






Weekly Update –June 17

PEC News

• At our final PEC meeting of the year, we welcome **Mrs. Kate Lafarriere**, a prominent parish member and experienced retired school principal.


 **Thank You & Farewell** to **Mrs. Paula Ramor** is stepping down after faithfully coordinating parent participation and volunteering. With her second son moving on to high school, we thank her for her tremendous service and dedication to our school community ❤️

 **Thank You & Farewell** to **Mr. Anthony Tillman** is concluding his service as PEC Treasurer after **eight years**, the maximum term allowed. We are grateful for his steady leadership, thoughtful insights, and commitment to supporting our school. While he will be greatly missed on PEC, we are thankful his family will remain part of our community for two more years. 🙏

   **Red Alert!** Tomorrow Team Canada plays their second World Cup 2026 game! To support the players, students are encouraged to leave their uniforms at home and come to school dressed in red and white!

Library Books Due

- The last day for signing out library books was **Thursday, June 12**
- Please return all library books as soon as possible
- We are completing a full inventory before the end of the school year

 Families are encouraged to help children search for any books tucked away at home. Thank you for your assistance!

Learning Updates (Progress Reports)

- Learning updates will be issued **on the last day of school**
- If your family will be away, please email **office@sfd.school** to arrange a pick-up time during the **first week of July**

- Otherwise, reports may be picked up during the **last week of August, first week of September**.

✉ Please contact the office before visiting, as summer office hours will be in effect.

Global School Play Day – Friday, June 19, 2026

Raising Awareness About the Importance of Unstructured Play

- Students may come to school in **play clothes**
- Students are invited to bring toys and games to play with throughout the day

Ideas Include:

- Board games
- Lego and blocks
- Dolls, trucks, and cars
- Playing cards
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Markers and drawing supplies
- Blankets for fort-building
- Social games such as Charades or Pictionary
- Empty cardboard boxes for creative play


Please Do Not Bring:

- Devices or electronic entertainment
- Toys requiring batteries or electricity

Exceptions:

- Board games with electronic timers
- Educational electronics kits or similar learning tools

 Our goal is to encourage **creative, unstructured play**, which research shows is essential for healthy child development.

 To learn more about this initiative, please see the link on our website to watch **Peter Gray's [TEDx Talk](#)** on the importance of play.

Summer Volunteer Help Needed!

- Help Mr. Bencze and Mr. Timbang with deep cleaning the school this summer
- Earn credit toward your required 50 volunteer hours for the 2026–27 school year

✨ A great opportunity to get a head start on next year's volunteer commitment: 2026-27!

✉ Contact Mr. Bencze directly to arrange a time to help:

- tbencze@sfd.sschool
- 604-250-1829

🙏 Thank you for supporting our school community by fulfilling your volunteer commitment for next year.

Play Day Thank You's

- We are incredibly grateful to all our **parent volunteers** who helped make our **4th SFDS World Cup** a success, including our parent and retired teacher referees.

Hot Lunch Team

- Thank you for preparing the hot dogs, chips, drinks, and ice cream that helped make Friday extra special.

Staff Appreciation

- Thank you to all staff members who organized and coached their country teams.
- A special thank you to **Mrs. Muir** and **Mrs. Wagner** for coordinating the tournament and organizing activities for students when they were not playing soccer

Field Preparation

- Thank you to **Mr. Bencze** for meticulously transforming the gravel field into four precisely measured soccer pitches.

Activities & Equipment

- Thank you to **Mrs. Hara** for arranging the field-lining equipment and securing the inflatable play structure for students to enjoy.
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General Fees Reminder

- The cheque submitted with your school registration will be deposited on **July 2**
 - We appreciate your attention to this annual procedure
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Sports Jerseys

- We are conducting a PE inventory before the end of the school year.
 - Please return all **track jerseys** and any other school sports jerseys as soon as possible
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Much Appreciation

- Thank you to **Mrs. Bird** for generously donating her time and talents to create a stage skirt that conceals the storage area beneath the stage
 - Her work will help enhance the atmosphere for our **Grade 7 Farewell Reception**
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Faith Formation Reminder

- Regular Mass attendance remains important throughout the summer months.
- If you are travelling, consider attending Mass at a local Catholic church and experiencing the universal nature of our faith.

 Families are encouraged to continue:

- Saying grace before meals
- Morning and bedtime prayers
- Praying for the needs of others


✨ These simple practices help children grow in their relationship with God and support their faith journey throughout the year. Thank you for helping us **Ignite the Saint Within!**

Screen Time over the Summer

- Be mindful of your child's screen time and internet use during the summer months.
- Monitor online activities closely and encourage healthy digital habits.

 Consider prioritizing:

- Outdoor play
- Face-to-face social experiences
- Family activities
- Reading and creative pursuits

 Parents may wish to explore **The Anxious Generation** or listen to a [podcast interview with Jonathan Haidt](#) to learn more about the impact of technology on children and youth.