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We come to
grow each day

En donde crecemos
cada día



Loving God, watch over our children as they begin
their new school year. Bless them with joy at
seeing friends, excitement at new experiences,
and a love of learning.

Guide and protect all who learn, replacing fear
with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with
energy. Give wisdom, patience, and joy to
teachers as they serve their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.



A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

WELCOME BACK!

BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2022-2023

First Bell: 8:10am

First Recess: 10:15am-10:30am

Lunch: 11:59am-12:20pm

Lunch Recess: 12:20pm-12:40pm

Dismissal: 2:50pm

Thursday Dismissal: 11:30am

MORNING KINDERGARTEN 2022-2023

Start Time: 8:10 am

Dismissal: 11:15am

POWERSCHOOL

Parents/Guardians, please ensure that you have set up your Parent PowerSchool account. This is where you can see your child's progress throughout the year, bussing and pay for any fees. Just a reminder that all fees are paid through this account.

STAFF LIST 2022-2023

Señora Zelada-Principal

Mrs. Saccomanno-Assistant Principal/2D

Mrs. McEachern-Admin. Assistant

Mrs. MacArthur-Admin. Assistant

Ms. Bodnar-KA Teacher

Señora Tierney-KC Teacher

Ms. Rilheiser-1A Teacher

Señora Grieder -1C Teacher

Señorita Jesus-1D Teacher

Mrs. Williams-2A Teacher

Señora Gutierrez-2C Teacher

Mrs. Fidyk/Tierney-2D Teachers

Ms. Luchak-3A Teacher

Señor Ramirez Pedraza-3C Teacher

Señor Durana-3D Teacher

Mrs. Kowalchuk-4A Teacher

Señora Rubio-4D Teacher
Mrs. Dawson-5A Teacher
Señorita Ascasibar-5C Teacher
Mrs. Hubble-6A Teacher
Señor Rivas-6C Teacher
Mrs. MacGregor-Music Teacher
Ms. Frederickson-TABT
Ms. Choucair-TABT
Mrs. LeMoine-EBS
Mrs. Bodnar-Educational Assistant KA
Mrs. Lovato- Educational Assistant KC
Ms. Soto-Monterrosa- Educational Assistant
Mrs. Chizen- Educational Assistant
Mr. Kim- Educational Assistant
Señora HernandezDeHerrera-Educational Assistant
Señora Cristancho- Educational Assistant
Mr. Gus Haddad-Custodian

NEW FROM TRANSPORTATION

For the 2022-2023 school year, the Transportation Department will be implementing ZONAR ZPass bus passes and scanners for each regular route. This will aid the Transportation Department in payment of fees and let them know if a student has boarded or not boarded the school bus, as they must scan their bus pass as they get on and off the bus. There will be a one-time scanner bus pass with the option to pay for the bus monthly or annually. Bus passes will still be \$36.75 per month or \$367.50 annually. (Family Plan will be \$32.00 per month. For Family Plan pricing you must have 3 or more students in any ECSD school who take the bus). **Please ensure that each monthly bus fee is paid as the bus scanners will be deactivated and the student may not be allowed to ride the bus.**

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHER NIGHT

On **Thursday, September 8th at 6:30pm**, we will be having our Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night. The kindergarten teachers will be having a presentation in the gym followed up by a tour of the kindergarten classrooms.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT FOR GRADE 1 to 6

On **Thursday, September 15th at 6:30pm** we will be having our Grade 1-6 Meet the Teacher Night. Parents **only** are invited to come meet their child's teacher and see the classroom.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD?

Parents/Guardians, please remember that if you are picking up your child during school hours, you **MUST** ring the front door doorbell, let the office staff know who you are picking up and the office staff will call your child down to the office. The student will be walked to the front door. At this time, the parents may come into the vestibule and sign their child out in the sign out book. **If your child normally takes the bus home** and you decide to pick them up, please ensure that you let the bus driver or their bus supervisor know that the student will not be taking the bus, this is so we may mark them off our list and the bus does not wait for a student that has already gone home.

TERRY FOX RUN

On **September 28th**, we will once again be participating in the Terry Fox School Run. Last year, we came together as a school family and raised \$1, 231.25. for the Terry Fox Foundation. This year, we challenge you to try to match or beat our goal of \$1000.00 We will be participating in a variety of activities to help support Terry Fox's dream of coming closer to a cure for cancer. Here is a list of activities that will encourage our students to contribute fully with their "Body, Mind and Spirit":

- Toonies for Terry: with a \$2 donation, students can purchase a paper running shoe and write their name on it. Parents can also send in toonies and have their names, or the names of those who have passed away, placed on a shoe as well. We will be placing these shoes around the Terry Fox poster in the atrium and hope to cover the entire wall by the run on September 28th. Donations of \$10 will get a big shoe to display. Donations are welcome starting this week and will be accepted until **Thursday, September 28th**. We encourage you to visit the following website where further donations can be made online by friends and family. <https://schools.terryfox.ca/StTeresaCatholicElementary>
- We ask that families take some time to talk to the children about how cancer has affected their friends, family or other loved ones. You can also visit: <http://www.terryfox.org/>

- Students will hear a "Terry Fox Fact" during the next few weeks over morning announcements
- Students will be viewing videos about Terry Fox prior to the run. They will also participate in activities in their Literacy and Religion classes.
- Teachers will also share a Terry Fox Google Classroom site with more activities, videos and stories about this incredible young man Thank you in advance for all your support and generosity for this wonderful charity and for keeping Terry's spirit alive.

