## École Mother Teresa School Welcome Back Newsletter

We hope this letter finds you well while you enjoyed some of the beautiful weather we experienced this summer. We just wanted to take a moment to welcome you back and update you on a few of the things that we are busy working on to prepare for your children coming back to us.

Mme Voytechek and I are very excited to be back with the École Mother Teresa School community and we look forward to continuing to work with



all our families. We would like to welcome our new staff members. Ms Lamontagne will be replacing Mrs. Foster as our music and band teacher while Mrs. Foster enjoys her new baby girl. Mrs. Fisher will be joining our Grade 8 and 9 teams and Mrs. Blanke has joined our lovely Educational Assistants team .We are excited for the upcoming school year and for all that it will bring. Please know that our doors and phone lines are open and we will do our best to support you and your children during the 2025/2026 school year.

Our division has a new Faith theme for the next three years. This year, we will focus on being 'Guided by Grace' and our faith will remain at the core of all we do. The relationships that have been and will be built amongst us will provide a powerful foundation for continuing on our journey together.

Anchored in Faith: Guided by Grace, Uplifted by Hope, Transformed by Love

Ancré dans la foi: Guidé par la grâce, porté par l'espoir, transformé par l'amour

We look forward to seeing everyone at Meet the Staff on Tuesday August 26th from 3:30-4:30. It will be great to see all the refreshed and smiling faces. All parents will receive a back to school email from their new homeroom teacher on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. At this time, we will not be doing classroom changes but please keep the lines of communication open so we can best support your child and ensure optimal success at our school.

Our first day of school is on August 28th. Please note only Grades 5 and 6 will be doing staggered entry during the first two days. For our grade 7, 8 and 9's, classes start on Thursday. They will begin the school year by receiving their timetables and lockers and will choose

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exploratories and have the opportunity to build connections with the many new students joining us this year.

## **Important Information**

- School opening- our school office is now open but please know the office will be closed on Monday, August 25, 2025 for our opening staff meeting and division mass.
- Class lists will be shared on August 26 around 1:30pm- please watch for an email.
- First days of the 2025-2026 school year
  - o August 26th at 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.- Meet the Staff
  - August 28th: Grade 5 & 6- Staggered entry for last names A-L
  - August 28th: First day of school for grades 7,8 and 9 (no staggered entry)
  - August 29th: Grade 5 & 6 Staggered entry for last names M-Z
  - August 29th: regular classes for grades 7, 8 and 9
- Our opening celebration will be on September 10, 2025 at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, all are welcome to attend.

## **Important links and documents:**

- Coaching and volunteer form
- School website
- Cell Phone policy
- Rewrite Procedures

We thank you for your support and for working alongside us at EMTS. Please know that we are excited for the upcoming year and look forward to seeing all the refreshed faces of our students.

As always, please do not hesitate to ask questions or reach out. Our school office is now open.

Yours in Christ,

Mme Erika Pottage

Principal