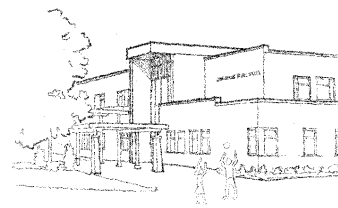


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NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2019

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I was thrilled to see so many of our parents, students and staff at the Family Fun Night. Each year, our coordinators work so hard to help it come together and each year it ends up being remarkable. Thanks to all of you. We had parents creating the baskets, parents who donated to the auction, parents who volunteered on the night, parents who set up, and parents who cleaned up. Thank you. A special thanks to Brenda and Tammy for your leadership and hard work.

This is also a good opportunity to thank all of you for your involvement in and support of the school. We know how busy you are but we truly appreciate what you give to the school either as a volunteer or by supporting your children and by supporting their teachers. We have three weeks to go before the end and it will be busy!

As always, there will be some staff changes next year. We have had some outstanding long-term occasional teachers help out this year but we have to say goodbye to Mlle Fildey (grade 1-2), M. Webb (grade 2), Mlle Van Loon (grade 3-4), Mme Edwards (grade 3-4), Mme Conversano (KD), M. James (kindergarten planning time), Mme Alexander (EA) and Mme Stumpf (EA). You have all been tremendous assets to the school and we would love to have you return.

Mme Higgins will be moving to John Galt to teach grade 3/4, and Mme Rankin will have her own junior classroom at Westwood School. I am so sorry to say goodbye to these remarkable teachers and people. I know that the schools that where they will be going to are lucky.

Of course, we have to say goodbye to Mme Maggiolo-Laughlin who has been at John McCrae for many years. She has been a mentor to many new (and experienced) teachers, an outstanding educator, and friend. We hope that your retirement is filled with health and happiness. Au revoir!

Welcome to Mme. Craig, Mme MacDonald and Mme Rafalowski. We look forward to having you as members of our staff.

The staff of John McCrae wishes our grade eights good luck as they move to high school. We wish those who are moving schools the best on your new adventure. Stay safe and enjoy time with your families. We will see you in September!

Leslie Newman

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Please join us for our final School Council Meeting of the year on Tuesday, June 11th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. (in the school library).

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Thank you for joining us for Family Fun Night, Thursday, June 6th. We had great auction items and the themed raffle baskets assembled by each of our classes were amazing. You should hear this week whether your bid won or your name was drawn for the raffle. Again-thank you to everyone for your help with this!

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Grade 8 graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26th beginning at 6:30 p.m.! A dance will immediately follow in the gym. Parents should pick-up their students promptly at 9:30.

We are still looking for some grade eight parents to return slips to indicate whether they could send in food or help with set-up or clean-up. If you are able to help but can't find the letter, please send Mme Newman an email indicating what you are able to do. leslie.newman@ugdsb.on.ca

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for the 2018-2019 school year is Thursday, June 27th. Students will be dismissed at their regular time on this day.

STUDENT LATES

As we approach year end, we would appreciate if you could please make an effort to have your student(s) here on time. The bell rings at 8:35 a.m. and students should be on property by 8:30 so that they can enter the school/classroom with the rest of their class at 8:35. The office has been processing up to 30 late students daily which also makes for a disruption when students enter classrooms late and the teacher has already begun the daily routine. We do understand that some families may need to schedule morning appointments. In this case, please be sure to phone the Attendance Line (Mailbox 100) and let us know your student will be late. Thank you for your cooperation.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We had a great Jump Rope / Hoops for Heart Day! A special thank you to the players from the Guelph Nighthawks who came to shoot hoops with the intermediate students. Thank you so much to everyone who raised funds for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. This year we raised an unbelievable \$15,000 (\$1500 of which will be given back to the school).

The fundraising prizes will be distributed later this month. Please note that Gift Cards for online participation will be emailed to the fundraiser's email address. As well, receipts for any offline donations will be sent directly to the donors.

SUMMER CLOTHING AT SCHOOL

As the temperature rises, we ask you to remember that students must dress appropriately for school.

- All students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for the learning/working environment.
 - Appropriate dress is free from symbols of hate, gang membership, violence, rebellion, death, abuse, cigarettes, drugs, alcohol, racism or discrimination, obscenities, put downs, political or sexual messages, or anything detracting from a positive learning environment.
 - Baseball caps (or any hats) need to be removed upon entering the school.
 - We understand that fashion trends change over time. Any decision regarding clothing will be considered by school staff.
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YEAR END ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, June 25th, at 11:00 a.m., we will be hosting our year-end assembly. We will celebrate our year together by presenting our Grade 1 to 6 awards. On Thursday, June 27th we will say goodbye to staff that are leaving, and honour and recognize our achievements this year. As always, parents are welcome at our celebrations.

LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to check out our Lost and Found items before the end of the school year. Items will be displayed in the hallway until June 14th. At that time, any unclaimed items will be bagged and donated to a local charity.

PLEASE CHECK AT HOME

Please make a special effort to check at home for any text books, library books, school supplies or patrol equipment. If you find anything hiding under the bed or behind the door, please return it to the school so that we may complete our year-end inventory.

MOVING IN? MOVING OUT?

If you are planning a move to another school this summer, or know of someone moving into our school area for the 2019-2020 school year, please notify the office as soon as possible. It is especially important that you contact the office if your current JK student will be moving away before August 31st in order to give their spot to a student on our waitlist.

STUDENT MEDICATION

If you have medication for your child at school, please stop in before the end of June to take it home for the summer – we are unable to store medication over the summer. Thank you for your assistance.

RECORDING SCHOOL EVENTS AND PRIVACY

At JMC we love to invite parents into our school to celebrate the wonderful things our students are working on. At different times of the year, parents are invited to see classroom plays, graduation, school wide performances or sporting events. Please

note that personally recording school events and then subsequently public posting of those recordings on social networks like Facebook or You Tube is not respectful of the privacy rights of all those parents, staff, and particularly students whose images are shared without their knowledge or permission. If you are going to record school based events to capture your child and their great work at school, please ensure to respect the rights of other students, staff, and parents. We appreciate your ongoing support to respect the rights of others at JMC.

CLASS ORGANIZATION AND CLASS REQUESTS

We are well into the process of planning for the 2019-2020 school year. The following class organizations have been approved.

5	JK/SK Classes	1	Grade 3/4 Class
2	Grade 1 Classes	2	Grade 4 Classes
1	Grade 1/2 Class	2	Grade 5 Classes
2	Grade 2 Classes	3	Grade 6 Classes
1	Grade 2/3 Class	3	Grade 7 Classes
2	Grade 3 Classes	3	Grade 8 Classes

Students have already been assigned to classes for next year. As a staff, we have reflected on a variety of factors, such as achievement, work habits, behavior, ratio of boys to girls, friendships, learning styles and teaching styles. Our goal is to maintain a balance in each classroom in order to facilitate each student's ability to achieve to his or her potential. In the growing community of John McCrae, and as we experienced last September, we know that the classes we make in June may not be the classes we have during the 2019-2020 school year. Please know that we have the best interest of all our students and staff in mind when classes are created.

TRANSITION PLANS FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Spring has sprung and it's a great time to be reviewing your child's transition plans. Students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) must have a transition plan, whether or not they have been identified as an exceptional student. A transition plan includes goals for ensuring successful transitions, and the actions for meeting those goals. It is required if a student may need support making any transition, which may include entering, during, or leaving school. A plan to support the student must be developed as part of the student's IEP.

Some transition goals may help with changes throughout the day, such as moving from recess to the classroom, while other goals may assist with larger transitions, such as moving from one school to another or changing grades/teachers within the same school setting.

For many students, the supports provided to the whole class are all they need to have a successful transition, which means they may not need an individualized transition plan on their IEP at this time.

When planning for any transition, the student's strengths and needs are considered, as well as their physical, emotional, and learning needs.

Please communicate with your child's teacher, Mme. Griffiths (grades 1-5) or Mme. Wilson (6-8) if you feel additional transition supports are required on his/her IEP.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS – WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – JUNE 5

World Environment Day is the United Nations' most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment and is widely celebrated in over 100 countries. This year's theme is "Beat Air Pollution!" Urge governments, industry, communities, and individuals to come together to explore renewable energy and green technologies, and improve air quality in cities and regions across the world. Together we can #BeatAirPollution.

<https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>

Ideas for your family to celebrate World Environment Day:

Create an event for family, friends and neighbours -There is no end of ideas that you could take forward for World Environment Day. Surprise yourself! Think about ideas that we can do to help the planet like fixing a problem in your community. It can be as simple as a community clean-up, to a tree planting activity.

Get out into nature - World Environment Day is all about appreciating the beautiful planet we inhabit. Why not spend time in a park, hiking a trail or appreciating a forest walk? Or, have a picnic in the back yard!

Inspire others – A great idea will naturally attract others who will join and make your idea awesome. So, take your idea to reduce single use plastics, or to lug a mug to events or to promote an ecofriendly product and share it! Or ask everyone to make their own personal pledge to change one wasteful or harmful habit for the better. Share what you're doing using the hashtag: #WorldEnvironmentDay

Make sure you have fun: Make your event for World Environment Day fun, inspiring and interesting. Google events happening locally that you can attend with family or friends, or check out Pinterest for fun, recycled crafts ideas.

