

St. Nicholas Weekly News

June 26-27th, 2023

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for your support and dedication to our school community. Thank you for being an integral part of your child's educational journey this year.

I would also like to acknowledge our hard working and caring staff members who have made a huge difference this year with our students. Their commitment is outstanding, and I am so grateful for all their efforts.

Congratulations to our grade 4 students! They have made us proud, and we are grateful to have been able to watch them learn and grow over the years. We wish our grade 4 students much success as they move on to middle school, and look forward to seeing all of our returning students after the summer break.

Wishing you all a safe, relaxing and fun-filled summer!

God Bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

Principal

Upcoming Important Dates

- **June 26** - St. Nicholas Fun Day
- **June 27** - Last day of school for students/Report cards emailed out (and available on Powerschool)

2023-2024 School Year Update

- Please note, you will receive an email from your child's classroom teacher at the end of August indicating which homeroom they have been placed in. There are always some unexpected movements/additions over the summer and we want to gather as a staff in August to place students in the best possible learning environment to ensure a successful school year.
- Our school supply list for the 2023-2024 school year will be posted on our school website this week. Parents will have the option to purchase all school supplies through the "Staples School Tools" program or to purchase supplies on their own.
- Staggered entry - We will be having staggered entry for grades 1-4 to start the 2023-2024 school year. Staggered entry dates will be held on Thursday, August 31 (last names beginning with A-M) and Friday, September 1 (last names beginning with N-Z). First day for



all students will be Tuesday, September 5. Kindergarten students will have their own scheduled staggered entry dates/times that will be communicated to parents in August.

Staffing 2023-2024 school year:

Congratulations to Pani Irene Sombyk on her retirement. Pani Sombyk has been an integral member of our St. Nicholas staff for many years. She has made an indelible impact on the lives of countless students. We wish her much joy and good health and pray her new chapter will be as rewarding and fulfilling as her years in the classroom.

We would also like to extend our sincerest appreciation to Panna Nicolya Lesoway who will be leaving our staff. We extend her a heartfelt thank you and best wishes in her future endeavors.

Principal - Peter Rachmistruk

Assistant Principal - Barb Rafuse

Secretary - Simone Dubuc

Inclusive Learning Facilitator - Katie Nestorowich

Family Wellness Worker - Allison Norrie

Librarian - Aubin Pawl-Nixon

English/Ukrainian Kindergarten - Erin Dziwenko (on maternity leave until January 2024)

English Kindergarten (August 2023 - December 2023) - Megan Greschner

Grade 1 English/Chaplain - Joclyn Beliveau

Grade 2 English - Ronda Stychyshyn

Grade 3/4 English - Kalin Spooner

Grade 4 English - Lindsey LeBel

Grade 4 Math (to all English grade 4s) - Lindsey LeBel/Barb Rafuse

Ukrainian Kindergarten (August 2023 - December 2023) - Jayleen Renneberg

Grade 1 Ukrainian - Tanya Hyshka

Grade 2 Ukrainian - Lindsay Baugh

Grade 2 Ukrainian Religion/Phys. Ed. and Wellness - Katie Nestorowich

Grade 3 Ukrainian - Tara Malko

Grade 4 Ukrainian/Music to all students - Oksana Cokan

Grade 4 Ukrainian Math/Science - Barb Rafuse

Grade 4 Ukrainian English Language Arts/Phys. Ed. and Wellness - Katie Nestorowich

Educational Assistant - Murielle Clarke

Educational Assistant - Cathy Kennard

Educational Assistant - Fran Gibson

Custodian - Christine Eaglesham

Information

- Report cards will be emailed out and available on Powerschool on Tuesday, June 27 at 3:15pm

OLPH Parish Information

- Children in grade 2 and older can prepare to receive their First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion. OLPH Parish offers three sessions of Sacramental Preparation throughout the school year, starting in September, to be flexible for busy families. Parents must contact the church to register their child: sacraments@olph.ca
- [Video message](#)

Faith Reflection

Loving God, we praise and thank you for the many blessings that we have shared together as a school community throughout this school year. May we continue to grow in faith and grow in

Christ. As we approach the end of this year, we entrust our hopes, dreams, and aspirations to your loving care. Be our guide as we set goals and make plans for the coming months. May your Holy Spirit inspire us, illuminating our path and filling us with the courage to embrace the unknown.



And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17



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