

# St. Augustine School

330-3rd Street, Brandon, MB R7A 3C3 Phone: (204) 729-3285

"Learning in His Spirit"

September 2021 Virtue: Faith

# **Mission Statement**

St. Augustine seeks to provide a safe educational environment for all students which will allow growth academically, physically, socially ,emotionally and spiritually. A school environment is created in which a belief in God's teachings are integrated into the school program and stressed as a way of life.

# Important dates:

# September

Sept 8 First day of school

Kindergarten Interviews Start

Sept 10 First day for Kindergarten

Sept 21 Picture Day

## October

Oct 1 Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL

Oct 11 Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL

Oct 22 Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL



# **Update**

If over the summer any of your contact information has changed, address, phone numbers, etc. please contact the school office at 204-729-3285 or email the school at stugustine@bsd.ca.

## Attendance/Call Back

If your child is going to be absent/late for school for any reason, we ask that you call our school at 204-729-3285. If you do not contact the school, our school automated call back will initiate to call your contact numbers in our Student Information System. Your child will have an unexcused absence until you call and excuse your child's absence.

# WELCOME BACK



Welcome back to St. Augustine School! Home of the Sabres!

As a Catholic School, the staff will continue to maintain our school's core elements: our faith in God, building our home school community, encouraging students to reach their academic potential and showing respect for God, for others and for themselves. God bless our school!

- Mr. C. Czarnecki - Principal

## Reminders

- No microwaves available at lunch time.
- No Canteen available.
- No Milk program until further notice.
- Parents are asked to send forks or spoons if needed for lunch.
- Please remember to send an extra mask.
- No water fountains please send water bottle.
- Reminder to parents that we have students/staff with Nut,
   Fish, Egg, and strong scents allergies. Please be mindful of this when you are packing lunches or sending snacks to school.

# **School Agenda**

The School Agendas will be sent home on the 1st day. Please take time to read the school handbook section as it contains important information. If your child does not receive an agenda please contact Mrs. Langlois in the school office at 204-729-3285.

# **Bell Times**

8:45 am Bell for students to come into classrooms

Start of along

8:55 Start of class

**10:30-10:45** Morning recess

**11:45-12:45 pm** Lunch Hour **12:50** Start of class

2:20-2:35 Afternoon recess

3:30 End of Classes

# Staff 2021-2022

Our staff for the year is as follows:

\* - new to St. Augustine School for 2021-22

Principal - Mr. Czarnecki

Kindergarten - Ms. Marshall\*

Gr. 1 - Mrs. Affleck

Gr. 2 - Mrs. Irwin

Gr. 3 - Ms. Lacerte\* / Mrs. Woloshyn

Gr. 4 - Ms. Romanow

Gr. 5 - Mr. Affleck

Gr. 6 - Ms. Mcgowan\*

Gr. 7 - Mr. Kanski

Gr. 8 - Ms. Bajus

Phys. Ed - Mr. DeRoo

Music - Mrs. Wilts

Librarian and Continuous Improvement

Coach - Mrs. Hayter

Resource and Gr. 7 & 8 French -

Ms. Swaenepoel

Guidance Counsellor - Mrs. DeRoo\*

School Social Worker- Mrs. Driedger

Reading Recovery/ Academic Support -

Ms. Kindrat

Academic Support -Mrs. Woloshyn

School Admin Assistant - Mrs. Langlois

Home School Liaison & EA - Mrs. Sangster

Educational Assistant - Mrs. Aquino

Educational Assistant - Ms. Norman

Educational Assistant - Mrs. Sirett

Educational Assistant- Mrs. Moroz\*

Educational Assistant-Navi Moria\*

Lunch hour Supervisors - Mr. Czarnecki,

Mrs. Sangster, Mrs. Moroz, Mrs. Sirett,

Ms. Norman, Mrs. Aquino, Ms. Moria and

Mrs. Langlois

Custodian - Mrs. Moffitt

Custodial Assistant - Mrs. Mendez



## St. Augustine School Opening Protocols

The Province of Manitoba and Brandon School Division have release the Back to School Protocols to address the lingering health challenges of the COVID Pandemic. St. Augustine School will be implementing the protocols outline in the BSD plan. In order to assist you in helping your child prepare for their return to school we want to highlight the following expectations:

