



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

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Hello SPT Parents,

To some of you I welcome you back, and to others I welcome you to our school. I look forward to getting to know you and catching up with you as the weeks progress. It is the most wonderful time of the year for us, here at SPT. We are excited to fill our hallways with our students and to get down to the business of Loving to Learn and Learning to Love. First on our agenda is to make sure your child's first days of school are as successful as possible, so here are some informational items that will make your first few days run smoothly.

1. **Drop Off on the First Day of School, August 31, 2022.** Our doors will open at 8:20, at this time you can bring your child to their classroom and help them get settled if you wish to do so. Once they are settled they will have the option to stay in the classroom or go outside to play. Our Admin team will be outside at 8:20 supervising on the playground. Classes commence at 8:30 so after that all students must be in their classrooms. We look forward to seeing you all on the 31st. If you feel that you need to be here sooner to help with First Day Jitters, you are welcome to come into the school and wait in our gathering space before it is time to go to the classroom.
2. **After the First Day Drop Off we start our Temporary Morning Routine on Thursday, September 1, 2022.** Unless there are other plans made with your child's teacher, our students will be meeting our Admin Team outside to play at 8:20 until the bell at 8:28. Kids can play or wait by their door, as long as our adult on supervision can see them. Classes will start at 8:30. If your child is experiencing anxiety you are welcome to wait with them in our Gathering Space.
3. **Regularly Morning Routine Begins Tuesday, September 6, 2022.** Our Breakfast Program is set to start Tuesday, September 6. All students are welcome to use our program and will have access to a nutritious breakfast starting at 8:10am in our gathering space. Nicole Smith is our Breakfast Program Provider. If you wish to come in and sit with your child you are welcome to do so. At 8:20 your child will have the option to stay in the lunch room or go outside to the playground.
4. **Arriving at School After 8:30?** No worries, just look for our admin team and see if they are outside. If our admin team is no longer visible then please have your child go through our front doors.
5. **Pick Up Time -The End of Day Routine at SPT.** This will be the same as last year. For safety reasons we ask that all parents wait outside for our teachers to bring our students to you. Our bus students will be boarding the busses at 3:10 with the goal to have our busses leaving the parking lot at 3:15. 3:15 is our new dismissal time for our entire school. Teachers will be outside if you wish to talk to them. Also, if your child needs to grab something from inside you are welcome to go into the school with your child after 3:15.



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6. **During the Day “Pop-Ins” to the School.** At all times our side doors will remain locked for safety protocols at SPT. Our front doors will remain open throughout the day, so you can check in at our office and they will assist you with anything you may need.
7. **School Agendas & Changes to Your Plans.** Part of our school fees is the school agenda used for personal organization and school-home communication. We ask that if your child is on the bus or if their after school routine is different, write it in the agenda. We check these on a daily basis. **Please do not rely on bloomz or texting the teacher at the end of the day.** This is a busy time for our teachers and they are unable to check their phones. If it is a last minute change please contact the school office at 403-223-3352. Thank you.
8. Lastly, I would like to encourage you to be part of our school council. Your ideas will help make our school a great place to learn. You would be involved in providing fundraising opportunities for our community and planning family events. Our monthly meeting times will be determined during the first meeting or two. We try our best to find a time that works for everyone interested in being a part of our SPT School Council. Our **first meeting is Thursday, September 1, 2022** at 3:45 PM in our Gathering Space. Children are welcome to be here, they can play in the gym or go outside, yet supervision is still up to the parents. If anyone knows of an older child who would like to help with childcare at this time please let us know.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs. Nevil

A few things to look forward to:

- Our Welcome Back Mass is Thursday, September 15 at 11:15 AM in our Gathering Space. All are welcome.
- Our Welcome Back Family BBQ is September 22 5:00-7:00 PM at our school. Bring the whole family!