

# St. John Community School

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September 2023

Mr. B. Skomorowski - Principal  
 Mr. M. Gaumond - Vice Principal

**“Working Together, We are Better”**

## Principal’s Message

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at St. John Community School. I am so excited to have the opportunity to get to know your school community. Startup has been very busy and I am trying to learn a few more names every day. A couple areas of focus we will be working on this year is building a stronger sense of community with those inside and outside of our school and finding ways to highlight our Catholic Faith. Please keep your eyes open for upcoming events!



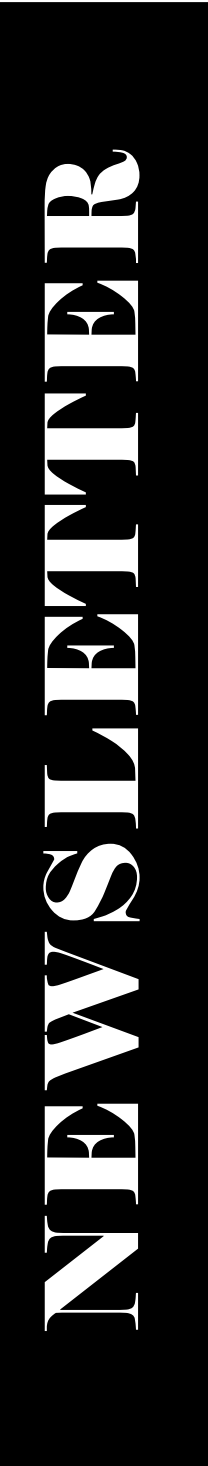
**Mr. Skomorowski**

### Important School Dates

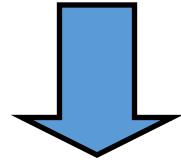
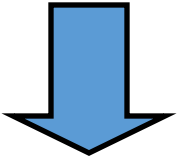
- Sep. 22** School Celebration (12:22pm)
- Sep. 25-28** Truth and Reconciliation Week
- Sep. 28** Orange Shirt Day
- Sep. 29** No Classes
- Oct. 9** No Classes
- Oct. 11** Thanksgiving Mass, 9:30am @ St. Mark’s
- Oct. 24** Conferences
- Oct. 26**

### St. John Staff 2023-2024

- Principal.....Mr. Skomorowski
- Vice Principal.....Mr. Gaumond
- Secretaries.....Ms. Kowalski
- Parish Priest.....Father Manh Nguyen
- Pre-Kindergarten.....Ms. Olver
- Kindergarten.....Ms. Tremblay
- Grade 1.....Ms. Glencross
- Grade 1/2.....Ms. Goller
- Grade 2.....Ms. Poirer
- Grade 3.....Ms. Crosland
- Grade 3/4.....Ms. Ostmoen
- Grade 4/5.....Ms. Sosnowski
- Grade 5/6.....Mr. Joy
- Grade 6.....Mr. Weber
- Grade 7.....Ms. Mogg
- Grade 7.....Ms. Thalheimer
- Grade 8.....Ms. Read
- Grade 8.....Ms. Orieux
- Team.....Ms. Elias
- Art.....Ms. Charlebois-Rinas
- Physical Education.....Mr. Rissling
- Student Support Teachers.....Ms. Duret,  
Ms. Regnier
- Educational Assistants..... Ms. Iskra,  
Ms. Zamora, Ms. Jureskin, Ms. Walker, Ms.  
Burns, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Bisson, Ms. Laxama-  
na, Mr. Tourney, Ms. Shellenburg, Ms. Espera
- School Associates.....Ms. Kosowan,  
Ms. Halczuk
- Nutrition.....Ms. Pochipinski
- Library Clerk.....Ms. Braaten
- Caretakers.....Mr. Chododnuik,  
Mr. Rieger
- Dream Broker.....Ms. McDougall
- Mental Health Promoter.....Ms. Quirion
- Mental Health Coordinator.....Ms. Jacobson



# Important School Year Information



## Medication Forms

If your child has a medical condition that requires him/her to have medication administered at school, we ask that you call the office at (306) 953-7536. A medical form will need to be filled out.

## Nut Free and Allergy Sensitive School

We currently have students who have life-threatening allergies to nuts, nut oils, and fish. We ask that all students and parents take the necessary precautions to make school a safe environment for our children. Please make sure to read all labels to see if they may contain nuts. Thank you.



## EMERGENCY LUNCH PROGRAM

If there is any circumstance where you cannot provide your child with a lunch, an emergency lunch is available in our kitchen daily. Emergency lunches consist of a sandwich, yogurt and fruit.

