



# St. Gerard School Newsletter

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September 2021



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**Meet the Staff—virtual  
&  
Parent Council AGM  
Wed. Sept. 22nd 2021  
at 6:30 p.m. Via TEAMS**

## FREE LUNCH IS BACK!

You do not need to pack a lunch for your child. We will update allergy information in the first weeks of school. Please send in your lunch form.

## Student Agenda

Please commit to reading and signing your child's agenda each day. The teacher will do the same to make sure the home/school connection is strong. The parent handbook at the front includes important information about the school and discipline policy.

## School Re-entry

Thank you to our families and staff for a successful entry back to school. Our students have done a fabulous job of entering and exiting the building in the morning and afterschool. Thank you for meeting your children at the back doors . Our students are doing such a great job wearing masks and following protocols. Please remember to send a mask and water bottle with your child each day.

## Important Dates

**September 16 – Terry Fox Run**

**September 22– Meet the Staff/ School Council—virtual**

**September 29 – Orange Shirt Day**

**September 30- NO SCHOOL Truth and Reconciliation Day**

**October 11— Thanksgiving Day—NO SCHOOL**

**October 12- Picture Day**

**October 18– No School– Staff Development Day**

**October 29—Halloween Parade at 1:00 PM**

## Welcome Back!

I trust that all of you had a summer busy with family, friends and special memories. I am very blessed to be serving St. Gerard community as principal this year. Our Division theme this year is **“God Calls us Each by Name”** and as a staff we strive each day to answer that call. I am especially excited to continue this journey with all of you again this year in supporting your children to grow in God's love.

Mrs. Nadine Guenther



### Toonie for Terry Fox

If you would like to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation in support of Cancer research, you may send a donation to school and your child may drop it in the collection bin at the school office or classroom. On September 16th throughout the day the staff and students will run outside on the back field in support of Cancer re-

### ORANGE SHIRT DAY: Every Child Matters

On September 29th we will acknowledge Orange Shirt Day here at St. Gerard School. The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. September 30 there will be no school to honour Truth and Reconciliation.

### Staff at St. Gerard for 2021-2022

Principal- Nadine Guenther  
Assistant Principal- Michelle LaFrance  
Admin Assistant- Linda DeRose  
Kindergarten - Clara Royer  
Kindergarten Extension- Amie Buoy  
Gr. 1 - Christina Boisvert  
Gr. 2/3 - John Zenari  
Gr 4- Julie Sturgeon  
Gr. 5 -Candra Pleasant  
Gr 6 - Michelle St.Jean/ HOULE  
Music- Melissa Jeske  
Head Custodian-WalterTorhan  
EA - Adrienne Dilullo  
EA - Donna Wrotniak  
EA- Mary McIntyre  
EA- Fozia Ture  
EBS- Kate Dane  
TABT- Leah Detka  
Family School Liaison- Susan Otto  
TASL- Camille Robertson  
School Nurse/ MHN- Heather Verhoeven

### School Website

<http://www.stgerard.ecsd.net>  
*Please check our website for information such as:*  
School Supplies  
Lunch Menu  
Newsletter  
School Information  
Division Information  
Other important links

### Transportation Services

If you have any questions or concerns with your child's transportation please call:  
780 441 6078  
Hours: 7:15 AM - 5:00 PM  
We will do the best we can to assist

### Lockdown and Fire Drills

Throughout the year we will have emergency drills to prepare students for evacuations and lock downs. In September we will be having a lockdown as well as a fire drill. Please ensure your child has outdoor and indoor shoes.

### [Peanut and Nut Allergies](#)

We strive to keep each of our students safe during the school day. Even though your child may not be in the same class as one of our severely allergic children, there is still the possibility of cross-contamination. Please do not send food or snacks that contain nuts or tree nuts.

### [Illness](#)

Please ensure that your child completes the AHS self assessment before coming to school. If there are any symptoms, please do not send your child to school.  
<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/Assessment.aspx>

### [Curriculum Info](#)

Students, parents and teachers can find a variety of resources in the Alberta Government's curriculum guides for parents to guide you through your [child's curriculum](#).

Due to the inability to gather parents at the school, our Curriculum Information/ Meet the Staff will present to parents via the Google Classroom. You will be able to access your child's teacher's presentation as well as receive information about programming for this school year.

### [PowerSchool](#)

Please ensure you have a PowerSchool account set up. This will be where you will see your child's progress reports on an ongoing basis. This is also where you would pay fees and view student progress.

### [Staff Parking Lot](#)

The staff parking lot and area in front of the garbage bins is a no parking or drop off zone.

