

September 2016

# Notre Dame *School*

## Welcome!

### Principal's Message

Welcome to Notre Dame School! My name is Mrs. Monique Tellier-Phillips. If you are returning to the school, we are thrilled to welcome you back. A huge Notre Dame welcome to our many new families as well. In addition, we welcome the staff and students of Father Leduc School who will be with us as a school within a school until construction of their school is complete. September is an exciting time for children. They are embarking upon a new school year with eager anticipation. They will form new friendships, meet new teachers, learn new routines, and some will be introduced to French Immersion for the first time.

Notre Dame School is a safe and caring learning community that values parental input. We work together with our parents to ensure we are making the absolute best educational decisions for our students, your children. Teachers will keep you informed of classroom activities; monthly newsletters will also keep you informed of school news, events, and meeting dates.

The staff is excited about beginning the new school year and is looking forward to working with you and your children. By working together, we can ensure that all our students receive an excellent education and have a wonderful experience during their time here.

We'd like to invite you to our Meet the Teacher night which will take place on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 7:30 in the gymnasium (followed by classroom visits).

God Bless!



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Vice Principal  
Extension 104

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Extension 100

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Secretary/Accounting  
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In order to ensure a safe and secure environment, we ask that all visitors report to the office and obtain a visitor's pass. Thank you!

## Who's New at Notre Dame?

The new school year brings some new faces to the staff of Notre Dame. We would like to send a warm welcome to our new administration team Mrs. Tellier-Phillips and Miss Chamulka, as well as Mr. Lovely, Ms. Cheel, and Mrs. Youssef. This year we are also very excited to introduce French Immersion at Notre Dame. Welcome to our French Immersion teachers Mme. Folefack and Mme. Watt, as well as Mme. Brisson. We are excited about the gifts and talents that new staff members bring to our school. We



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**Purchased bus passes, or qualifying free bus passes will be distributed on the first day of school.**

# 2016-2017 Notre Dame Staff

## TEACHING STAFF

ECS	Mrs. Melissa Maclean Mme. Cassandra Watt
Grade 1	Ms. Meagan Hayduk Mrs. Irene Blackburn Mme. Pierrette Folefack
Grade 2	Mrs. Angela Lazowski Mrs. Bonnie Spurrell Mrs. Christie-Anne Tracey
Grade 3	Miss. Corene Demorest Mrs. Marilyn Sarnecki
Grade 4	Miss Cecilia Berezowski Mrs. Shauna Callies Mr. Donovan Lovely
Grade 5	Ms. Tammy Jalbert Mrs. Vicky Finnigan Ms. Kelsey Cheel* Mrs. Bailey St. Jean
Grade 6	Mrs. Christina Mullins Miss Heather Frederick
Teacher Support	Mrs. Marissa Lemke*
AE & PE	Mr. Kevin Onyschuk
Music	Mrs. Jennifer Youssef
Inclusive Ed.	Mrs. Diane Pichonsky
Counselling	Miss. Colette Chamulka
Administration	Mrs. Monique Tellier-Phillips Miss. Colette Chamulka

## SUPPORT STAFF

Library	Mrs. Lisa Rinas
Secretaries	Mrs. Dorothy Monty Mrs. Lucy Muz
Pre-School	Mrs. Kathy Dunlop
Educational Assistants	Mrs. Nicole Berntsen Mrs. Sheryle Boser Mme. Nathalie Brisson Mrs. Liz Dorman Mrs. Nancy Foley Mrs. Karla Hancar Mrs. Sommer King Mrs. Mary LaPointe Mrs. Joanne Lietz Mrs. Lucy Nay Mrs. Miriam Provencal Mrs. Doris Sawiak Mrs. Nancy Starcheski Mrs. Lisa Wojna
Head Custodian Custodian	Mr. Ian Reid Mr. Mark Carke Ms. Liz Falconer Mrs. Carol Taylor



### Mission Statement

*Rejoicing in the way of Christ, we nurture a love of learning in faith-filled Catholic schools!*

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### Vision Statement

*Souls seeking Christ on a journey of faith, learning and love*

# Meet the Staff of Notre Dame !

September 7th, 2016  
Notre Dame School, Leduc



Doors open 6:15 p.m.  
Program 6:30 p.m.

