



St. Dominic School

September 4th Newsletter

Principal's Message

It was a great week welcoming students to the 2026-2027 school year. We are privileged to lead the St. Dominic school dream team of educators as we strive to offer our students an enriching and fun learning experience. We look forward to seeing you at the various events we will be hosting this year. Wishing you a wonderful school year!

Warm regards,

Carrie-Anne Gravel (Principal) and Kim Figura (Vice-Principal)

Parent Portal

It is important that all parents register on the OCSB parent portal. If you have not yet done so, please visit the following [site](#), for a step by step guide. The OCSB parent portal is where parents will access report cards, important forms such as tech agreement and the off site permission form, and so much more. Be sure to sign up so that your child doesn't miss out!

Reporting your child's absence

Please be sure to inform the office of your child's absence by using the School Messenger app (information [here](#)) or by calling **1-844-478-2598**. Informing of us of your child's absence is extremely helpful and also avoids an unnecessary attendance call from our automated service. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

School hours and tardiness

Our school hours are from 9:15 am to 3:45 pm, and it is crucial that students arrive promptly to make the most of their educational experience.

Attending school on time has numerous benefits for your child's academic progress and overall development. When students arrive punctually, they have the opportunity to settle in, prepare for the day ahead, and engage in valuable classroom activities right from the start.

New Sign In / Out Process

Parents now have the option to fill out a Google Form when signing your child in or out! This will help speed up the process of getting kids in and out, and avoid some of the lineups you may have seen in the office previously. QR codes are posted in the office to direct you to the link.

Parents must still present themselves with the child being signed in or out for security reasons.

School Fees

We will be keeping the school fees amount to \$30 per student to a maximum of \$75 per family. School fees help offset the cost of guest speakers, special presentations (e.g. Scientist in School, music performance) and various crafts. Student fees can be paid via [School Cash Online](#).

Drop off / Pick up

The parking lot and the bus lane are not accessible to parents at the start of the day between **8:50 and 9:15 and again at the end of the day between 3:20 and 3:45**. If you are driving your child during these peak hours please park on the side streets and walk. Thanks to those parents who have found a new routine. Your cooperation is keeping everyone safe.

Meet the Educator Evening

We are excited to invite you to our "**Nourishing New Beginnings**" event on Thursday, September 17th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. This informal gathering is an opportunity for you to drop in, meet our dedicated team of educators, and get a glimpse of where your child spends their day. Since educators are still getting to know their students, please remember that this evening is not a formal interview; it is more of an opportunity to connect, meet the educators and learn more about our school community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Terry Fox Run

As is in past years, St. Dominic students will participate in the Terry Fox Run and will be collecting donations for this very worthy cause. Our run date is Friday, September 25th. More details will be sent in a separate communication.

Smile - Picture Day

Mark your calendars! St. Dominic's picture day is Tuesday, October 27th.

Volunteers

Your school needs you! Please consider volunteering. There are many tasks and activities which require volunteers, ranging from a few hours a week to once in a while, ie: field trips or school events. Please note that all volunteers require a yearly Volunteer check. The form is to be completed online and can be found at <https://www.ocsb.ca/contact/volunteers/>.

School Council News

Welcome back, St. Dominic families! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is settling into the new school year. A very special welcome to all of our new families—we're so happy to have you as part of our St. Dominic community!

As we get the school year underway, you'll be receiving some important information about the School Council, including what we do, how you can get involved, and details about our upcoming meetings.

The School Council is about bringing our families and school community together. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and guardians, learn more about what's happening at St. Dominic and across the OCSB, and have a voice in making our school an even better place for our kids.

And the best part? You don't need to have a fancy title or a specific role to be involved! All parents and guardians are welcome at our monthly meetings. Whether you can attend every meeting, volunteer once in a while, help out at an event, share an idea, or simply come to see what the School Council is all about—we'd love to have you!

School Council helps support our school financially, organizes fun school and community events, supports fundraising initiatives, and provides advice and input on matters that affect our students and their school experience. There are lots of ways to get involved, and even a little bit of your time can make a big difference.

Our First Meeting

Our first School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22 at 6pm. at the school in the Learning Commons. We'll wrap up the previous school year, hold elections for the new school year, and start talking about our plans and ideas for 2026–2027.

Whether you're a longtime St. Dominic family or you're brand new to the school, come out, say hello, meet some other parents, and see what School Council is all about!

Pizza Thursdays Are Coming!

And because nothing brings a school community together quite like pizza, our weekly Thursday Pizza Days will be starting up soon!

Stay tuned for all the details, including when they'll begin and how to order. We'll have more information coming your way soon—so keep an eye out!

We can't wait to see you and kick off another great year together.

Let's make it another amazing year for our St. Dominic Dragons!

For more information about the School Council, please email info@stdominicCSC.com or follow us on Facebook at St. Dominic School Council.

See you on September 22nd!

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