



**ST. JAMES
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
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Mass Schedule

St. James

Sunday - 10:30 am
- 12 noon

St. Francis

Saturday - 5:30 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am

St. Mary's

Sunday - 9:00 am

Confessions

St. James

Friday 3:30 - 6:30 pm

St. Francis

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Some Final Thoughts for the Year

It is difficult to believe that we are already at the end of our 2017- 2018 school year! Where has the time gone? A wise person once said, "Time flies when you are having fun!" Well, I guess we had a lot of fun. Not only did we have fun, we also learned lots and grew physically, emotionally, academically, and spiritually. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our students for the amazing work they accomplished this year. I also want to thank everyone for your continued support of St. James Catholic School. Together we really are the small school with the BIG heart!

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do wherever you go.

Walking with God means...

walking with honesty and with courage.

Walking with love and respect and concern for the feelings of others.

May you talk to God this summer on every day and in every situation.

Talking with God means...

praying words of praise for the beauty of creation.

Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times.

Asking God's help in all your decisions.

Expressing sorrow when you have failed.

May you talk with God every day.

Amen.

Opening Day Procedures for September

Please note that the first day of classes for the 2018 – 2019 year is Tuesday, September 4th. Here are the procedures for each grade:

Year 1 Kindergarten students will have a staggered entry. Letters will be mailed to parents/guardians in July to inform you of your child's school visit date with the teacher and Designated Early Childhood Educator (DECE) and the staggered start date.

Year 2 Kindergarten students will meet in the Kindergarten yard on the first day of school to be greeted by their classroom teacher & DECE. They will not be told in advance which classroom they are in.

Grade 1-8 students will assemble in the gym once arriving at the school. When the bell rings, students are asked to line-up at the signs posted on the gym walls indicating the new grade number. Teachers will call students based on the class lists.

Since class lists often change over the summer due to unexpected increases and decreases in student enrolment, the lists will not be made public until the first day of school in September. Please do not call the school asking where your child has been placed. Lists will not be posted due to confidentiality. Please remember that **all class placements are tentative** until approximately the end of the third week of school, when the School Board confirms staff numbers. Students may need to be relocated to a new classroom during that week.

Preparing For Next Year

We have already begun to plan for the next school year. We spend a lot of time and take great care in placing students in classrooms that will help promote academic and personal success.

Although we take many factors into consideration, parents often have information that may be important for us to consider when placing students.

Parents are asked to put any special considerations for their child's classroom placement in writing and submit it to the office prior to July 5th. All letters should be labeled "confidential" and addressed to Ms. Almeida, as the Principal finalizes all class lists. They will be reviewed in confidence but are not guaranteed. Placement decisions are based on what's best for individuals as well as the entire class.

Medication at School

Medication that has been kept in the school office throughout the past year will be sent home in a sealed envelope with students on June 28th at the end of the school day. New forms will be sent home in this same envelope. Please ensure that you carefully read and fill out the forms if your child will continue to need medication kept here at the school for the 2018-2019 school year. A physician's signature is needed on some of the forms. If you do not wish to have your child transport the medication home, please notify the office and arrange a time to pick it up prior to July 5th. Any medication that is not picked up will be taken to our local pharmacy to be properly disposed of. Medication for next year should be dropped off prior to the first day of school with the necessary forms.

School Schedule for September

Supervision Begins: 9:00 a.m.

School starts: 9:15 a.m.

Recess: 11:15 a.m.

Lunch: 12:50 p.m.

Lunch Recess: 1:10 p.m.

Recess: 3:30 p.m.

School ends: 3:40 p.m.

If picking up your child from school, please note that the end of our school day is 3:40 p.m.

Saying Farewell

With the closing of every school year, we must say good-bye to some of our School community members. We are saying good-bye to our Occasional staff members: Ms. Attard and Ms. Pallotta. While here for a short time, both have left their mark here at St. James. We wish you both well and hope you will be able to return one day soon!

We are also wishing our transferring staff, Mr. Compeau, Mr. Butterworth, Ms. Eccles, Ms. Navarro, and Ms. Skinner, well as they continue their professional careers in different schools within our Board.

To all of the staff moving on to new adventures, we thank you for your dedication to the St. James community and for your commitment to our students. We wish you all the best. Your new schools are blessed to have you!

An updated staffing list will be provided on the first day of school in September.

To our Grade 8 graduating class: it has been a pleasure to see you grow this year. We are proud of your accomplishments and the young adults you have become. All the best as you journey to high school. Please come back to visit. Remember, once a member of the St. James community, always a member of the small school with the BIG heart!

Upcoming Events

Monday, August 27	School office reopens for new registrations
Monday, September 3	Labour Day Holiday - School is closed
Tuesday, September 4	Welcome Back! First day of school
Thursday, September 27	Open House for all grades (times to be announced)
Friday, September 28	P. A. Day - No school for students

Volunteers and Hot Lunch Supervisors

We would like to thank our many volunteers, our Lunch Hour Supervisors, and Ms. D'Amico, our Lunch Hour Office Supervisor, for all their hard work and commitment to our St. James School community.

**On behalf of the St. James Staff, we wish you all a very safe and enjoyable
summer.
God Bless**