For more information go to: [What can schools do?](#) Or [What can individuals do?](#) Or Google 'World Environment Day activities'

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



FIRST-TIME RIDER DAY!

Saturday, August 27, 2019 is our First Rider Day with wheelchair accessible sites! Registration opens **June 1** where you can register your child online. For more information <https://stwdsts.ca/home/firstrider/>

SUBSCRIBE TO DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS!

Each year in August, we are asking parents to subscribe so they have the most current, up to date information. To subscribe go to: www.stwdsts.ca and click on "Subscribe".



WHERE TO FIND BUSING DETAILS

FOR EXISTING REGISTERED STUDENTS

If your child is an existing student, please go to www.findmyschool.ca and login to this secure site with your child's OEN number (located on report card), house number, school, and grade. This will be available after August 19, 2019.

FOR NEWLY REGISTERED STUDENTS (JK, SK, NEW TO ONTARIO SCHOOL SYSTEM)

If your child is new to the Ontario School System and has been registered at a school prior to the end of June, transportation information will be mailed to your mailing address after August 19, 2019.

FOR STUDENTS WHO RECENTLY MOVED TO AREA

If you have moved to the area over the summer, please contact your home school to register your child. Student information will be electronically downloaded from the school to STWDSTS once schools have registered your child. If your student is eligible, STWDSTS will assign them to the bus as soon as possible.

OPT OUT OF BUSING

If you choose to opt out of busing, please contact our office at 519-824-4119 and STWDSTS will mark your child as not riding. If you require busing in the future, please call your technician and they will re-assign your child to the bus.

For more information please visit our website: <http://stwdsts.ca/home/policies/>

FAQ's

BUS TAGS! What are they?

These tags assist drivers in identifying students who are required to be met by a parent or guardian when they are getting off the bus or transferring at a school.

Students in JK, SK and Gr 1 who ride a school bus will receive a tag from their school (at the beginning of the year) showing the student's afternoon bus route number and bus stop location.

The tag should be worn (preferably on the student's backpack) by your child everyday throughout the year.

Regular Bus Tag (yellow)



Transfer Bus Tag (blue)



1. Will my child be assigned to a school bus?

Transportation is assigned according to School Board policy. Your child must live within their school attendance boundary and live further from school than the maximum walking distance assigned to your child's grade level. Refer to STWDSTS [Policy 002 Transportation Eligibility](#) or go to www.stwdsts.ca and click on "Are you eligible".

2. How do I change my student's bus information AFTER September?

Service de transport de Wellington-Dufferin Student Transportation Services (STWDSTS) will not accept any changes to student information over the phone for security reasons. Parents are asked to contact their school administration directly about any changes to their address. All information is downloaded from the school to STWDSTS and will be consistent across the board.

3. Can my child receive transportation from an alternate address?

Both your home address and the alternate/caregiver address must be within your school's attendance boundary and meet the distance criteria for transportation. Be sure to advise your school about alternate arrangements. The alternate address must be used consistently 5 days per week and there must be room on the alternate bus. Refer to STWDSTS [Policy 034 - Transportation for Child Care](#)

4. May a student temporarily ride another bus while parent(s) or guardian(s) are away?

All temporary transportation requests are refused, except under extraordinary circumstances. Refer to STWDSTS [Policy 029 - Temporary Transportation Requests](#).

5. Who is responsible for my child's safety prior to boarding the bus and after disembarking from the bus?

The parent or guardian is responsible for their child's safety prior to boarding the bus and after they disembark from the bus. Refer to STWDSTS [Policy 005 - Responsibilities of Parents and Guardians](#)

6. Where do I find STWDSTS Policies?

Our policies can be found online at <http://stwdsts.ca/home/policies/>

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary School
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SUMMER SESSION 2019

Dates: July 8th to 26th, 2019 • Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

The International Languages Program is available to elementary students (Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8)

Cost is free, but donations are welcome.

The International Languages Programs provides academic instruction in language other than English and French including *(based on sufficient enrollment):*

Amharic, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Cantonese, Chinese Mandarin(Trad.& Simpl.), Dari, Dutch, Filipino, German, Greek, Gujarati,Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Laos, Nepali, Persian(Farsi), Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Tamil, Tigrigna, Urdu, Ukrainian, Uzbek, Vietnamese and Yoruba

Registration forms are available at:

- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
- WCDSB main office, 75 Woolwich St.
- ilp.wellingtoncdsb.ca
- Email: ilp@wellingtoncdsb.ca

Complete registration and fax it to 519-824-3088, or drop it off at the school or board office.

Children are provided an opportunity to learn an appreciation of the cultural diversity within our community. Students are engaged in learning through a variety of themes and activities.