**Meet the staff and tour the school.**

***Come see what is amazing about your child's school!***



**Did you label your  
child's supplies?**

Please see below a link to our STAR Catholic Division Video based on the theme "I AM STAR Catholic!" It features and celebrates our staff, students and families throughout the division.

Welcome back and all the best in the new school year!

<https://vimeo.com/180917893>



## NEW School Bell Times

### Notre Dame School Bell Times

Warning Bell: 8:30 am

Day Begins: 8:40

Announcements and Prayer: 8:40-8:45 am

Block 1 8:45 – 9:24

Block 2 9:24 – 10:03

Block 3 10:03 – 10:42

Recess 10:42- 10:57

Snack 10:57 – 11:07

Block 4 11:07-11:46

Block 5 11:46 – 12:25

Lunch Recess: 12:25-12:55 (bell rings at 12:50 to come inside)

Eating Portion of Lunch: 12:55-1:10

Block 6 1:10-1:50

Block 7 1:50-2:30

Block 8 2:30-3:10

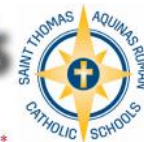
Dismissal 3:10

**There will be NO EARLY DISMISSAL this year.**



## KNOW YOUR SCHOOL BUS STATUS

STAR Catholic has introduced a **NEW SYSTEM** for informing parents and students of **BUS DELAYS OR CANCELLATIONS** of buses operated by STAR Catholic School Division.\*



### Look for this on your “SCHOOL” website

- The status of your school's STAR Catholic bus routes are listed on your school's home page.
- If the Route is **GREEN**, it's **On Schedule**.
- If it's **YELLOW**, it's **Delayed**.
- If it's **RED**, the bus has been **Cancelled**.

#### Bus Information

- Route 05L On Schedule
- Route 08L On Schedule
- Route 09L On Schedule
- Route 10L On Schedule
- Route 11L On Schedule
- Route 12L On Schedule
- Route 14L On Schedule
- Route 15L On Schedule

### Look for this on the “DIVISION” website

- The bus icon, on the Division website, indicates the status of STAR Catholic buses.
- If the icon is **GREEN**, all buses are **On Schedule**.
- If it's **YELLOW**, there is one or more buses **Delayed**.
- If it's **RED**, there is one or more buses **Cancelled**.

#### Bus Information

Tuesday, August 25th, 2015  
All buses on time

Click on the icon to access bus routes listed by community

Beaumont		
Route 20	On Schedule	ASAA
Route 21	On Schedule	ASAA
Route 22	On Schedule	ASAA
Route 23	On Schedule	ASAA
Route 24	On Schedule	ASAA
Route 25	On Schedule	ASAA
Route 26	On Schedule	ASAA
Drayton Valley		
Route 40	On Schedule	ST. JOHN
Lacombe		
Route 42	On Schedule	FL

\*For families riding buses operated by other school divisions, please check their websites.  
If you have any questions, or for more information email: [transportation@starcatholic.ab.ca](mailto:transportation@starcatholic.ab.ca)





August 31, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is our goal at Notre Dame School to provide a safe learning environment for all students. There are some children attending our school who suffer a life threatening allergy to peanuts and tree nuts.

In the past, there had been a "peanut room" where students could go to eat their lunch if it contained peanuts / tree nuts. This space is now being used at lunch for other purposes and there are no alternate spaces for the time being. When Father Leduc School exits Notre Dame to occupy their new building, there will be space again to provide a "peanut room" at lunch..

Therefore, I ask that you voluntarily refrain from sending food items containing peanuts or tree-nuts to school because the risk of harm is high for individuals or groups of students for the time-being. With all of this in mind, we ask for your help as parents to keep all of our students safe.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support regarding this matter. I appreciate the community spirit it takes to make our school a safe and happy place. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "M. Tellier-Phillips".

