



**Waterloo Catholic
District School Board**
Quality, Inclusive, Faith Based Education

Welcome to Kindergarten at



St. John's
Catholic Elementary School

Playing, Learning and Growing in Kindergarten!



Meet the Kindergarten Team!



Ms. Nantel



Ms. Schultz



Mr. Murray



Mr. Pezzack



Ms. G



Ms. Crowley



Mrs. Shalaby



Mrs. Reetz



Mrs. Alvarado



Mrs. Schwartz

Staggered Entry

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 7 <u>Labour Day</u> No School	Sept 8 Scheduled school visits for JK (2022) & NEW SK (2021) students This is NOT a full day of school.	Sept 9 <u>All SK (2021)</u> students attend all day NO JK students today	Sept 10 <u>All SK (2021)</u> students attend all day <u>Group A:</u> JK (2022) students attend all day	Sept 11 <u>All SK (2021)</u> students attend all day <u>Group B:</u> JK (2022) students attend all day
Sept 14 All Kindergarten students attend all day	Sept 15	Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18



What Will My Child Need for Kindergarten?

Reusable water bottle that is preferably spill proof



PLEASE TAKE TIME TO LABEL EVERYTHING!



Extra clothing including: shirt, pants, underwear and socks.

A lunch kit with reusable containers that children are able to open and close independently.

Large backpack that will hold extra clothing, lunch kit, reusable water bottle, library book, mail bag, art projects and more!



A pair of Velcro running shoes for indoors and gym class.



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Medical Conditions

Ensuring the health and safety of children with medical conditions is essential to promoting well-being!

Life Threatening Conditions:

- Asthma
- Anaphylaxis
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Heart condition

****please inform the school Principal & our Kindergarten Team**

No nut products are permitted at school.

If there are any other food allergies in your child's classroom the educators will let you know.



Safe Arrival and Dismissal

We have lots of proven routines to keep your child safe at school!

- Children supervised by a staff member at all times during the school day
- AM dropoff: parents/guardians must stay with your child until supervision begins in the morning
- PM pickup: parents/ guardians wait in a designated area at the end of the day for an educator to dismiss students.
- *Bus Students* – Staff members meet children at the bus in the AM and gather students inside the school for PM dismissal



Entry Bell Time: 9:15am
Lunch Hour: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Dismissal Time: 3:45pm



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BUS & SAFETY PATROLS

Many elementary school buses are monitored by fully trained safety patrollers. These students assist younger students when entering/exiting the bus & they provide support to the bus driver in the event of an emergency situation.

WALK OR BIKE TO YOUR BUS STOP OR SCHOOL



There are many reasons to use active travel daily with your student:

- Increased classroom focus up to 4 hours
- Opportunity to practice traffic safety
- More fun together than being in a car
- Reduced traffic near schools & bus stops



BUS DELAYS & CANCELLATION NOTIFICATIONS



To receive text & email notifications regarding your student's transportation, please create an account through the Parent Portal at www.stswr.ca.

FIRST RIDER PROGRAM

This program held in June of each year helps JK/SK students prepare for riding the bus in September. It includes safety information & a ride on a real school bus to make them comfortable.

Registration details will be sent out in April for families living in the bus zone.

CONTACT US

-  www.stswr.ca
-  www.stswr.ca/contacts/feedback
-  519-744-7575



Student Transportation
Services of Waterloo Region

S.T.S.W.R.



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Waterloo Region Public Health School Immunization Program

Vaccination protects children from many serious diseases that are easily spread in schools and child care settings. Each vaccine is given at a specific age, and some require multiple doses. Children attending school (Kindergarten-Grade 12) or licensed child care must either have proof of the required vaccinations, or a valid medical or non-medical exemption. Your child can get vaccinated through their family doctor. Children born between 2008 and 2022 can book an appointment at a routine catch-up clinic.



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Social Media and Privacy

"Our students and staff enjoy opportunities to share some of their activities with parents and the school community through teams, clubs and special events. We ask that families use their discretion when taking photographs or videos at school events and consider the privacy of other students who may be also present in those pictures. We would appreciate if families not upload images of students other than their own to the Internet (e.g. YouTube or Facebook)."

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Monitoring My Child's Development

The Looksee Checklist is a simple, easy-to-use developmental tool designed to help monitor a child's development from 1 month to 6 years of age, featuring a short list of "yes" or "no" questions about your child's abilities. If you have any concerns, please contact your family physician.



To access this website, click [HERE](#).

Toilet Learning

If your child is not toilet trained when they enter school in September, please let us know on the [School Entry Questionnaire](#) that you will receive.

If you require further information to support you and your child with toilet learning, please visit [My Toilet Training Guide](#) (www.durham.ca).

When to seek medical assistance:

- If your child has not learned or refuses to use the toilet after several months of attempts at toilet learning
- Or if your child is older than 4 years old



Getting an Eye Exam is Important Before You Start School!

Eye exams for children 0-18 are covered under your OHIP card. Should your child require glasses, all Year 1 Kindergarten students are also covered for the cost of their first pair of glasses.

Click on the picture and open the link to learn more about Eye See...Eye Learn!

You can also visit the website directly by clicking [HERE](#).



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