

1. **Welcome Back!** What a joy it was to see your children in our hallways and classrooms on Tuesday morning! Our staff couldn't wait to burst through the doors to welcome everyone! We get such a sense of hope from the infectious energy, the contagious smiles and engaging curiosity of our students. What a blessing to be safe and sound within the arms of SFDS School and Parish.

As we focus on what it means to PROCLAIM OUR FAITH, you will find some questions meant to provoke family discussion, as well as a prayer on our [website](#). These will change monthly, as we explore this wonderful opportunity to engage with our faith in a meaningful way.

2. **Parking/drop off/pick up safety reminders -**

- The morning drop off area near the baseball backstop is meant to be used as described: 5 minutes to drop off your children.
- Kindergarten parents, please park in the lot near Arcola by the Tim Hortons restaurant.
- There is a large parking lot across from the rectory that always has room for vehicles.
- Alleys are out of bounds for drop off and pick up and parking, even when it rains.

Thank you for showing your children that you care about their safety and that rules are there for everyone to follow, at all times.

3. **AGM:** All parents are invited to attend our yearly **Annual General Meeting and Meet the Teacher Night**. We're kicking things off with a barbeque! **(This is for adults only.)**
4. **Mass on Wednesdays:** you are always invited! Please come and engage with us as we *proclaim our faith* at our school masses which begin at 9:15. (Students will sit in the front pews; feel free to find your seat in the back half of the church.)
5. **Summer uniforms** may be worn until the end of October. Take pride in your appearance as a way of showing engagement with your school community! Details may be found here on our website.
6. **Hot lunch** resumes in October. Stay tuned for details as they become available.
7. **Before and after school care** starts on Monday, September 8. Note that at this time, Tuesdays and Thursdays are full which means that drop in care is unavailable.
8. **Walkathon 2025!!** We're excited to be in the planning stages, under the leadership team mentored by Carlo Sayo and Denise Valdecantos, who once again have come up with an excellent theme idea (that your children will learn about next week). Thank you to the many, *many* parents who always commit their time to supporting this first and very

important fundraiser of the year. Please look for the pledge sheets that will come home next Friday so that you can get started that weekend. More information will be shared at the AGM.

14. Basketball Opportunity - It's never too early to work on developing basketball skills. Please see the information on our [website](#) about the Jr. NBA program, held right in our very own gym on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, depending on what you sign up for.

15. Tips for a Healthy Back to School Season - Please read this helpful information found on our [website](#) from Fraser Health about sending your children back to school.

16. Sports: Please look for permission forms and practice schedules to come home this week if your child wishes to participate in Cross Country (Boys and Girls Grades 2-7), Girls Volleyball (Grades 5-7) or Boys Soccer (Grades 4-7)

17. News Update: Chapman Family - Please see this link on our [website](#) to hear of a message of gratitude from the Chapman family, who arrived safely in Ottawa and who are missing us.

Calendar Reminders: Please make it a habit to refer to our website calendar.

Wednesday, Sept 10 - Choir starts

Thursday, Sept 11th - **BBQ** 6:00, **AGM** meeting at 7pm; **Meet the Teachers** 7:45

Friday, Sept 12th - Terry Fox Walk/Run 1:30-2:30

Tuesday, Sept. 16 - Confirmation Information meeting for parents 7:00

Wednesday, Sept. 16 - PEC meeting 6:30

Tuesday, Sept 23th - St. Mary's Cross Country Meet

Sept 22-25th - Grade 7 Away at Camp Jubilee for Outdoor Education

Monday, Sept 29th - Early Dismissal at 2pm. Popcorn sale!

Monday, Sept 29th - Orange Shirt Day at SFDS School

Tuesday, Sept. 30th - Truth and Reconciliation Day - No School

Friday, October 10 - **WALKATHON!!** (noon dismissal from Deer Lake)