Mrs. Monique Tellier-Phillips  
Principal  
Notre Dame School

<b>SACRAMENTS</b>	
<b><u>BAPTISM</u></b>	Please contact Linda at the Parish Office to arrange for the Baptism of your child. Parents are required to meet with the Pastoral Associate and participate in a Baptism preparation class. Godparents must be Confirmed Catholic Christians. They are also required to attend Baptism preparation.
<b><u>FIRST RECONCILIATION</u></b>	Registration is October 5, 2016 @ 6:30 pm Classes are for children in grades 2 or 3 only. Parents of older children are asked to call Linda at the parish office. First Reconciliation (also called Penance or Confession) is required before First Communion.
<b><u>FIRST COMMUNION</u></b>	Classes for 2016 are completed. Classes are for children in grades 2 or 3 only. Parents of older children are asked to call Linda at the parish office. First Reconciliation is required before First Communion. Classes for 2017 will resume in March.
<b><u>CONFIRMATION</u></b>	Classes for 2016 are completed. Classes for 2017 will resume in the spring. In addition to the classes, Confirmation candidates are required to participate in a Saturday retreat and do 10 hours of service work. Children must be a minimum age of eleven or in Grade Six before Confirmation. Next year's Confirmation date is June 4, 2017.
<b><u>RCIA</u></b> <b><u>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</u></b>	This is a process for persons over 18 wishing to become Catholic. Sessions start in September. Contact Linda @ the Parish Office 780.986.3253.
<b><u>BAPTISM OF OLDER CHILDREN</u></b>	If a child is over the age of seven, he/she must take part in a process similar to the
<b><u>QUESTIONS? MORE INFORMATION?</u></b>	For all sacramental information, please contact Linda Boire at the Parish Office, 780-986-3253 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:stmichaelparish.lboire@hotmail.com">stmichaelparish.lboire@hotmail.com</a>

## St. Michael's News...

### Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) provides an opportunity for adults thinking of joining the Church to learn more about the Catholic faith. Adult Catholics who have not been confirmed or who have not celebrated their first communion are also invited to be part of this process. Meetings are held weekly from September to May. During this time, inquirers are given the opportunity to discern if they wish to become members of the Catholic Church.

Interested persons are asked to contact Linda at the parish office, 780-986-3253, to schedule an appointment before starting the process.



### Attention: Parents of Children in Grade 2 & 3

First Reconciliation (Confession/Penance) Classes 2016  
The Registration meeting for First Reconciliation/Confession/Penance classes will take place on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 6:30 pm St. Michael's Church. This first meeting is for parents only.

The other classes are on:

October 12, 2016  
October 19, 2016  
October 26, 2016

Children must celebrate First Reconciliation/Confession/Penance before they make their First Communion.  
**These classes are for children in grades 2 or 3 ONLY.**

## St. Michael's THRIVE: Grades 5-8 and Grades 7-12


*Thrive meets the  
First Friday and Third Saturday  
of each month.*

WELCOME BACK message from His  
Grace Archbishop Richard Smith

<https://vimeo.com/180644463>

# SEPTEMBER 2016

## ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1) 8am Mass	2) 8am Mass 10am Elbert / Curtis Rehearsal	3) 1pm Elbert / Curtis Wedding  3:30—4:15pm Penance 6pm Mass
4) 8am Mass 11am Mass  7:30pm Adoration	5) <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	6) No Mass 10am Lay Led @ Lifestyle  8:30am Baptism Prep 7:30am K of C Mtg.	7) No Mass 9:30am Lay Led @ Salem 11am Lay Led @ Extendicare	8) No Mass	9) No Mass	10) 10am PPC Mtg 3:30—4:15pm Penance 6pm Mass with Baptisms * St. Vincent de Paul Collection
11) 8am Mass with Baptisms 11am Mass with Baptisms * St. Vincent de Paul Collection * Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast 7:30pm Adoration	12) <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	13) 8:30am Mass @ Notre Dame  8:30am Mass 7am CWL Mtg	14) 8am Mass 10:30am Lay Led @ Plainview  7am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg	15) 8:30am Mass @ St. Ben's	16) 8am Mass	17)  3:30—4:15pm Penance 6pm Mass
18) 8am Mass 11am Mass *Children's Liturgy  7:30pm Adoration	19) <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	20) 8:30am Mass @ Notre Dame 11am Lay Led @ Lifestyle Options	21) 8:30am Lay Led @ Salem 11am Mass @ Extendicare with Anointing of the Sick  6pm NW Boardwalk Extension Mtg	22) 8am Mass @ CTK  7pm Kuhn / Moore Rehearsal	23) No Mass  8:30pm Certificate Care Program	24) 8:30pm Certificate Care Program  1pm Kuhn / Moore Wedding 3:30—4:15pm Penance 6pm Mass
25) 8am Mass 11am Mass *Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Couples for Christ 7:30pm Adoration	26) <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	27)  8:30am Mass 7am Exposition 7:30am K of C Executive Mtg.	28) 10:30am Mass @ Plainview	29) 8am Mass	30) No Mass	1)  3:30—4:15pm Penance 6pm Mass





