the Kiss and Ride area or the school parking lot to pick up students. If you are driving to pick up your child after school, you must park your car on a side street and walk to the school property. **Please do not park on Oxford Street in front of the school** as per the by-law signs. Traffic becomes backed up and this causes unnecessary congestion, which makes it more difficult for our busses to leave in a timely and safe manner. To further ensure the safety of all, please use the sidewalks when escorting your child from school. Parents/Guardians with accessibility needs are reminded to please have their permit displayed on their vehicle when using accessible parking spaces. Vehicles in the school parking lot will not be allowed to exit until 3:30 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Contact Numbers and Dismissal:**

If your phone numbers have changed over the course of the summer, please provide a note so that we can update our records. Also, please ensure that your child is aware of their dismissal arrangements. Kindly communicate special dismissal arrangements in the form of a note (e.g., friend or grandparent picking up). JK - Grade 3 students will once again be dismissed to parents/guardians/caregivers at 3:15 pm at the Kindergarten gate. Identification may be requested by staff.

#### **Milk and Food Program:**

Our milk program will begin on the first day of school. White and chocolate milk will be available for sale. The cost will once again be \$1.00. Food order information will be sent home in the near future.

I am looking forward to another wonderful year together and seeing you all on September 6!

Sincerely,

Barbara Heeneman  
Principal

