



September Newsletter

St. Alfred Staff

Our staff for this year is as follows;

Principal – Mr. Bishop
Secretary – Mrs. Elias
FDK – Mrs. Roper / Ms. Sokal
FDK – Mrs. Palmer-Almond / Mrs. Cataldo-Lo Greco
FDK – Mrs. Biagi / Mrs. Nieves
Gr. 1 – Mrs. Worden
Gr. 1 – Mrs. Levitt
Gr. 2 – Mrs. Heyes
Gr. 2 – Miss DiDiodato
Gr. 3 – Mrs. Maney
Gr. 3 – Mrs. Christie
Gr. 3/4 – Miss Funk
Gr. 4 – Mr. Pantusa
Gr. 4/5 – Mrs. Vieira / Mr. Wallace
Gr. 5/6 – Miss Allard
Gr. 6 – Mr. Webb
Gr. 6/7 – Miss Mastroianni
Gr. 7 – Miss Lorence
Gr. 7/8 – Mrs. Wheeler
Gr. 8 – Mr. Paxton
ERT – Mrs. Warner
FSL – Mme. Santos
FSL – Mme. Hardy
PTM – Mrs. Brooks
PTM – Mr. Goslin
Music – Mr. Friesen
ESL – Miss Amorim
Library – Ms. Cho
EA – Mrs. Egan
EA – Mrs. Kealey
EA – Mrs. Doucette
EA – Mr. McCarthy
EA – Ms. Richard
EA – Ms. Lagace / Mr. Ferrara
EA – Mr. Szczepanski
EA – Mr. Saranchuk
CYW – Mrs. Rogers
Caretaker – Mr. Sansotta
Caretaker – Ms. Asner
Caretaker – Mrs. Apellado

School Cash Online

We continue to encourage all of our families to register online for School Cash so that they can make online payments for things like class trips and hot lunch days. This method is quick and easy, and limits the amount of cash that is being transported to school by our students. If you need any help getting started, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Welcome Back

Welcome back, Eagles! We have many new faces that we welcome to our St. Alfred community, with many new students registered for school and many new staff members as well. I trust that everyone has enjoyed the summer and that we are ready to get back to learning. We are all looking forward to a great school year together, with many activities planned in the coming months. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We love to have open dialogue with our parents and guardians!

Food Sharing

To ensure the safety and well-being of all of the students at St. Alfred we would ask that you not send food in with your child to share with others in their class. This includes special events like your child's birthday, Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day. Food sensitivities and food allergies can turn a very innocent sharing into a life threatening event. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this initiative.

Safe Arrival

Just a reminder that we continue to use an automated safe arrival system. If your child is absent from school, you must either call the safe arrival system at 1 844 287 6287, visit the website at go.schoolmessenger.ca or use the School Messenger mobile app to indicate that they are safe. Student safety is paramount, so thank you in advance for your co-operation in ensuring that the school is notified of your child's absence.

Catholic School Council

All parents are invited to attend our first Catholic School Council meeting on **Monday, September 22** at 7 PM in our library. If you are interested in being a member of the council, please let the office know prior to this meeting. Please consider taking the time to come to the meeting or to volunteer for our many initiatives. More details will follow about the meeting in the coming days. See you on the 22nd!

Truth and Reconciliation Day

Tuesday, September 30 is Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada. As a remembrance of this solemn occasion, students are invited to wear orange shirts to school on this day. Teachers will be engaging with students in a number of different activities in remembrance of this important occasion.

Meet the Teacher Night

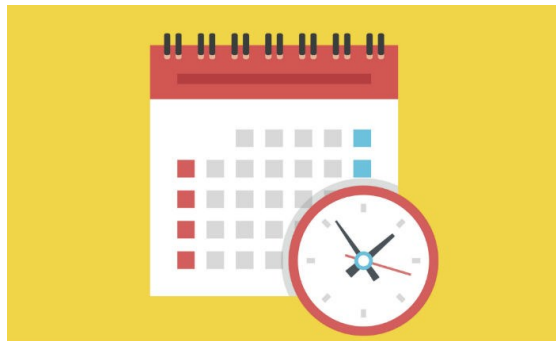
On Thursday, September 18, we invite our families to come and meet with their child's teacher. This event will run from 6 PM until 7 PM, and we look forward to seeing many of our families that night!



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School Day Schedule

Our school day schedule remains unchanged from last year. School will still begin at 8:30, and students will be in class until 10:40. They will then be outside from 10:40 to 11:00, and then back inside eating from 11:00 until 11:20. They will again be in class from 11:20 until 12:40. They will then go outside from 12:40 until 1:00, and then return inside from 1:00 until 1:20. The school day will end at 2:50. Please be sure to plan your child's lunch and snacks accordingly, as there will be two 20 minute blocks when students are able to eat. Several smaller snacks might work better for some children, others may eat their "lunch" during one break and eat snacks during the other. Please remember to send indoor shoes for your child, especially as the weather begins to change.



Cell Phones in Class

As we continue to foster a safe and positive learning environment for all students, I would like to remind you of the regulations regarding cell phone use that have been implemented in Ontario schools.

To minimize distractions and maximize learning, cell phones are only permitted during instructional time when they are being used for educational purposes as directed by the teacher. Outside of these times, students are expected to keep their phones turned off and stored away unless needed for documented learning needs and/or health related requirements. We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing this policy with your children and encouraging them to focus on their studies during school hours.

Please also note that there is no access to social media through our school board network, again in an effort to minimize distractions for students during learning time.

Your cooperation is essential in helping us maintain a healthy and respectful school environment. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these rules, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Spirit Wear



Our school spirit wear provider is Big Bear Spiritwear. You can order directly from Big Bear at the link below, and orders will be delivered to the school.

<https://www.bigbearspritwear.com/st-alfred-catholic-school/>

Please also ensure that your child comes to school each day in full compliance with our school dress code, which includes navy bottoms and navy or white tops. We will reach out to families if your children are not in compliance with the dress code. Thank you in advance for your attention in this matter.

First Communion

Any parents who are interested in having their child receive the sacrament of First Communion are invited to a parent meeting on Tuesday, September 17 at St. Alfred Church. You may attend either the 10:30 or 6:00 meeting. If your child has not yet been baptized and you are interested in the Rites of Catholic Initiation for Children (RCIA) program, please contact the church at your earliest convenience to begin this process.

