



Weekly Update –June 24

To my SFdS Family!

As I close the door on a career that has spanned 30 wonderful years, I do so with a heart that is full of gratitude, pride, and many emotions.

Teaching has been so much more than a profession for me—it has been a joy and a privilege. Every day, I came to school excited to see the smiling faces of my students, hear their stories, celebrate their accomplishments, and share in the laughter that filled our classrooms. The students have brought joy to my life, and I will always treasure the memories.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the families who entrusted me with their children and supported me throughout my teaching journey. Your partnership, encouragement, and kindness have meant so much to me.

To my colleagues, thank you for your friendship, inspiration, and dedication. I have been fortunate to work alongside such talented and caring educators who continually challenged me to grow and reminded me of the incredible impact we have on young lives.

While I am saddened to be leaving this chapter behind, I do so knowing that I leave with a sense of fulfillment and a legacy that will continue on through the students, relationships, and traditions that have been built over the years. I am proud of the work we have done together and grateful to have been part of such an extraordinary school community.

Although I am retiring, this is not truly goodbye. I look forward to returning as a teacher-on-call and remaining connected to the community that has meant so much to me.


Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being part of your lives and for making these past 30 years so meaningful. I leave with countless memories, a grateful heart, and immense appreciation for each and every one of you.



With sincere gratitude,

Maria Wagner


New Families

- Please take some time to review this year's catalogue to get a sense of what the August publication will look like
 - It will also help you identify volunteer opportunities and begin planning how you would like to contribute to our school community throughout the 2026-27 year

 Thank you for your support and involvement—we look forward to partnering with you!


 **17** Mark your calendars: The SFDS Parish Knights of Columbus are planning a dinner/dance on September 26! Details to come! We hope to see you there! 

NO MORE Summer Volunteer Help Needed!

 Thank you to those who already signed up to support our school community by fulfilling their volunteer commitment for next year in the capacity of helping clean the school.

We now have an abundance of such volunteers and will no longer be accepting more.

Should anything change regarding your ability to volunteer:

-  Contact Mr. Bencze directly to let him know you will not be coming:
- tbencze@sfd.sschool
 - 604-250-1829
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Learning Updates (Progress Reports)

- Learning updates will be issued **on the last day of school, Thursday, June 25**
- If your family will be away, please email **office@sfd.sschool** 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.

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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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.

Have a Wonderful Summer!

- **On behalf of all the staff at SFDS School, we wish you a joyful and restful summer with your family and friends**

- 🚗 Safe travels to those who are vacationing near and far...
- 🌊 May your summer be filled with fun, relaxation, and memorable moments!

🙏 We look forward to welcoming you back in September, refreshed and ready to begin a new school year “Rooted in Faith.” 🌱✝️

- 📅 **2026–2027 School Calendar**

Thursday, June 25 - Last Day of School. School Mass at 9:15 am. Dismissal at 10:30 am.- Summative Learning Update and yearbooks go home.

Tuesday, September 8 - First day of school 8:45-12:05

Thursday, September 17 - Annual General Meeting/Meet the Teachers 7:00pm

Monday, September 28 - Oct. 1: Camp for Grade 7 students

Wednesday, September 28 - Early dismissal 2pm; popcorn sale

- The school calendar will be shared **electronically next week**
- Our website will also be updated to reflect major school events.
- Please note that some dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

⚠️ **The following dates are confirmed and will not change:**

- 🎄 **Christmas Holidays** – Dec. 21–Jan. 1
- 🌸 **Spring Break 2027** – March 8–19
- ✝️ **Easter Break 2027** – March 26–29
- 🎓 **Last Day of School 2027** – June 29