## Notre Dame School Council & PANDA

### 2016 Annual General Meeting:

**Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**6:30 pm at the school**

**Plan to be there!**

School councils are structured groups of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students, and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. They provide a method for members of the school community to consult with and offer advice to the principal and the school board.

Parents play a vital role in student success and can participate in decisions that impact student learning through school council. By contributing knowledge, perspective and ideas at school council meetings, parents are actively contributing to school community and school district success.

The Government of Alberta recognizes the value of parents and the community in the education of children, and by law requires school councils in every school operated by a school board in Alberta.

Please join us for the Notre Dame School Council Annual General Meeting On September 19, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. at Notre Dame School. The Notre Dame School Council does not participate in fundraising, but works closely with the fundraising society at Notre Dame, PANDA. The PANDA Annual General Meeting will take place following the School Council meeting.

We are currently looking for parents for the following positions on School Council: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and members-at-large. Notre Dame School Council does not require members to volunteer to participate. So come join us for one meeting or them all! The School Council values every parent's opinion and everyone is always welcome!

*Building Learning Communities*

**panda.executives@gmail.com**

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela*

## Hot Lunch



Our PANDA/hot lunch website [www.notredame.hotlunches.net](http://www.notredame.hotlunches.net) will be used for fundraising, hot lunch, and volunteer requests. You will need to register by going to the above address and clicking "Click here to register." Then you will be prompted to add your children under your account. Once registered you will be able to place your orders for open cycles. The site will also give you an opportunity to volunteer each hot lunch date. This will give parents an opportunity to work a single hot lunch or as many as possible if they choose.

Hot lunch will be available to order each month. All order cycles are posted on the home page once you log in, notifications will be sent from the website notifying you when new order cycles open and just before closing. Payment can be made using PayPal or remit payment (cheque or cash) to the school office, in the Panda envelopes provided. Please fill in all required information on the outside of the envelope. If you run out of envelopes, please mark that you need more in your child's agenda or on your last envelope so more can be sent home.

If you have any questions or feedback, please send us a message to: [nd.hotlunchprogram@gmail.com](mailto:nd.hotlunchprogram@gmail.com)

**HOT LUNCH WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAYS THIS YEAR!**



### LIFE Framework - General Notice

*Catholic schools share a foundational belief that all children are loved by God, are individually unique and that the school has a mission to help each student fulfill their God-given potential in all aspects of their person: physically, academically, socially, morally and spiritually. Catholic schools are committed to using the LIFE (Lived Inclusion For Everyone) framework as a guideline for the creation and operation of student groups that are comprehensive in their approach to inclusion and open to the exploration in a Catholic context of a variety of issues including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual orientation, gender identity, discrimination, justice, and respectful relationships and language. Alberta legislation recognizes that parents have both the right and responsibility to make informed decisions respecting the education of their children. Please accept this as general notice that students may be organizing LIFE Framework/Diversity clubs at the school in the future. If a LIFE Framework/Diversity club is formed, notification of the formation of the club will be sent to all parents.*

## STAR Catholic's ELECTORAL WARD REVIEW

*In keeping with the Board's desire to ensure good governance  
and to examine the Board's electoral representation throughout the Division,  
we are conducting a review of our electoral wards.*

TO LEARN MORE AND PROVIDE INPUT  
**PLEASE ATTEND OUR TOWN HALL MEETING:**

**October 6, 2016**

STAR Catholic Central Office

4906 - 50 Avenue

Leduc, AB

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For more information visit  
[www.starcatholic.ab.ca](http://www.starcatholic.ab.ca)





September 2016

**Re: VTRA - Letter of Fair Notice**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The STAR Catholic School Division is committed to providing safe and caring learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. To this end, we have invested heavily in the professional certification of administrative staff in Level 1 & Level 2 Violence and Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) training across the Division. VTRA helps schools respond quickly to incidents where students' behaviours pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm.