## School Picture Day 2023

Photos will take place in early November. A note will be sent home separately at a later date.



## ABSENT OR LATE?

Please remember to call the **Attendance Line @ 306-953-7590** or by **texting only @ 306-981-2074** if your child will be absent, late or require to leave for any reason. **Students cannot excuse themselves.** Our office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you call before or after school hours, please leave a message on our voicemail. If we do not hear from you, you will be contacted at home or work. Thank you for your cooperation.

## PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCE

There will be 10 minute parent/teacher/student/ interviews held on **Tuesday October 24th** (4:00 to 7:00 pm) and **Thursday October 26th** (4:00 to 7:00pm) for all grades, to discuss students progress. Forms will be coming home with your child/ren to be completed with your preference of interview dates and times.

## School Fees

School fees are due for the 2023-2024 school year. Fees help cover a variety of educational materials, field trips, and accidental insurance. **Prompt payment is greatly appreciated!**

**Kindergarten - \$15.00**

**Grades 1-5 - \$20.00**

**Grades 6-8 - \$25.00**



These fees may be paid in person or online through School Cash. Please call the office if you have any questions.



### Safe Transportation at Our School

The school has two parking lots that are designated for **staff parking only**. We ask our students NOT to go in the parking lot areas for safety reasons. We also ask that our parents please refrain from using these parking lots at all during the day as staff may leave at different times throughout the day. Also, PLEASE refrain from parking in the designated **BUS PARKING ZONES** on the street directly in front of the school. These zones are designated so the buses can park to drop off and pick up students. PreK and Kindergarten students— we ask parents to walk with your child to the front of the school and leave them with the designated school staff. Thank you for your cooperation.



### School Bus Information

School bus services is provided by First Student. All students must be registered to be able to ride the bus. If you have not yet done so or have moved please contact the school at (306) 953-7536 to arrange registration. Those getting on the bus and that are not registered will be contacted. Visit their website at [www.princealbert.firststudentinc.com](http://www.princealbert.firststudentinc.com) for route information or call (306) 763-6090 for late or cancelled bus information.



Letters were sent home with students last week regarding Edsby. This

portal is used to communicate important information, announcements and events between the school and home.

One of the best features is the ability for teachers and students to connect with each other daily, whether students are in class or absent for the day. Students can keep up with the lessons and homework from the day by logging into their Edsby account. Please contact the school at (306) 953-7536 if you have any questions.



**School Cash Online is our preferred method of payment moving forward. You are now able to register by simply visiting [pacsd.schoolcashionline.com](http://pacsd.schoolcashionline.com) and clicking "Register" to get started.**

### School Messenger Sign Up

Stay informed of school events with text messages from our free school messenger service. To sign up, just send a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to the school's short code number, **724665**. You can also choose to opt out of this service by replying "Stop" to one of our messages at any time.

**Opt-In from your mobile phone now!**



**Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 724665**

## The Sacramental Preparation Program

After a wonderful summer, students and staff alike are setting their minds to the year ahead. The same thing is happening in the Roman Catholic Churches around the city. Each of the parishes are gearing up for another Patoral Year. Part of this gearing up is the Sacramental Preparation Program, which doesn't just prepare students for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist; it prepares them for their lifelong journey as fully initiated Roman Catholics.

If your child is older than grade two and has not yet been Confirmed, or received their first Communion, then please contact your pastor immediately, and they will arrange the appropriate process. The first meeting, for parents only, is coming soon! Please phone ahead to register!

Fr. Jim Kaptein at St. Joseph - 306 764 4942

Fr. Manh Nguyen at St. Mark - 306 764 4637

Fr. Travis and Fr. Tai Le at Sacred Heart Cathedral  
- 306 763 2319

Fr. Maurice Fiolleau at St. Michael  
- 306 763 5658



September 28th is Orange Shirt day. It is a day to honour and remember the Indigenous children who attended residential schools. If your child has an orange shirt, they can wear it on school on September 28th to show their support.



## Cross Country

We are off and running! If you would like to join you are more than welcome. Our meets are on Wednesdays after school. We have 3 more races left:

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| Sept 20 | St. John              |
| Sept 27 | St. Michael           |
| Oct 4   | St. Francis           |
| Oct 11  | Kinsmen Park (Finals) |



## Grade 6 to 8 Volleyball

Any students interested in joining volleyball, please see Mr. Rissling! The schedule will be posted on EDSBY.