

St. Juan Diego School



August 24, 2025

School Updates

Welcome!

We hope that you are still enjoying the last few days of summer!

To our new families... Welcome to St. Juan Diego and to our returning families... Welcome Back!
This newsletter is to provide some information and reminders to help prepare for the school year ahead.

Weekly Newsletters and Other Communications

All school and School Board communications are sent out through School Messenger (email). In order to receive these emails you will need to sign up to receive them. Use this link to do that as soon as possible... [Sign up for School Messenger](#). This message is being sent as an emergency to ensure that everyone receives it... however all future weekly newsletters will not be sent to you unless you have signed up for School Messenger.

School Contact Information

School Address	135 Main Halyard Lane, Nepean, ON K2J 7B6
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School Email Address	Juan.Diego@ocsb.ca
School Website	https://jua.ocsb.ca
School Twitter	https://twitter.com/StJuanDiegoOCSB

Class Assignments

We are still receiving many new registrations. Please be advised that the class assignments that are online at this time are **not accurate** and will likely change over the next week or so. Families will be advised of classroom placements by the end of the week before school starts. **Please note that staffing and class changes can happen up to September 30th if we continue to receive new registrations in order to comply with Ministry caps.**

Kindergarten Start Up

Year 1 students:

Parents and students in the first year of kindergarten (JK) have been sent an invitation to an orientation meeting with educators on September 3th or September 4th. An invitation was sent out by email with individual dates and times. Parents and the child will visit the classroom, ask questions and return home. The child will begin school full days the day after the orientation session.

Year 2 students:

The Ministry of Education is mandating that all year 2 kindergarten students (SK) complete an assessment before starting school. In order to comply with this, each year 2 students have been provided with a date and time on September 2nd when they will come to school to complete this assessment. Parents will take their child home following the assessment and the child will begin school on September 3rd.

Serious Medical Conditions

If your child has a serious medical condition (asthma, life-threatening allergy, diabetes, epilepsy/seizures), you need to inform the school using the [Life-Threatening Medical Condition Verification Form](#). You will also need to submit the appropriate condition-specific [Plan of Care form](#).

If your child requires medication prior to the administration of life saving medication (e.g., Benadryl) an [Administration of Medication](#) form needs to be completed and signed by a physician. Medication must come to school in the original container. All medication is to come to the school office.

The school is not permitted to give any child routine medication on a short-term basis e.g. Tylenol, antibiotics, cough medicine etc.

Please send the completed information along with new epipens/inhalers etc with your child to school or by emailing our Ms Jolicoeur (linda.jolioeur@ocsb.ca) prior to September 12th, 2025.

Child Care

Our child care and EDP are the Flagstaff Early Learning Centre, they are not run by the school, if you have any questions please contact them directly by email (Flagstaff.ELC@ocsb.ca) or phone (613-692-6137). See their [website](#) for more information.

Bussing

For any questions regarding bus or van transportation, [please see this link to the OSTA website](#). All routes, times and eligibility is done through OSTA and not the school.

Getting Ready for School

- Check the [bus planner website](#) for updates and information
- Start going to bed earlier
- Reduce gaming times
- Make a list of lunch and snack ideas together as a family
- Create a school day chore list (packing lunches/snacks, setting the dinner table, washing dishes, putting backpacks away, putting agendas out to be signed)
- Set up a family routine/ schedule/ calendar of events
- Set up a homework station with all of the necessary tools available and decide on a time for homework completion (no homework given... read, practice math facts or printing)
- Practice the walk/bike to school
- Younger students can practice using their school bag and lunch containers
- Older students can set academic and personal goals and a list of actions to help with achievement
- Parents:
 - [Sign up for School Messenger](#) so that you continue to receive school communication
 - [Sign up for School CashOnline](#) so that you will be informed when we post school lunches, class trips etc.
 - [Update Parent Portal Information](#)

What Do Students Need (Kindergarten)

- Lunch (with containers and packaging that the child can, as independently as possible, open and close)
- **Nut free** lunch and snacks
- Reusable water bottle (we have filling stations at school)
- Indoor shoes
- Clothes/shoes that the child can manage as independently as possible
- Younger students will need a change of clothes in a baggie that is labelled (these should be season appropriate)
- Yoga mat for quiet time

Please label all personal items. This will cut down on lost and mixed up items. [Consider purchasing Mabel's Labels and support our school fundraiser at the same time, search for St. Juan Diego School Council](#) (Nepean).