In the communities of Beaumont, Leduc, Wetaskiwin, Ponoka and Lacombe we have also signed off on formalized community-based VTRA protocols that include other regional partners such as the public school jurisdictions, the RCMP, Alberta Health Services, and other community agencies. Such protocols outline how organizations will collaborate and work together to respond quickly to threatening behavior. These protocols are modeled on the work of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment Trauma Response.

Please be advised that the school division requires school administrators to complete a threat risk assessment in cases of students making significant threats to themselves or others. The purpose of the assessment is to ascertain the potential level of risk posed and identify supports that may be required. It is important for all parties to engage in the threat risk assessment process. If, for some reason, there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat-maker or parents and guardians, the assessment procedures will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring learning environment. Personal information shared throughout the threat risk assessment process respects and weighs individual rights to privacy with the need to uphold the safety of all.

We are proud to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and are most fortunate to have our community partners at our side. If you wish for further information please contact Assistant Superintendent Kevin Booth at 780.986.2500

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Davies', is positioned above the printed name of the Superintendent.

Dr. Troy A. Davies  
Superintendent



# Notre Dame Social Justice Projects

## Archdiocese of Edmonton and Catholic Social Services

A new event called *Day of Mercy* in the Archdiocese of Edmonton and for Catholic Social Services and its partners is being held on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Surrounding Catholic school boards have been invited to contribute by collecting items needed by economically-disadvantaged families and children in the Archdiocese.

Day of Mercy is a one-day event bringing together Catholic-based organizations to provide services and supports to the working poor. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Parish (11828 – 85 Street, Edmonton). People attending the event will be fed, cared for, and leave with various supplies and packages.

This event is taking place because Pope Francis has placed a renewed focus on being attentive to the needs of the poor. He has also declared December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016 as an *Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy* for the Catholic Church. This event is in keeping with the direction encouraged by Pope Francis.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, several events are planned to occur at St. Alphonsus Parish. These include: a free meal for those in need; free family photos taken for those who would not be able to normally afford it; free haircuts, pedicures and manicures; entertainment; counselling to families requiring assistance; distribution of goods and items needed by families and children (i.e. coats, backpacks, etc.)

Notre Dame School has been asked to collect hoodies, winter coats and jackets (new or gently used). We are asked to limit collections to 20; as a school this can be easily done! All items will need to be collected by September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Donations can be sent to the school with your child or they can be dropped off in the foyer of the school.



**Winter Coats, Jackets and Hoodies deadline September 23!**





August 2016

Dear School Parents, Staff and Volunteers:

**PROTECTION AGAINST MEASLES - IMMUNIZATION REMINDER FOR SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

Measles is an illness that can sometimes cause severe health problems, and occasionally death. It can be prevented by measles immunization. A school exposure occurs when a person with measles is present at a school. Persons who attend, work or volunteer at that school are at risk of getting measles. When there is a school measles exposure:

1. Public Health will check all students, staff and volunteers for protection against measles.
2. Students, staff and volunteers who do not have protection against measles may be excluded, meaning they are not allowed to attend, work or volunteer at school, until the risk for infection is over.

*Two doses of measles vaccine given before a school measles exposure provides protection against measles and avoids possible exclusion.*

Please ensure your local Public Health Centre has a record of immunizations which may have been given previously in different locations in Alberta, Canada, or other countries, translated if necessary. To receive measles vaccine or check immunization records, please contact an Alberta Health Services Public Health Centre. For more information on measles immunization, please go to [immunizealberta.ca](http://immunizealberta.ca). For more information on measles, protection, vaccine schedule, exclusion, and Public Health Centres, please see other side.