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day NO SCHOOL	6 First Day Kinder Bussing	7	8 Kinder Meet the Teacher @ 6:30pm	9	10
11	12	13	14 Grade 6s go to Birch Bay	15 Grade 1-6 Meet the Teacher	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Terry Fox Run	29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation NO SCHOOL	

SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Parents,

Greetings! Let me introduce myself. My name is Fr. Mark McGee and I am the Pastor of St. Thomas More Catholic Church (210 Haddow Close). Your school falls within my parish boundaries, and so I have a Pastoral responsibility for your school.

The heart and soul of Catholic education is Jesus Christ who came that we might have life to the full. In Catholic education, we have an opportunity to share with young people values that include but go beyond merely the marketplace, media, culture and consumerism. The different values that become part of our education system focus on an appreciation of justice, peace, the common good, concern for others, love of God and neighbour, fairness and civility. In our educational model, we teach to the whole child; and enable the teachings of Jesus Christ, as relayed to us in the Gospels, and through the traditions of our church, to be at the forefront of every educational endeavor. In this way, FAITH “permeates” the total learning experience.

To educate young people in the context of the Gospel, a distinct educational environment is nourished, wherein Christ is not only WELCOMED but is EXPECTED to be a part of the school ethos. Catholic education strives to provide a learning environment that supports the full flourishing and development of the spiritual, moral, physical, social and intellectual dimensions of our children. The collaborative partnership forged between your school, the church and your family forms a powerful alliance meant to support the integrated growth of your children. Far from an attempt to segregate individuals from the wider community, a vibrant Catholic educational system seeks to prepare young people for the benefit and full engagement of society as well-rounded, well-formed people. The tripod of mutual support that runs between school-church-family helps to accomplish this desirable outcome for our young people at every step of the way.

Any person of faith, regardless of church affiliation, should feel comfortable and welcome in our Catholic Schools. As the Pastor of the local parish, St. Thomas More, I want to thank and congratulate you for deciding to send your child to one of our schools! I want to assure you of my ongoing support of the schools within my parish boundaries. To that end, we also have dedicated staff and three Deacons available to the schools for added support. If there is any way St. Thomas More can support your family please do not hesitate to ask. If you are seeking specific information about Sacramental Preparation (*Baptism, 1st Confession, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, Sacramental Marriage, etc.*), we would be happy to help you with that. Please call the parish directly at (780) 434-6313 with your concerns. In addition, I want to extend a heartfelt invitation to any family members and parents able to join us at any of the school celebrations happening at St. Thomas More. I always enjoy having you with us, and I think the children love it when you are there!

In conclusion, may you and your children have a very happy, successful and fulfilling school year! Let us keep each other, our teachers, administrators, trustees and support staff, and our precious children always in our prayers.

God Bless!

Fr. Mark McGee
Pastor, St. Thomas More Catholic Church

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING



Have YOU
Thought About
**BECOMING
CATHOLIC?**

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process is the way adults come into “Full Communion” with the Catholic Church (*i.e. those baptised in another Christian church*); or those never Baptised prepare for the Sacraments of full Initiation (*Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist*). The Catholic community of St. Thomas More is happy to support anyone wishing to embark on this Journey of Faith. There is lots to learn and the experience is transformative. If this is something you are considering you may call the parish office (780) 434-6313 and leave your name and number. Also, an information session regarding the RCIA process called “Nicodemus Night” (*see John 3:1-21*) is scheduled for **Sunday, September 25 at 1:30 pm at St. Thomas More (210 Haddow Close)**. Perhaps you might even like to attend on behalf of someone else or to support a friend. Attendance at “Nicodemus Night” will not require a decision or commitment.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION NOTES

The Sacraments of **1st CONFESSION/1st EUCHARIST** are offered **twice** this year. Please plan to attend the Parent Information and Registration meeting held on either:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 2022, 6-7:30 pm at St. Thomas More Hall (Fall Cycle)

OR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18th, 2023, 6-7:30 pm at St. Thomas More Hall (Lent/Easter Cycle)

The complete program/celebration schedule is available through St. Thomas More Parish Office (780) 434-6313. You may also check the parish website. A parish communication platform called “Flocknote”, will be used for information sharing. If you have any questions please speak to pastoral assistant Julie Lee. We meet six Wednesdays, 4:30-5:45 pm. (*3x’s for 1st Confession + 3x’s for 1st Eucharist*) Parental involvement is an essential element of your child’s preparation. Material costs will be \$30.00 total for both sacraments.

WONDERING ABOUT CONFIRMATION?

The Parent Information and Registration meeting for Confirmation is on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 2022 at 6-7:30 pm**. Along with Service Projects and increased parish participation, Confirmation classes are scheduled on Saturday mornings, 10:00 am – 12 noon, the first one being October 22nd. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at 2 Masses, 2 pm and 5 pm on Sunday, April 30, 2023. Parents and Sponsors are also given clear roles and their involvement is an essential element of your child’s preparation. For a complete program schedule, please contact St. Thomas More Parish Office (780) 434-6313. Please ask to speak to pastoral assistant, Julie Lee. A parish communication platform called “Flocknote”, will be used for information sharing.