

# St. Francis Catholic Elementary School

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Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at St. Francis! As we prepare to embark on a new school year at St. Francis, I wanted to extend a warm welcome to all our returning and new families.

At St. Francis, we believe that education is a collaborative effort between the school, the parents, and the community. Together, we create an environment that nurtures academic excellence, personal growth, and character development. I am incredibly proud of our dedicated team of educators who are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and stimulating learning environment for your children.

This year, we have several exciting initiatives and programs planned that will enhance your child's educational experience. We will continue to foster a love for learning while equipping our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world.

We also recognize the importance of open communication and strong partnerships between the school and our families. We encourage you to actively participate in your child's education, attend parent-teacher meetings, join our school events, and volunteer when possible. Your involvement plays a vital role in creating a supportive and enriching educational journey for your child.

Additionally, I would like to extend my gratitude to our amazing school council families and all the parent volunteers who generously dedicate their time, skills, and resources to support our school community. Your contributions are invaluable and greatly appreciated. Please take a moment to consider joining our school council. The more voices the better.

As we embark on this new school year together, let us embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Let us encourage our children to explore, question, and grow academically and personally. We are here to support and guide them every step of the way.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have. Our doors are always open, and we value your input.

Once again, welcome to another year of learning, growth, and achievement at St. Francis. Let us make this year a memorable one filled with excitement, discovery, and success.

Wishing you and your family a fantastic school year!

Next time you are at the school come say hello to us!

Jennifer Connelly, Principal

Lisa Levecque, Vice Principal

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## Some important information

Pay close attention to the newsletters and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisflames> as we share all the exciting and new things happening.



### Nut Free Environment

St. Francis School has a number of students with severe nut allergies. Please continue to refrain from sending foods with nuts. Thank you for your continued support.



### Medical Concerns/Allergies/Medication

Please make your child's teacher aware of **ALL allergies and/or medical concerns immediately**. Once informed, your child's educator will send home special forms to fill out.

One of the forms available in the office is a Request for Assistance to Administer Medication Form. This form **must be filled out annually for all children who are taking any form of medication at school**. It is especially important for those children with severe allergies or asthma who keep an EpiPen or puffer at school. Parents should contact the office immediately to have a form sent home if medication is stored or administered at school.



### Custody Information

Please ensure the office has an up-to-date copy of your custody agreements. The school will follow all custody agreements.



### Cashless School

We aim to be as cash free as possible. Please sign up for School Cash Online to allow you to pay for all school items. You will require your child's OEN number to sign up.

Go to <https://sudburycatholicschools.schoolcashonline.com>

### Our Schedule:

As you can imagine schools are a busy place. Please call the school by 2pm if there is a change in transportation for the end of the day.

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## Dates to Remember:

September 1<sup>st</sup> - No school- Professional Activity Day

September 5<sup>th</sup> – No school- Professional Activity Day

September 6<sup>th</sup> – SK-Grade 6 start

September 7<sup>th</sup> – JK start day

September 29<sup>th</sup> – No school- Professional Activity Day

September 25<sup>th</sup> - October/November Pizza & Pasta Orders Due by 10am

September 27<sup>th</sup> – Concussion Awareness Day

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/rowans-law-concussion-awareness-resources>

September 28<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Service & Student Awards 1:15

September 28<sup>th</sup> – Orange Shirt Day – National Day For Truth and Reconciliation

Learn more at: <https://www.cbc.ca/kids/articles/what-is-orange-shirt-day>

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Picture Day

Retakes and Grad Pictures: Thursday Nov 30<sup>th</sup>



## Virtue of the Month: Respect

All our Catholic Schools celebrate a Catholic value each month. The message of each value will be reflected in our daily morning prayers, our school bulletin boards, our monthly school Mass, meetings, newsletters, and in our class activities.

During the month of September, we are celebrating the value of **RESPECT**. We shall be teaching the students the importance of this value by emphasizing that God has called us to model the respect shown by Christ. As brothers and sisters who share one Spirit, we are all valuable to God and deserve to be shown courtesy, consideration, sensitivity and thoughtfulness – all ways of showing respect. We shall remind them that through prayer, we improve our ability to be Christ-filled people – respecting ourselves, others, and our environment in which we live.

8:35 a.m.	<b>ARRIVAL</b> - Please do not drop your child off before 8:35 am as there will be <u>no supervision</u> . <b>Teacher supervision begins at 8:40 am</b>
8:55 a.m.	<b>SCHOOL DAY BEGINS</b>
10:35 – 10:50 a.m.	<b>RECESS</b>
12:10 – 1:10 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>
3:10 p.m.	<b>DISMISSAL</b> - Please ensure you pick your child up at dismissal.

## Pasta and Pizza Days

Pasta is offered on Mondays for \$5.50 and pizza is offered on Wednesday for \$2 a slice.

Please sign up for school cash online. <https://sudburycatholicschools.schoolcashonline.com>

Monday September 28 is the last day to sign up and pay for Pizza or Pasta for October and November. We will not be accepting late orders but invite you to sign up for the next two months.

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## St Francis giving back

This year we will be taking part in a few fundraisers for the community and for our own school. In September we will be taking part in the Terry Fox Run Day on Sept 22. We ask everyone who can to bring in at least a toonie so that we can donate it to cancer research. Terry Fox was only 19 when he began his Marathon of Hope. He dreamt of a world without cancer. This year St Francis students will take part in our school run (rain or shine) and be just like Terry to help make a difference.

## Forms

Coming home the first week are forms for you to fill out to make sure we have up to date information. As soon as you fill them out please send them back to school. For the student information pages please take a look at all the information. Change any information that is incorrect. If we already have custody information at the school we still have it. We just need to be told if anything has changed. For the contact information you will notice it defaults to parent 1 first, parent 2 second....etc. Please indicate if there is a different order you want us to call home in case of the child being ill.

## Edsby

Sudbury Catholic Schools has moved to one app(piece of software) for communication with all families. It is called Edsby. There is a free app you can download on your device. It will not be active until you receive an email for the school board inviting you to have an account. The board is currently indicating this will happen next week.

Why Edsby? You will be able to log in and press a button to indicate your child is ill that day. Please do this by 9am each day. If you have multiple children who attend Sudbury Catholic they will all show up for you in the one place which makes it easier to communicate with all the different educators.

If you would like to learn more about Edsby, visit [www.edsby.com/help/parents](http://www.edsby.com/help/parents)



Looking forward to a great year!