Thank you for your attention and help in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Alberta Health Services Medical Officers of Health

Dr. Albert de Villiers  
Zone Lead Medical Officer of Health  
North West Area

Dr. Chris Sikora  
Zone Lead Medical Officer of Health  
Edmonton Zone

Dr. Deena Hinshaw  
Zone Lead Medical Officer of Health  
Central Zone

Dr. Richard Musto  
Zone Lead Medical Officer of Health  
Calgary Zone

Dr. Vivien Suttorp  
Zone Lead Medical Officer of Health  
South Zone

**Measles:**

Measles is a viral illness with fever, cough, runny nose or red eyes, and a red blotchy rash. It is spread easily through the air. Symptoms usually start 8 – 12 days after exposure; it takes about 14 days for rash to appear. About one in three children with measles will suffer more severe problems, including ear infections, diarrhea, croup, pneumonia, febrile seizures and inflammation of the brain (encephalitis). Persons who may have measles should contact Health Link Alberta (811).

**Protection Against Measles:**

Persons born in 1970 or later are considered protected if they have a written record of two doses of live measles-containing vaccine. The first dose must have been given on or after the first birthday, and the second one after a minimum time has passed (differs by vaccine).

Persons born before 1970 are considered protected because most have been infected.

**Measles-Containing Vaccines:**

Children aged 1 year and 4-6 years of age are offered measles-containing vaccine at no charge as part of the Alberta routine childhood immunization program.








**Exclusion from school due to lack of protection against measles:**

- Exclusion lasts from 5 days after the first exposure up to 21 days after the last exposure. This continues for each new case. All persons attending, working or volunteering at school will be considered exposed, whether they were present when the person with measles was at school or not.
- Excluded persons must remain at home to avoid exposure of others in the community.
- Persons who get measles must remain at home for four days after the start of the rash.

**To find a local Public Health Centre:**

- visit the Alberta Health Services website [www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca) select *Find Health Care, Find Hospitals and Facilities, Facility Type, and Public Health Centres*
- call Health Link Alberta (811)
- consult a phone book

[For information about immunization visit immunizealberta.ca](http://immunizealberta.ca)

 <b>September</b> - NOTRE DAME SCHOOL						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>Welcome Back!</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Labour Day – No School for students and staff.</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Meet the Staff Night 6:30-7:30pm (Gymnasium)</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Safety on board bus presentation Gr 1-2.</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>School Opening Liturgies with Fr. Leo: K-6 9:30 am At Notre Dame</b> 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Professional Development Day No School</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Picture Day</b>  <b>Panda and School Council General meeting 6:30pm</b> 	<b>20</b> <b>Picture day for remaining ECS</b> 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Day of Mercy: Winter Coats and Hoodies due today!</b> 	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

## *Back to School Safety Reminders*

### **To keep children safe, motorists should:**

- Scan farther down the road and obey posted speed limits. Always be prepared to slow down or stop.
- Use caution when approaching intersections or mid-block crosswalks. Parked or stopped vehicles may hide a pedestrian who is crossing the road.
- Adhere to school and playground zone speed limits. The speed limit in a school zone is 30 km/h and is in effect on school days from 8 am – 9:30 am, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, and 3 – 4:30 pm.
- Expect the unexpected. Children may cross the street at the wrong place or at the wrong time.
- When approaching a school bus with flashing red lights activated, you must stop.

### **To stay safe, students should:**

- While walking to the bus stop or walking to school, never run and be alert to what is going on around you.
- While waiting for the bus, wait in a safe place away from the roadway.
- Follow bus safety rules. These include staying seated while the bus is moving and not creating unnecessary noise as to not distract the driver.
- Rules for using marked crosswalks safely still apply even in school zones.
- Point across the road to indicate to drivers that you want to cross.
- Pause until the cars have come to a stop and you've made eye contact with the driver.
- Proceed with your arm extended after the cars in all lanes have stopped.

~ Information care of <http://foxinfofocus.ca/2012/09/03/back-to-school-safety-reminders/>

