

St. Teresa's School
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NEWSLETTER

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Our fall break is coming up. There will be no school for students on Friday, November 8, Monday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) and Tuesday, November 12 (Teacher Professional Learning).

Parent Teacher Conferences

First term reports will be sent home on Tuesday, November 26 and Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 28. Students will be dismissed at 11:30.

Parent teacher conferences start at 12:30 pm. Please ensure you book your appointment time to see your child's teacher. This can be done through OPTIS. Please see link on our school website.

Family Movie Night

Again this year we have scheduled a Family Movie Night! This is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17 at 6pm in the School Gym. More information will be provided at a later date.

Morning Drop off Routines

At this point in the year all students should be walking to their classrooms on their own. This helps to build independence and give our students some responsibility. Effective immediately, all parents/guardians will be asked to stop in the lobby next to the office and let their child(ren) walk to class alone. If you have questions about this please contact Mr. Dwyer.

School Closure - Due to weather, electrical outage, etc.

In the event that school has to close due to weather, lack of electricity, etc., parents may be notified by phone through a system called Synrevoice. If this should occur before school opens in the morning, please listen to your local radio station. In the event that school should close once school has begun, the same system will be used, as well as an announcement on our website, plus the District Website, radio stations and a phone call or email from your child's teacher. If you are notified by a teacher through email, please respond as soon as possible via email, letting the teacher know that you have received the message. No child will be released from school unless verification of transportation arrangements have been made. ***It is crucial that if there is a change in your cell number, home phone number, or work number, that you contact the main office so that the necessary changes are made in our database. Please ensure that all contact numbers requested for Synrevoice are direct telephone numbers.***

Parking Lot Safety

We ask parents to be vigilant when school lot. **Please**



patient and driving on the **note:** If you

are dropping your child in the front parking area, please ensure you park in a parking stall to let your child exit the car. We would like for you to walk your child to the cross walk to ensure your child's safety. **Do not drop your child in the drive through lane.** 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.

As well, if you are dropping your child(ren) in the kiss and ride lane, please ensure the safety of all students. This is one lane only. Do not pass cars in front of you. As well, do not park on both sides of the drop off lane. Please wait until you get near the school entrance to let your child out of the car.

DRIVE SLOWLY ON THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT!



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 outside the regular school hours to use the main entrance and **do not proceed to the classroom area for any reason without clearance from 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.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12th.

The members of our school council are:

Jarrett Morgan, Chair
Kim Devlin, Secretary
Angela Lacey
Lisa Kenny
Joanne Saunders

We are looking for two more parents from our English stream to join the school council. This will balance parent representation on the School Council.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

November 8 - Fall Break, No School
November 11 - Remembrance Day, No School
November 12 - Professional Learning Day for teachers - No School
Report Cards go out – November 26
Parent teacher Conferences – November 28
Dec 4 – Grade 4 Concert @ 7pm
Dec 5 – Grade 2 Concert @ 1:30 pm
Dec 5 – Fine Arts Performance @ 7pm
Dec 18 – Family Movie Night
Last Day before Christmas – December 20
First Day Back - January 6, 2020

Breakfast Club

At **St. Teresa's school** we offer an inclusive breakfast club every day of the week which welcomes and encourages the participation of all students. It is easily accessible and ensures that no students are singled out or turned away. Parental support is essential to helping make Kids Eat Smart Clubs a success. YOU can help by donating foods listed below:

- **Whole Grain Cereal (less than 6 g sugar)**
- **Yogurt**
- **Bread**
- **Milk – 2%**
- **Fruit – Fresh(No Kiwi)**
- **Waffles**
- **Margarine**

Your KES Club Coordinators are Candice Coady candicecoady@nlesd.ca and Alicia Murphy aliciamurphy@nlesd.ca. You can contact them for more information. We are always looking for volunteers to help at the Breakfast Club. For information on Kids Eat Smart Foundation Newfoundland and Labrador check out www.kidseatSMART.ca and follow us on Twitter and Facebook @KidsEatSmartNL.

Attendance/Absenteeism

Academic success is the collective responsibility of students, teachers, administrators, and parents/guardians. It is our collective responsibility to ensure students attend school and they are actively engaged in learning.

Students are expected to be present, prepared and responsible for their learning. As well students should work to the best of their abilities and adhere to the classroom/school Code of Conduct.

Learning is a partnership between the school and the family. It is the parents'/guardians' responsibility to ensure their children attend school.

Parents/guardians are to ensure their children are prepared and they are ready to learn to the best of their capabilities.

Parents/guardians are asked to communicate with the school when their children are absent using school protocols.

Parents/guardians should encourage their children to complete missed work.

Parents/guardians are requested to make every attempt to avoid taking their children on family vacations during school time, especially during formal examination periods.

In extenuating circumstances whereby students have to miss school, parents/guardians should discuss with school administration.

Parents/guardians have a responsibility to understand and adhere to the school's attendance protocol.

Over the next few weeks school administration will be reaching out to caregivers of any student who has missed 5 or more days so far this school year. It will be done in a supportive and engaging way.

Services

We all need help from time to time or just someone to talk to. Below is some information on three places that may help.

St. John's Women's Centre Individual Counseling Drop-In Counseling

What: Right Here, Right Now drop-in counselling is a program that provides single session therapy to women and women identified (18 and over) in the St. John's area.

When: Tuesdays between 12-7 p.m. and Wednesdays from 12-5 p.m.

Where: The St. John's Women's Centre – 170 Cashin Avenue Extension. Our building is wheelchair accessible and parking is available. No appointment or referral is required.

Need Someone to Talk to?

Looking for Confidential Support?

CHANNAL Peer Support

Warm Line:

Local: 753-2560

Toll Free: 1-855-753-2560

7 days a week | 11 AM to 11 PM

Doorways Mental Health Walk In

Hours of operation:

Monday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Tuesday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Wednesday 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Thursday 11:00 – 7:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

The last session available will be one hour prior to the end of each day.

Address:

Building 532, Pleasantville (Back of building on Roosevelt Ave)

Doorways:

We are a single session, walk-in counselling service available without an appointment or referral. Doorways is **not an emergency service**. In an emergency, call 911.