

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 24, 2013

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of St. Augustine School:



Welcome and welcome back to our School and Parish Community! We are so excited about the beginning of our new year, as this is always a time that is filled with hope, dreams of what is to come and confidence that what lies before us is good. Thank you for choosing St. Augustine's School; we will do all that we can to ensure that this year is one of growth and challenge. In addition to our many new Kindy students, we have nine other families joining our community. We know that everyone will do all that they can to include those that are new to us.

Being a Catholic School sets a challenge before for us ~ All of our Catholic Independent Schools will celebrate the theme, ***Walk Humbly with our God***, and in this year of beginning to build our new School, it seems just about perfect for us. Although we will be graced with a whole new facility, we will be continually called to express our gratitude through humble, generous service and sacrifice to our Parish and School communities. With Jesus at the centre of our daily lives, embedded within our curriculum, as the foundation to our religious education programme, and at the centre of our times of prayer, that we work towards ensuring that all our activities be done in a spirit of faith, love and hope.

Information that you will need in the first week of School:

You can see the very short insert on the front page of our website (www.faithandfoundation.com) which highlights where we are in the process of starting our project. Everything that can be done is occurring to get us started: certainly our Faith and Foundation Building Team have worked hard – and once all the steps are completed to actually begin construction, our families will be amongst the first to know.

The children will be excited that we still have the playground space ~ and the gates on both Arbutus and 8th Avenue will be open for drop off and pick up till construction begins.

We will be maintaining our proposed new schedule right from the start, because all our specialists' schedules are based on the 8:30 beginning. Please read the May 28, 2013 NEWSLETTER which outlines our new schedule. Again, **we start at 8:30 AM**, and Wednesday we are in school till 2:30 (other details about our day are in the May 28, 2013 NEWSLETTER)

Be careful with parking. Follow the posted rules: the City will be ticketing and towing. Regardless of what task or meeting you might be involved in, the blacktopped area on the South wall of the school is STAFF ONLY.

First four days of School

Tuesday 8:30 – 12:00

(Morning Kindy dismissal at 11:00)

Wednesday 8:30 – 2:30

First School Mass at 9:30 AM. All are welcome!

Afternoon Kindy's first day: 12:00 – 2:30

Thursday 8:30 - 3:00

Kindy AM 8:30 – 11:00 Kindy PM 12:24 – 3:00

“Meet the Teacher” Evening, 7– 9:00 PM

Friday 8:30 – 3:00

On the first day of school, you can expect to receive a package that contains at least:

1. **A School Calendar...** September – June
This is a repeat of the one we sent home in June.
2. **September Calendar** (this is the first of ten that will come in paper-format on the last Thursday of each month for your home fridge!)
3. **First Term PIZZA Order Form** (Kindy’s are able to sign up as they are full day)
4. **Playground Supervisor Guidelines** – As we are all responsible for the children’s safety, we ask that every parent read these over to see our communal responsibilities and procedures should there be an accident.
5. **Volunteer Driver Registration form*** - must be completed by each adult driver **If you plan to drive children to any event, this form must be in place prior to providing this volunteer service to the school*
6. **Some** overall points of information for everyone’s reading...
7. **An Introductory Notice** on a web-based ride-sharing programme that we plan to initiate for the coming year.
At our Meet the Teacher night, September 5, information will be made available, with scheduled formal introduction to the programme on September 12, 7:00 – 9:00.

Our staffing for this school year is as follows:

Kindergarten:	Jennifer Moffat, Teacher Cheryl Bastone , SEA
Grade 1:	Nancy Kwok, Teacher Catherine O’Sullivan, SEA
Grade 2/3:	Anna Yule, Teacher Khristine Siy, SEA
Grade 2/3:	Jacquie Chau, Teacher Helena Templeman, SEA
Learning Assistance, primary:	Danielle Kozak
Grade 4:	Denise McFaul, Teacher
Grade 5:	Sarah Power (Kinsella), Teacher Dale Hannebauer, SEA
Grade 6:	Nancy Vales, Teacher Lynette Vetro, SEA
Grade 7:	Donna O’Hara, Teacher Sarah Byrne and Mary Seres, SEAs
Learning Assistance, intermediate:	Colleen Beggs
Music:	Tom Arntzen (Monday, Wednesday)
School Psychologist:	Tim Schaufele (Monday)
French:	Audrey Bourassa (Tues, Wed, Thurs)
Physical Education:	Danielle Kozak
Secretaries:	Marie Luttrell (Mon, Wed, Thurs) Heidi Battiston (Tues, Wed, Fri)
Pastor:	Fr. Terry McNamara OMI (SEA= Special Learning Assistant)

Our entire **School Staff will be on Retreat** at Rosemary Heights Retreat and Conference Centre Wednesday and Thursday, **August 28-29**. Please keep us in your prayers as we come together to pray, reflect, play and share time with one another.

The office will be open Monday, Tuesday and Friday Aug 26,27,30. As I do not know the hours that the school store will be open, I will ensure that that information is forwarded as soon as I receive it.

Thank you to each of you for your commitment and faithfulness to our School and Parish.

On the front page of the school's website will soon be a link to a **BLOG** that we are launching to keep families informed of the progress on the building project.

Hopefully, with God's grace and lots more work, we will have many things to share with you. I'll let you know when the blog is launched!

Have a wonderful concluding eleven sleeps till the first day of school!

Fondly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Quernadt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Principal