- Students and staff will continue to follow the fundamentals of self-screening, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and staying home when sick.
- Families are asked to screen their children daily for COVID-19 symptoms and keep them home and follow the public health recommendation for testing. If students become ill while they are at school, they will rest in a quiet space and family will be contacted to pick up their child. You will find the COVID Screening tool at <a href="https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/">https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/</a>
- If your child is immunocompromised or there is someone in your family that is immunocompromised, the Province has set up the Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre to support your child's learning at home, if you choose for them to learn remotely. Please contact the school for more details.
- We will be implementing class cohorts in grades K 6, and cohorts of up to 75 students in grade 7 and 8.
- We will be physically distancing students to the greatest extent possible. Students
  will have designated entry and exit doors to facilitate and limit the number of students accessing an entrance at one time.
- All students, K 8, as well as staff and visitors are expected to wear a mask unless they are unable to do so due to health reasons or who are unable to properly wear a mask. Mask exception forms are available at the office.
- We will be limiting the number of adults in our school. We are asking families to drop their students off at their designated doors outside. If you need to come into the school, we ask that you come to the office and we can assist you. You will be required to wear a mask if entering the building.
- High traffic areas will be cleaned and sanitized more frequently, which will include
  washrooms and water bottle fill stations. Students are asked to bring a water bottle to school daily, as our water fountains will not be accessible, but they will be
  able to use the water fill stations.

We will continue to adjust our plan to align with current Public Health Orders and Brandon School Division expectations related to COVID-19. The health of all of our students, staff, and families is a high priority.

## **Door Entry and Exit Plan**

## Kindergarten and Grade 4 classes.

Use the front Main Office entrance on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Kindergarten students will assemble on the front south yard (flagpole side of the entrance way into the school.) Grade 4 students will assemble on the front north yard.

Kindergarten students will enter and exit first – followed by Grade 4 students.

## Grade 1, 2 and 3 classes.

Use North Entrance facing Lorne Avenue. Cohort will assemble in lines on the north yard facing Lorne Avenue by grade and separated from other grades.

### Grade 5 and 6 classes

Use the Southeast door (playground and boot racks) on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Proceed upstairs to class-rooms. Students will assemble on the playground on the cement area.

#### Grade 7 and 8 classes

Use the West door (top of the ramp) next to the church. Grade 7 students will assemble on the outdoor ramp and Grade 8 students on the platform next to the church. Students will proceed down the indoor ramp and up the main staircase to their classroom.

## **Options Host School Information**

Grade 7 and 8 students attending band at Earl Oxford, Human Ecology (Home Ec.), or Industrial Arts at Riverheights will need to enter through the designated doors at their host school. Students will board the bus at St. Augustine School to travel to and from their host schools for these options. Students will be expected to sit in their designated spot on the bus, wear their mask properly at all times, and stay seated until asked to disembark.

#### Visitors in the School

This is a friendly reminder to family members to drop their children off outside their designated area/door prior to school and wait outside for their student to be dismissed in order to minimize potential COVID exposure within the school.

Thank you for supporting this protocol during these challenging times. We look forward to the day when we can welcome and greet our families inside our school on a more regular basis.

# St. Augustine School Student Prayer

Blessed St. Augustine, I place my studies under your powerful protection. Your intercession has often helped me to make progress in leaning and devotion. I choose you as the protector and patron of my studies. Through your intercession, may the Holy Spirit fill me with light and strength, intelligence and humility. I implore the Creator of all things to grant me the ability to grasp things correctly, and the talent of being exact in my explanations. Amen.