



June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear Parents,

It is hard to wrap our heads around that it is the beginning of June, and we are in end of the year procedures. I want to thank everyone for their contributions and for making this year fantastic for our students as we close the school early for our seismic upgrade and renovations. With the last day of school next Friday, the school has begun to prepare itself to close for the summer by packing up all the classrooms and removing all items from the walls. I am very appreciative of the parents who will be donating their time and talents to continuing this effort as we remove whiteboards, Chromebook charging stations, projectors and other large items from the classroom on June 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of 30+ volunteers on those days. Lunch will be provided.

I've said before that I find June to be a bitter/sweet month because it is a time when we say goodbye to families who are moving away or who are moving onto high school while we say hello to the new families who are eagerly anticipating joining our school in September. In that spirit, we have already begun preparing for next year. As we look to next year, there are a few items that we believe to be of an important note to returning and new families.

### 1. **Starting and Ending the Day**

These past couple of years has allowed us to make changes to how we start and end the day that will be used indefinitely.

#### **Start and End Times**

- Staggered Start and Dismissal Times - School will start at 8:50am for grade 2, 3, 6 and 7 and at 8:55am for Kindergarten, grade 1, 4 and 5.
- Classroom entrance and exit - It is safer for the child to enter the school through their classroom door. Only parents in Kindergarten and Gr. 1 will be allowed to drop off and pick up their child at the door. The courtyard and basketball area will remain a student only area.
- No Parent or Visitor Access to the Playground and Basketball Area - No parents will be allowed to escort their child down the hallway to their classroom. Nor will parents be allowed to wait in the basketball area or have their child play on the playground after school. These are student only areas and reserved for Stingers Club Students after school. Parents will be limited to the front foyer to speak with the office administrator when needed.



### **Drop Off and Pick Up**

- Drop-off and pick-up route - The route will remain the same as it has brought much needed order and safety into our parking lot. The gate by the field will be open for students during drop off and pick up times. The basketball area and area sectioned off by pylons will be a students only area. Parents are to wait in the parking lot for their child. Please cross at the crosswalk at all times.

### **2. Seismic Upgrade and Changes to the Start of School**

As you may have noticed, Smith Brothers Wilson (SBW) has already begun construction on the school. They will continue to work on demolition from 3:30pm to 9pm the rest of this week and all next week. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, SBW will assume occupancy of the school and the premise will be off limits to everyone.

**We expect the first day of school to be Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** School will end at 12pm on the first day of school. If there are delays for the start of the school year, we will relay that message through our newsletter, the Remind App and social media as soon as we know of the delay.

We will need several parents to volunteer from September 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> to help get the school back in order for the students. This will entail unpacking boxes, installing the whiteboards, projectors, and Chromebook stations, and moving items from the gym back to the classrooms and into the attic. We are hopeful to have 15-20 parents each day.

### **3. School Calendar**

For our 2022-2023 school year, we will only be using the Google Calendar in our school. We ask families to go to our website to view our calendar that is updated regularly. You can add our calendar to your own Google calendar. You can find it under our “School Life” tab. Our Google Calendar is a living document and dates will be added and changed throughout the year, so please check the calendar often.

### **4. Office Hours**

Our physical office will close on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm due to the seismic upgrade and renovations. From June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> our office can be reached through email – [admin@stbernadette.ca](mailto:admin@stbernadette.ca).

Our physical office will not open until Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>. From August 22<sup>nd</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> you can reach the office through email – [admin@stbernadette.ca](mailto:admin@stbernadette.ca).

### **5. Summer Maintenance**

During construction gardeners are needed to reclaim our gardens and keep up with watering and weeding. If you would like to earn parent participation hours by helping out with summer landscaping, please contact Vic Naval at [maintenance@stbernadette.ca](mailto:maintenance@stbernadette.ca) to arrange times and dates.



## 6. Stingers Activity Club

We are happy to have Ms. Cristina Ricafort return as our coordinator along with several educational assistants who help run the Stingers Activity Club. The Stingers Club is open to all students of St. Bernadette's and it offers fun activities and learning opportunities beyond the classroom. For more information, please contact the office or Ms. Ricafort at [stingersclub@stbernadette.ca](mailto:stingersclub@stbernadette.ca).

## 7. Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast

We are excited to see the return of our annual Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the PEC. The breakfast starts at roughly 9am. Expect long line ups as typically everyone tends to show up at roughly the same time and we do our best to quickly serve the pancakes. This is a wonderful event where families get to reconnect and enjoy catching up prior to the start of school at 10am.

## 8. 2020-2021 Teaching Assignments

We are welcoming a few new staff members to our team next year. Mr. Josh Conway will be our new grade 7 teacher. Mr. Anthony de Guzman will be our new Grade 2 teacher. Ms. Laurie Bennett will continue as the Learning Resource Teacher and will also be the new Vice-Principal. We also want to take this opportunity to say farewell but not goodbye to Ms. Boni Kosman, Ms. Harriet Stuart, and Bob Barry who are all retiring after several years of service to the CISVA. A wealth of history, tradition, knowledge, and expertise will be leaving us as they embark on new adventures.

The following is the classroom teaching assignments for next year.

Learning Resource/Vice Principal – Ms. Bennett

Kindergarten – Ms. Schollen

Grade 1 – Ms. Buenvenida

Grade 2 – Mr. de Guzman

Grade 3 – Ms. Misiti

Grade 4 – Ms. Hillard

Grade 5 – Ms. Bourassa

Grade 6 – Mr. Champion

Grade 7 – Mr. Conway

French – Ms. Potusek

Physical Education – Mr. Barber



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## 9. Additional Staffing

Below are the assignments for the support staff of St. Bernadette's.

Educational Assistants:	Ms. D'Costa
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	Ms. Green
	Ms. Junk
	Ms. Landon
	Ms. Leslie
	Ms. MacRae
	Ms. Nath
	Ms. Pimentel
	Ms. Yee
Office Administrator:	Ms. Vader
Human Resources/Bookkeeper:	Ms. Gelz
Stingers Activity Club Coordinator:	Ms. Ricafort
Custodians:	MasterCare Janitorial Services

Once again, I would like to thank you for a wonderful year. I wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and blessed summer. I look forward to seeing you in September and hearing all about your summer adventures!

Yours in Christ,

Michael van der Pauw  
Principal