

St. Teresa's School École Ste-Thérèse NEWSLETTER

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Spring Break

All schools in our district will be on a spring break from Friday, March 30 until Monday, April 9.

School Lunch Program

Please note that if you are planning to use this service for April, deadline for orders is Tuesday, March 13.

Early Dismissal

Parent-Teacher interviews will take place on March 22. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 on that day.

Breakfast Program Routines

School doors open at 8:25 for student 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 the 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.

Please review and share this information with anyone who pick up

or drop off your child(ren). 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, March 13 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 or 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.

KINDERSTART SESSION DATES

The next Kinderstart session is scheduled for April 20. Please note that there is no school on this date for kindergarten students.

If you know of a child born before December 31, 2014 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.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Playing outdoors promotes many social benefits as well as an opportunity for physical development. Many children enjoy playing outside as it allows them the opportunity to play with friends from other classes as well as providing them an opportunity to explore their environment, develop muscle strength and coordination, and gain self-confidence. Playing outdoors also increases flexibility, fine and gross motor skills and is related to the development of a wide variety of physical skills. The fresh air is also welcomed by many! **We will continue to go outside during our lunch period when the weather is suitable. Please ensure that your child(ren) arrive(s) at school dressed appropriately for the weather.**

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.



PLEASE NOTE-EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCEDURES

As in previous years we are prepared for the safe dismissal of our students when an early closure is necessary. District office personnel will make an announcement via **local AM/FM radio stations, Twitter and Status Central** (please note below the steps to follow to access this system through the District website). The target time will be 6:30 a.m. however, if it is determined that schools will close during the day because of weather the School District communicates that decision through the radio stations and Status Central as well. **Please read – important....** We are continuing to use a system called **SynreVoice**. This system will allow the school to call the phone numbers you've provided on your child's registration

form. The automated system then informs you of the message. It therefore continues to be essential that the school has **up to date contact information**. If this information which you provided in September on your child's registration form changes throughout the year please make contact with the office and your child's teacher. It is also important as well that your child is aware of the plans that you've put in place for them in the case of a school emergency.

How to access Status Central

To access **Status Central**, log on to the Eastern School District web site: www.esdnl.ca. (The Status Central notice board is on the right side of the main page.)

You can also customize Status Central and chose only those schools you want to view.

1. Click on... Click Here to Customize.
 3. Select the schools you want to view.
 4. Click the Submit button at the bottom of the page when finished.
 5. When completed, you will see the message – Configuration Saved.
- To ensure you're getting up-to-date information on stormy days, remember to refresh your screen regularly.

Upcoming Dates

March 9 – OPTIS Scheduling opens for Parent teacher Conferences
March 13- School Lunch ordering due for April
March 16 – Irish Day – Wear Green
March 20 – 2nd Term Reports Released
March 22 – Parent Teacher Conferences
March 30 – Spring Break begins
April 9 – School reopens after break
April 13- Autism Go Blue day or inside out day
May 21 – Victoria Day Holiday

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.

Education Week

Our students had a wonderful time celebrating Education Week. Both pancake breakfasts were a great success, and students thoroughly enjoyed the time they shared reading with their families.

Throughout the week students also

had the opportunity to talk about their favourite books, enjoy extra reading time in class, and use flashlights to read with a friend.

We also held a book drive/exchange where students were able to trade previously enjoyed books for new material.

This was a tremendous success, and students were excited to choose their new books. We had over 850 books donated, which surpassed our goal! The leftover books are going to be split between two local charities.

Thank you to parents, caregivers, volunteers and students for making Education Week a memorable event!

Message from St. Teresa's Pride Committee

Having pride for your school and being proud of who you are is important. At St. Teresa's we are all united. Being united means being joined together. It means coming together and supporting each other. We are a community of students who stand for each other no matter our age, race, religion, orientation, or gender. We work together, play together, and live together at St. Teresa's everyday. The St. Teresa's Pride Committee is dedicated to supporting all students, including LGBTQ and friends, who need a safe space to be accepted as themselves. All students are welcome to join and throughout the year we will be leading events at our school in support of diversity and inclusion.