



SPX BULLETIN #1

September 10, 2020

WELCOME BACK:

A warm welcome back to all! A special welcome to our new students and their families, including our Kindergarteners. Our CISVA system-wide theme for the year is, "*Walk with Jesus Our Living Hope*". It is my hope that together with Christ as our centre, we can journey through this year safely and successfully.

A lot of work was completed over the summer to ensure the safety of our students, and to enhance the promotion and communication aspects of our school. The ramp and concrete area at our back doors were redone, and new sinks, counters and touchless soap dispensers were installed in every classroom.

We also have a new school website up and running. Just today, a Covid-19 tab was added with access to important documents, such as the *School Safety Plan* and the *Daily Health Check* form. Please note this form does not need to be returned to school. It is a reference for you to do with your child every morning before coming to school.

STAFFING UPDATES:

We welcome, Francesca Balletta, Tatiana Fortin, Anna Middleton-Guzzo and Gianmarco Iuele to the St. Pius X Staff. These four Education Assistants will be excellent additions to our school community, and we thank them for all their hardwork and support thus far.

WEEKLY BULLETIN:

In order to assist with the communication between home and school, a weekly bulletin will be published every **Thursday**. It is important that you read the bulletin in order to be informed about school policies and procedures as well as notable accomplishments and upcoming events. In an effort to be environmentally friendly and reduce the amount of paper distributed, the bulletin will be emailed to you. Please subscribe to "Mailchimp" on our website to receive your copy. The link to subscribe can be found on our new website under "Links". We are aware that school emails are going into your Spam/Junk folder and have been assured from IT support that this issue will be resolved very soon.

PINK NOTICES:

A notice sent home on **PINK PAPER requires your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**. Please read and sign these notices, as they must be returned by a DUE DATE, which is usually the following day. Some pink notices will come home with the eldest child in the family and may require a family payment. In this case, please fill out the individual form and send it back to the eldest child's teacher with the family payment by the due date.

MEDICAL ALERTS:

Ensuring a safe and healthy school environment is a responsibility shared by students, parents and staff. It is important that all members of the school community are aware of their role in promoting children's safety. Please notify the school if your child has any of the following: **A MEDICALLY DIAGNOSED health condition which may require emergency care at school, such as: anaphylaxis, diabetes, severe asthma, seizure disorder, blood clotting disorders or serious heart conditions.** (Please contact the school office to complete a Medical Alert Information Sheet). Please Note: Parents who already have a Medical Alert Information Sheet filed with the school office have been contacted by **Mrs. Revel** to review and update it for the 2020-2021 school year.

AGENDAS:

All students in Grades One to Seven will be utilizing agendas to promote time management, organizational and communication skills. The agendas will be used by students to record items such as: daily homework, assignments, reminders and upcoming events. The agenda is also used to facilitate regular communication between parent and teacher regarding important information, such as: work habits, accomplishments, behaviour, and reasons for incomplete work, upcoming absences, or the need to meet for an interview. Please look over your child's agenda nightly as a means of tracking homework and keeping tabs on upcoming class activities.

LONG RANGE CALENDAR:

The school's Long Range Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year has been posted on our website and a hard copy was sent home with the eldest today. Please keep it handy for easy reference and make any updates throughout the year. You will be notified of any changes to the calendar in our weekly bulletin. Staff at St. Pius X, meet on various days throughout the school year to engage in professional development and activities which support student learning. Please provide your daycare provider with the list of all Early Dismissal and Professional Days. Please note that all of the dates are subject to change as per the progression of Covid-19.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS - SEPTEMBER 11th:

Due to Covid-19 PHO guidelines on mass gatherings, our First Friday Masses this year will be attended by one class only per month. This month's Mass will be prepared and attended by the Grade 7 class at 10:00 a.m. It is our goal to livestream future Masses, and unfortunately we will not be collecting any food donation items at this time.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW/MEET THE TEACHER:

Our Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Overview is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held virtually this year. More information regarding access and times to our meeting will follow.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

We will begin our Cross Country program (students in Grades 2-7), our Volleyball program (Grades 5-7 girls) and our Soccer program (Grades 5-7 boys) in the next few weeks. Permission slips and practice times will be forthcoming. Although these activities will be run differently this year, we hope to see many students participate in these extra-curricular opportunities.

REMINDERS:

Thank you to all the parents for your cooperation and patience with drop-off and pick-up today. It went fairly smooth. A few reminders:

- Please do not drop off your child(ren) prior to 8:45 a.m.
- For efficiency purposes, we will be touching car door handles to assist your child if needed. We recommend you wipe the handles afterwards.
- Please ensure that students have all their supplies, including, water bottles, masks, and lunches.
- Parents are not permitted to drop off any forgotten items or to enter the school building without a scheduled appointment.
- Pick up time for Primary students and their older siblings is 2:45 p.m. Parents are to pick up their Primary child first, and then proceed to the gravel field to pick up their intermediate siblings.
- Pick up time for Intermediate students is 2:55 p.m. Parents are to park and get out of their car and collect their child(ren).
- If your child(ren) are walking home please inform your classroom teacher.

