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September 2020

Dear Parents.

Welcome back St. Teresa Families! We wish to welcome our in-school and at home learners as well as their families to the 2020-2021 school year. While we know this year will look different, we are so grateful to be back in school and to have the continued support of our St. Teresa school community. We continue to do our best to ease your child into their new classroom in a safe, and caring way. Our division theme is, 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart' and we will rely on this theme to guide our school year.

We have a few notes and updates to share with you. Please remember to visit our website for up-to-date information and announcements: https://www.stteresaschool.ca.

COVID-19 Updates

Please ensure that you are completing the daily self screening questionnaire for each of your children each day. Note, these do not have to be handed in. <u>Daily COVID-19 Questionnaire</u> If you answer yes to any of the questions, at this time we are asking you to keep your child at home. We understand that this is different and can be difficult for families, but appreciate your assistance in keeping everyone at our school healthy. Please refer to our Division Parent/Student Handbook for updated information. RDCRS Parent/Student Handbook.

Please note the following changes for this school year:

- No hot lunch at this time
- No milk program
- No early Monday dismissal

Our school calendar's can be found on our school website: St. Teresa 2020-2021 Calendars

Late

If your child arrives at school after the bell and after students have entered, we ask that they come to the front door and proceed to through the office doorway so that they can be marked as late. If they go to their grade-level doors they will find the doors locked.

School Fees

We are waiting for further instructions in regards to fees and payment in regards to these fees. We will inform you once we have more information.

Transportation Fees

Invoices will be sent out in October to those who have registered and have fees owing.

School Advisory Council

St. Teresa of Avila has a very active school advisory council. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to become involved in their childs' school. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, September 21 at 6:30pm and will be held using the Google Meet platform. Please watch for the meeting link to be shared with you next week. We look forward to meeting new parents who wish to be part of our SAC.

Student Recognition

This year our Bucket Filler for Jesus Awards are to be changed to The Mindful Student Recognition. Each classroom will recognize students who demonstrate that they are present with God through Mindfulness, Gratitude and Kindness. At this time we can not have parents in the school to celebrate with us, certificates will be sent home for these awards. The Mindful Student Recognition will take place every other month.

Our monthly Terrific Kid Recognition will also take place in individual classrooms. Mr. McCullough and Mrs. Zimmerman will present the t-shirts donated by the Kiwanis Club of Red Deer each month to the students who have been nominated. Our staff also have the opportunity to nominate our students for the Trust in the Lord positive phone call home recognition. Mrs. Zimmerman will meet with the student to make the positive call home to parents. We look forward to celebrating the many gifts of our students this year.

2020-2021 Staffing

At the very end of June we found out that Mrs. Christina McInenly accepted a position at our division office. We wish her the best of luck in her new role and thank her for her many contributions to St. Teresa of Avila School.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA STAFF 2020-2021						
Pre-Kindergarten	Mrs. Lowe EA's: Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Testanti	Physical Education Specialist	Mrs. Mauro			
Kindergarten	Miss Maloughney	Music Specialist	Miss Murphy			
Grade One	Mrs. Ashcroft Mrs. Aucoin Miss Dobson	LIFT	Miss Angelvedt Mrs. Berube Miss Murphy			
Grade Two	Mrs. Fischer Mrs. Kundert Mrs. Smith	Learning Commons	Mrs. Fox			
Grade Three	Ms. Gorbunova Mrs. Lamarche Mr. Monks Mrs. O'Neill (At Home Learning Teacher)	Office Administration Assistants	Mrs. Foster Mrs. Gosnell			

Grade Four	Miss Foerderer Mrs. Gyori - Grade 4/5 blend Mrs. Schmucker	Foundations	Mrs. Budvardson Mrs. Langlois EA Team: Mrs. Banfield Mr. Calixterio Miss Clark Mrs.Cooper Mrs. Freed Miss Friesen Mrs. Gero Mr. Kim Mr. Liyange Ms. McLean Mrs. Ruryk Mrs. Solorzano Mrs. Tanner Mrs. Veillette		
Grade Five	Mrs. Bowers Mrs. Gyori - Grade 4/5 blend Mrs. Whiting	Administration Team	Mr. McCullough Mrs. Zimmerman		
Counselling Team	Mrs. Fleming Mrs. Lynch Ms. Masson - Family School Enhancement Counsellor Mrs. Swinston - Family School Enhancement Counsellor				
Maintenance Staff	Mr. Martinez				
Grades K - 1 Student Support Team	Mrs. Hamel Mrs Mrs. Harmon Mrs	. Looker s. Mazerolle . Nystrom . Thomas			

Please do not hesitate to contact our school office if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Yours in Catholic Education,

J. Nicole Zimmerman

Principal

Chris McCullough Vice-Principal