



St. Joseph Aurora CES



Week at a Glance: September 5-8, 2023

Welcome Back Jaguars!

Principal's message

Welcome and welcome back to students and their families to another great year at St. Joseph Aurora! We hope the summer allowed your family to refresh and recharge yourselves. We're excited to welcome students back into the classroom. School staff have been working many hours to prepare for a successful 2023-24 year.

The partnership of family, school, and Our Lady of Grace parish is so important to the development of students. This partnership fosters students as they strive to achieve their best, enrich their faith and form positive relationships with peers. We look forward to sharing in your commitment to student learning and achievement while fostering the development of the whole child.

On Tuesday, September 5, students in Grade 1 will gather in the former Kindergarten yard where staff will be there to greet them and help them find their classroom teacher. Students in Grades 2 to 8 will be gathering on the school pavement from 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. During this time, the playground will be supervised by staff. Staff will be outside to greet our students and help them to find their teachers and lines. At 9:00 a.m., students will be lining up in their designated area and will be accompanied into the building by their classroom teacher.

Parents are not permitted to enter the school yard. Although you are not a stranger to your child, you are to other children. We do not want having strangers in the yard to be a student's norm, as they may not respond to perilous situations thinking the adult may be a parent and not a stranger. Thank you for your cooperation!

Yours in Catholic Education,
P. Thompson

Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our hearts and minds to new friends, teammates and teachers.

Amen

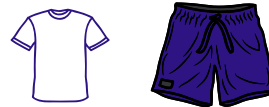
Important reminders for all families



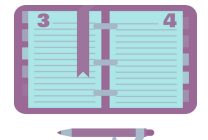
Terry Fox day is September 15. Stay tuned for details about this exciting event. Last year SJA raised more than \$1000 for Cancer Research.



Please pack extra cutlery in your child's lunch bag in the event that they forget their cutlery on a certain day. We do not have extra spoons or forks in the office.



If you're purchasing school clothing to replace items your child has outgrown please keep in mind our school dress code is plain white or navy tops with plain navy bottoms.



Just a reminder that student agendas will be distributed to classes. The cost is \$6. Please submit this fee as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!



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Anaphylaxis safety

At St. Joseph, there are students with potentially life-threatening forms of allergic reactions called anaphylaxis - primarily to peanuts and/or tree nuts. If a child with a nut allergy comes in contact with even a small amount of peanut or tree nut product, the child may develop hives, swelling and/or have difficulty breathing

Due to the severity of this condition, parents are requested to ensure that lunches DO NOT contain peanut or tree nut products. Classwide treats such as cupcakes, birthday cakes, donuts or Timbits are not permitted because of the risks associated with these products for students with severe allergies.

Please refrain from bringing in McDonalds, Tim Hortons or other food from non-peanut/nut free facilities. These items pose a serious risk to our anaphylactic students. Students who have an anaphylactic allergy are required to bring in an EPI-PEN to wear on their person as well as a second EPI-PEN for the office as soon as possible. Families of students with an anaphylactic allergy are required to submit the appropriate forms to alert the school as soon as possible. S16 and S16a forms are found on the school website.

Contact List

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PAULA THOMPSON
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Open House

We look forward to welcoming new and returning families to St. Joseph Aurora's open house on Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 6-7 pm. Parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and learn about what to expect this school year. See you there!

Dress Code

Just a reminder to all parents and students that our Standardized Dress Code colours are white and navy. Students may wear plain white or navy shirts (long or short sleeve) with plain navy bottoms (shorts, pants, joggers, skirts or tunics). Any logo should be no larger than a loonie coin. Jeans are not permitted. Stay tuned for the opening of our Spirit Wear store! Spirit wear can be worn any day. We are asking parents for their support in ensuring that students are in full dress code everyday. Thank you for your cooperation.

Coming Events

- September 8
Opening school liturgy @ 10:45 am
- September 15
Terry Fox day
- September 20
Open House 6-7 pm
- September 22
PA Day
- September 26
Grade 7 and 8 immunization
- September 29
Civvies Day
- Orange Shirt Day**
- October 19
Photo day



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Transportation tips for parents

- Please send a note with your child indicating whether or not you are picking up from the school or if your child should take the bus home on the first day and any subsequent days which are a change of routine.
- Please do NOT park in the bus loop as this creates a safety hazard for bus riders.
- Be aware that bus arrival times both morning and afternoon will likely be delayed for the first few days.
- Adult caregivers must be at the bus stop in the afternoon when the bus arrives. Please arrive earlier than the posted arrival time.

Staff Directory

Grade 1

Mme. Benoit
Mme. De Luca

Grade 2

Mme. D'Aguanno
Mme. Karam

Grade 2/3

Mme. Moore

Grade 3

Mme. Raposo

Grade 4

Ms. Sloan

Grade 4/5

M. Levacque

Grade 5

Mme. Mirabelli

Grade 6

Ms. Di Luca

Grade 7

Mme. Capizzo

Grade 7/8

Mme. McTaggart

Grade 8

Ms. Blas

Phys. Ed.

Mme. August

Mme Palma

Mme Mongillo

Core Resource

Ms. Di Matteo

Ms. Bertone EA

Music

Ms. Mino

Library

Ms. DiGiulio

Custodians

Mr. Bristow

Mr. Pogue

Mr. Tersigni