Parents are asked not to drive into the staff parking lot to drop off or pick children up. Our staff parking lot is completely full

and there is no extra parking or room for cars to turn around. Some parents like to drive into the staff parking lot in order to drop their children off rather than having children walk to their door from the front of the school. Unfortunately, parents then have to back out, creating a very dangerous situation. Staff vehicles could be hit by parents backing out of the staff parking lot and of even more concern is the possibility of someone being injured. This also includes drop off and pick up of Daycare students.

### [School Council](#)

Parents who would like to be more involved in their child's education and in the decision-making process at the school are invited to join the School Council. New members are always welcome! The SAC meets approximately seven times per year. We will host our meeting through TEAMS We require new positions for training: Treasurer, Secretary, Chairperson, Casino Chair



**September 7<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6-  <b>Labor Day</b>  <b>No School</b>	7- Chicken Sandwich On Whole Wheat Bread With Lettuce  Fresh Fruit Cookie	8-  Teriyaki Chicken With Rice & Mixed Vegetables  Spring Rolls	9- <b>Early Dismissal</b>	10- Tuna Bunwich With Diced Celery  Fresh Vegetable Cream Puff
13-  Beef Bolognise With Pasta & Diced Veggies  Garlic Cheese Bread	14- Ham & Cheese Sandwich On Whole Wheat Bread With Lettuce  Fresh Vegetables Mini Brownie	15-  Fish Sticks Caesar Salad Mixed Berry Muffin	16- <b>Early Dismissal</b>	17- Roast Beef Sandwich With Dill Pickles  Mini Cream Puff Fresh Fruit
*Please Note that menus are subject to change.				

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

Supervision outside begins at 7:55 a.m.

School Office open 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday		Thursday
1st bell	8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.
Classes begin	8:10 a.m.	8:10 a.m.
Morning Recess	10:00 – 10:15 am	10:00 – 10:15 a.m
Lunch/Recess	11:29 a.m. – 12:06 p.m. staggered	Dismissal at 11:50a.m.
Afternoon Break	1:20 – 1:25 p.m.	
Dismissal	2:37 p.m.	

**Important Exceptions to School Schedule for 2021- 2022**

December 16– Thursday (Full Day)	March 24 – Thursday (Full Day)	June 29 – Wednesday Half Day
December 17– Friday (Half Day)	March 25 – Friday (Half Day)	June 29 last day of school

**SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-2022**

First Day of Instruction

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Last Day for Students

Wednesday, **June 29, 2022**

<b>Holidays - School closed on</b> ...	<b>Report Cards and Demonstrations of Learning</b>
Labour Day September 6	Meet the Staff September 22
Truth and Reconciliation Day September 30	Demo. of Learning November 10 and March 2
Thanksgiving Holiday October 11	Report Cards available on PowerSchool June 28
Staff Development Day October 18	
Remembrance Day Nov. 11–Nov 15	
Christmas Vacation Dec. 18- Jan. 3	
Family Day February 21	
Teachers' Convention March 3&4	
Spring Break March 26– April 3	
Good Friday April 15	
Easter Monday April 18	
Victoria Day May 23	

**Please ensure you preform this COVID screening questionnaire each day before sending your child to school. If there are symptoms at school your child may be asked to isolate for up to 10 days depending on the symptom.**

[Alberta Health Self- Assessment](#)

# COVID-19 SAFETY

## SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

Parents/guardians/students must use this questionnaire daily to decide if the student should attend school.

### Risk Assessment: Initial screening questions

<b>1</b>	Do you have any of the following symptoms:		
	Fever	YES	NO
	Cough	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	Muscle/ Joint aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
<b>2</b>	Have you or anyone in your household travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
<b>3</b>	Have you had close unprotected* contact (face-to-face contact within 2 meters/6 feet) with someone who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days and who is ill**?	YES	NO
<b>4</b>	Have you had close unprotected* contact (face-to-face contact within 2 meters/6 feet) in the last 14 days with someone who is ill**?	YES	NO
<b>5</b>	Have you or anyone in your household been in close unprotected* contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?	YES	NO

\* "unprotected" means close contact without appropriate personal protective equipment

\*\* "ill" means someone with COVID-19 symptoms on the list above.

If you have answered **YES** to any of the above questions, please **DO NOT** enter the school at this time.

You should stay home and use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine whether you need to be tested for COVID-19.

If you answered **NO** to all the above questions, you may attend school.

# September 2021

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
			1	2	3	4
5	6 No School	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Terry Fox Run	17	18
19	20 Federal Election	21	22 School Council /Meet the Staff	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 No School		