If there is anything that is needed for specific classes, educators will let you know the first week of school.

If you need financial assistance, please contact Mrs. Lyonnais (shelly.lyonnais@ocsb.ca)

What Do Students Need (Grade 1-6)

- Lunch (with containers and packaging that the child can, as independently as possible, open and close)
- **Nut free** lunch and snacks
- Reusable water bottle (we have filling stations at school)
- Personal school supplies (pencils, erasers, ruler, pencil crayons, headphones/earbuds with mic, pencil case, scissors, pencil sharpener, glue stick, calculator (junior) - communal supplies will be available)
- Indoor shoes
- Clothes/shoes that the child can manage as independently as possible
- Younger students will need a change of clothes in a baggie that is labelled (these should be season appropriate)
- Children can bring their own Chromebook to school if you wish. They can bring this device between home and school each day. The school/board are not liable for anything that is lost, stolen or damaged. This is not a necessity, but an option for those that would like to use their own device.

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OCSB International and Indigenous Language Programs

[Please see this link](#) for more information regarding the programs that OCSB has offered this year.

School Council Updates

The role of Catholic School Council volunteers is recognized and mandated by the Ministry of Education. One of the requirements of the Education Act is that School Council elections must take place within the first 30 days of the new school year.

[Please take the time to read the OCSB School Council Guidelines](#) and give thought to nominating yourself for a position. School nominations and elections will be held virtually with the use of a Google Form. This google form will be shared in our next Sunday newsletter.

Once the new School Council is in place, we will organize our first meeting, review the constitution and begin planning. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend our monthly meetings whether you are part of the executive or not.

School Lunch Program

Our School Council is happy to be able to offer an expanded lunch program this year to all St Juan Diego students! Back, by popular demand, we'll be offering The Baker pies on Tuesdays; Lunch Lady's extensive menu options on Wednesdays; and Domino's pizza on Thursdays! These deliveries will begin towards the end of September.

Orders for The Baker and Domino's will be taken EXCLUSIVELY through School Cash Online, for a limited time only. Please watch for emails from School Cash Online that will contain pricing, delivery information and key deadlines.

Lunch Lady can be ordered every week directly through their website: [Nourishing Communities Across Canada - The Lunch Lady](#)

These programs can only be delivered with the help of parent volunteers. If we do not have enough parents to volunteer, we will have to reduce the frequency of pizza deliveries. Should you have availability to help manage deliveries on Thursdays at lunch, even if it's just one week during the year, please email the Council: Stjuandiegoschoolcouncil@gmail.com

School Council Communication Tools

- Email: Stjuandiegoschoolcouncil@gmail.com
 - Facebook Page: [St. Juan Diego school council](#)
 - Twitter Handle: @DiegoCouncil
 - Instagram account: @St.Juan_Diego_School_Council
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Parish Updates

Father Pierre Champoux as the pastor of St. Andrew Parish, he has supported St. Juan Diego through visits and whole school liturgies. We are excited to continue this partnership with our local parish.

Please see the parish [website](#) for mass times, community events and more.

Upcoming Events

September 2, 2025

- first day of school for grades 1-6
- screening day for Year 2 Kindergarten students

September 3

- first day of school for Year 2 Kindergarten students
- orientation meetings for some Year 1 Kindergarten students

September 4

- orientation meetings for the rest of the Year 1 Kindergarten students

September 10

- Open House from 4:30-5:30pm

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