

**Saint John Paul II School  
September 2017  
Mrs. Cardo**

**Welcome to Grade One/Two!**



I hope everyone had a fantastic summer. I look forward to a fun, busy year. This is the first newsletter of the 2017-2018 school year.

The schedule for the school day remains the same as last year.

8:50 Entry  
8:50 - 10:30 Learning Block  
10:30 - 10:45 Recess  
10:45 - 12:05 Learning Block  
12:05 - 12:25 Lunch  
12:25 - 12:55 Recess  
12:55 - 2:15 Learning Block  
2:15 - 2:30 Recess  
2:30 - 3:10 - Learning Block  
3:10 Dismissal

***Nutrition at School***

In addition to lunch, students will also have the opportunity to have a morning and afternoon snack. Please remember that many students and staff members have life-threatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts, melons and shellfish. Please try to avoid sending these foods to school with your child. I would also encourage you to pack your son/daughter's snacks and lunch in containers and to use re-usable water bottles. The school will be offering milk on a daily basis and pepperoni pizza and Subway sandwiches on a weekly basis. Order forms will be sent home soon.

## ***School Supplies***

The following items are school supplies I would like each student to have at school. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any concerns about purchasing school supplies for your child.

### Grade 1 ***Please label all items***

1 small plastic pencil case (21.1 cm x 6.6 cm)  
3 Elmer's or Lepage's  
40 g glue sticks  
24 Crayola Crayons  
1 white eraser  
3 whiteboard markers (available at the dollar store)  
1 box of Kleenex  
1 roll of paper towel

- please do not bring in individual pencil sharpeners
- the school will provide primary pencils for students in Grade 1
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- indoor shoes with non-marking soles (appropriate for daily wear and gym class) Students should be able to put on and take off their shoes by themselves in a reasonable amount of time. Remember - they change shoes 4 times a day ☺
- a portfolio bag available at the dollar store

### Grade 2 ***Please label all items***

1 small plastic pencil case (21.1cm x 6.6 cm)  
3 Elmer's or Lepage's  
40 g glue sticks  
24 Crayola Crayons  
4 - sharpened 2HB pencils (Papermate, Ticonderoga, Staedtler are recommended brands)  
1 white eraser  
1 small package of lined looseleaf  
1 box of Kleenex  
1 roll of paper towel

- please do not bring in individual pencil sharpeners

### ***Clothing and Personal Items***

Label EVERYTHING your son/daughter brings to school. Having a name on a label helps us keep everything straight at school. Outdoor shoes should be appropriate for running, jumping and skipping outside. PLEASE encourage your son/daughter to leave personal treasures at home. Toys can be easily misplaced.

### ***Parent-School Communication:***

#### ***Agenda***

The agenda is the primary means of communication with home. Students will write a daily message in their agendas. They will also learn to put important notes in their agenda pocket. I try to stress from the first day of school that it is their responsibility to show you the agenda message. Please initial the agenda to let me know that you have seen the message for that day. The agenda is also a good place for you to write notes to me. I will check the agenda each morning for notes from home. The fee for the agenda is \$5.00. Please write any notes re: appointments, vacations, change in pick up procedure, etc. in your child's agenda.

#### ***Website***

Visit our class website to find class news and links to many interactive websites which you and your child may have fun exploring together. Please visit the website at:

<http://pjp.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/>

- click on **parents and students** then go to **teacher websites** and then **Mrs. Cardo**

### ***Classroom Expectations***

Our school motto is Head, Hands and Heart for God. As members of a community built on faith, we try to follow this motto in everything we do. One of the most important aspects of a classroom community is respect. Students will be encouraged to respect themselves and to respect others. Much of September will be spent reviewing routines which make our classroom a positive learning experience for everyone. From time to time, students may have difficulty following our classroom rules. When this happens, a student may be asked to: temporarily move his/her desk away from the group or spend a recess in the classroom. In more severe/continuous situations, I will call home and students may be sent to the office.

### ***Field Trips***

We will be going on at least one field trip this year. If you would like to volunteer to assist us on a field trip, please know that you must have a current criminal background check (C.B.C.) on file in the main office. If you already have a C.B.C. on file in the office, you need to come in and sign an annual offence declaration (A.O.D.).

### ***Getting to Know Your Child***

I look forward to getting to know your son/daughter. Please help me provide the best learning environment for them by completing the attached form and returning it to the school.

### ***Concerns/Questions***

From time to time, you may have concerns or questions. Please do not hesitate to write me a note in your child's agenda or call me at the school at 722-0212.



Looking forward to a great year in Room 133!