



St. Teresa's School École Ste-Thérèse NEWSLETTER

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Spring Break

I trust you all had a relaxing and rewarding break and that you are all ready for the last three months of school. Please remind your child(ren) to stay focused on school, get lots of rest and read every night.

Yearbook Orders last Year

Due to lack of photos, the yearbook last year did not get printed. Any student/family who ordered and paid for a yearbook last year can get their money returned. If you paid by cash you can get the money back from school and if you paid by credit card you have to contact Lifetouch to get a refund. You can contact Lifetouch at **709-364-7518** or by email at lpaul@lifetouch.ca We apologize for the inconvenience.

Jersey Day in Support of the Humboldt Broncos

The tragic accident that happened in Humboldt, Saskatchewan has affected the community, the province and all of Canada. On Thursday, across Canada students are encouraged to wear a jersey in support of the Humboldt Broncos. If your child does not have a jersey, students are encouraged to wear green.

Dismissal Time/School Grounds

Parents/Guardians of St. Teresa's are reminded that school grounds are not supervised after school. Children are not permitted to stay on school grounds unless supervised by an adult. No teacher is on duty and you are responsible should anything happen to your child. Please ensure your child is properly cared for after dismissal. Each day there are 20-30 students hanging around, either by choice or waiting to be picked up. Please ensure your child is picked up on time. There have been a

number of children hurt previously and we do not want that to happen this year.

Breakfast Program Routines

School doors open at 8:25 for students to go to the cafeteria for breakfast or to be supervised. At 8:35 duty begins and students can proceed to their classrooms. We are having a number of students who are entering the building at 8:25 however not proceeding to the cafeteria. **Please note if students are not willing to proceed to cafeteria they should not be dropped off at school until 8:35 or later.** Please discuss this with your child(ren) and their cooperation is required to continue to make our breakfast program successful and safe for all students.

PARKING LOT

We ask parents to be patient and vigilant when driving on the school lot. **If you park in one of the parking stalls, please walk your child across the parking lot.** No child should be permitted to weave in between parked vehicles while trying to cross the parking lot. We are also asking people not to park in our spaces designated for disability parking only. Lately a number of people are dropping off students and not parking in the parking stalls. This is very dangerous and we are advising that you refrain from doing this. As well some caregivers are parking in the drive thru lane and getting out of their car and walking in to the school. This is causing traffic to back up and make it unsafe for those walking on the parking lot. **As well over the last month we have had a number of complaints of people speeding on the parking lot and not obeying the rules. Please be extremely cautious especially close to the crosswalks. Safety is all our responsibility!**



Weather and Delayed Openings

If school has a delayed opening of 2 hours, school doors will reopen at 10:35 am and instruction will begin at 10:55 am. When this happens, the school lunch program would be available to provide lunch. If a morning announcement states there will be an update at 10:00 am and school reopens for the afternoon session, doors would reopen at 12:35 but there will be no school lunch service that day. Students would be expected to eat at home before coming to school.

School Council

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 pm. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.



PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE –STUDENT/SCHOOL SECURITY

In an attempt to create a safe and secure environment for all students, we ask all students, parents/ guardians or any visitor who comes to the school during the regular school hours to use the main entrance and **do not proceed to the classroom area without first checking with the office.** We will gladly assist if you are dropping off an item for your child(ren) or picking them up. This school policy will allow our staff to know who is in the building at all times and ensure the safety of all our students. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. **Parents are not permitted to proceed to their child's classroom.**

ALLERGIES



Some of our students and staff have *serious allergies* that can result in these people suffering from a *life threatening condition known as Anaphylaxis*. Breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure or shock can result which are *potentially fatal*.

To help ensure that our students and staff are safe at school **please avoid sending the following food items:**

All nuts – including peanuts, (all nuts), kiwi, and eggs.

Your understanding and cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

The final two professional development days are scheduled for April 27 and May 11. There will be no school for students on those days.

KINDERSTART SESSION DATES

The next Kinderstart session is scheduled for April 20 with the final one scheduled for May 25. **Please note that there is no school on this date for kindergarten students.**

If you know of a child born before December 31, 2013 please remind them to register for Kinderstart. This can be done by dropping by St. Teresa's School with your child's MCP card and proof of address.

RECYCLING

We try to teach our students the importance of being respectful to our environment. Recycling is a fantastic program that promotes environmental awareness and provides funds for our school. We encourage everyone to participate in our recycling program. **Please drop off your recyclables the last Wednesday of the month.** In the meantime, families may drop off their recyclables to your nearest recycling depot and have the refund credited to St. Teresa's Elementary.



PREVENTING HEAD LICE

Parents/Caregivers have the responsibility to take an active role in the prevention of head lice outbreaks by;

- checking your child's head weekly for lice or nits;
- talking to your child about not sharing hats, brushes, headphones, helmets, hair accessories and other personal items;
- tying back long hair;
- treat properly and let your school know if your child contact lice.



INSIDE OUT DAY and/or GO BLUE!

We ask that students wear their shirts inside out or wear blue to show your support for people with autism who have sensory sensitivities on Friday, April 13. If you wish to donate small change, we will forward the donations to the Autism Society to help them continue all the wonderful programs they offer!

UPCOMING DATES

April 12 – Jersey Day in Support of the Humboldt Broncos
April 13- Autism Go Blue day or inside out day
April 19 – Spring Photos
April 20 – Kinderstart session
April 27 - Professional Development Day
May 11 - Professional Development Day
May 21 – Victoria Day Holiday
May 25 – Final Kinderstart Session

SPRING PHOTOS

Students will have their Spring photos done on April 19.