September 12, 2021

Dear Families,

First of all, I want to thank you for trusting us with your most precious gifts! Whether you are new to Amherstview and area or if you made the decision to change schools, we feel humbled that you chose Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School to continue that foundation of learning that began elsewhere. We take this responsibility seriously and want to assure you that each and every person that crosses our threshold is greeted with a smile (in our eyes for now), soft words and a gentle kindness that we believe is incredibly important in creating a warm, inclusive, welcoming and accepting Catholic learning environment for children.

The first week of school was a terrific success despite some necessary changes and tweaking to schedules. It proves how resilient and flexible our children are. The staff and students are thrilled to be back in the building!

**A reminder that our yard supervision does not begin until 9:00am**. Please do not drop your children off until you see the staff in the yellow safety vests. The adults and children you may see on the yard prior to 9:00 am, are part of the before and after school care program and are not responsible for supervising student not in their care. In addition, while we look forward to a time that we can welcome you into the school and classrooms, we are not there yet. Parents/guardians are not permitted on the schoolyard during school hours (9:00 am-3:40 pm). We thank you in advance for continuing to use the drop off and pick up procedure.

The first School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday September 21st at 6:00 pm. The first meeting will be in person on the schoolyard under the shade structure – please bring a lawn chair. The agenda is attached. If you are interested in running for an executive position, please contact Jennifer Barrie at [jensteve@sympatico.ca](mailto:jensteve@sympatico.ca)

You will receive information about our first Terry Fox fundraiser this week with the kickoff Milk Shake sales, which can be pre ordered and will be delivered to students on September 22nd, 29th and October 6th and 13th. All proceeds will go towards our fundraising goal for the Terry Fox Foundation.

From time to time, students engage in curricular activities that occur off school property in the immediate community, but within walking distance of the school. Some examples may include, visiting the parish, daily physical education or a local park visit. The administrators will approve these excursions with teacher supervision at all times. Classes will notify the main office when they depart and return to the school property. **If you Do Not wish your child to participate in excursions off school property, we ask that you please notify the main office or your child’s classroom teacher prior to Friday, September 24th.**

Please reach out with any questions, comments or concerns - we are best when we work together!

Looking forward to a wonderful Week #2!

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