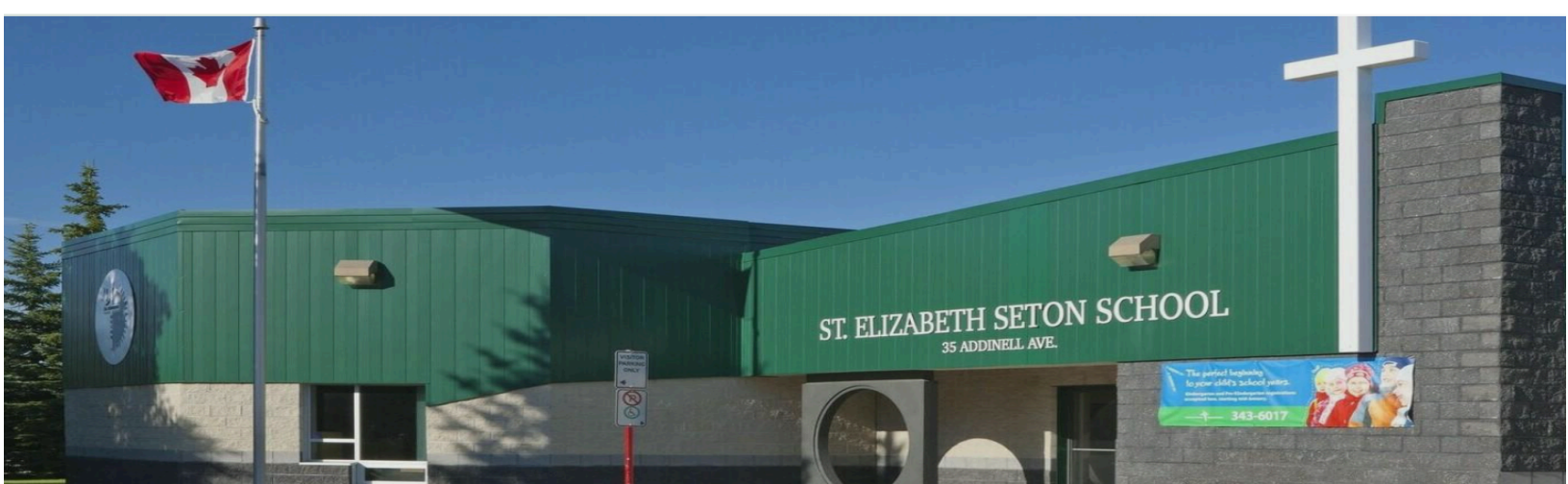


St. Elizabeth Seton

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER UPDATE



Welcome Back!

It is so nice to see all of our students back in the classrooms and hallways! There is certainly a buzz around the school and that is very exciting. Our staggered entry days went smoothly, and we appreciate the support of our families.

Please see the following important information that will affect our processes.

NEW!!! Permission Forms and Informed Consent

All RDCRS schools are now required to use digital field trip permission forms and informed consent forms to align with insurance requirements. These digital forms will replace all paper permission forms that have been used in the past.

Please see the following information and step-by-step instructions to complete and submit these forms on the Rycor system. All future field trip forms will also be completed in this format.

These NEW Mandatory Consent Forms are now available online and must be submitted as soon as possible:

- **24/25 School Mass Informed Consent (ALL Students)** - to be completed and submitted by Sept. 11
- **2024 Dawe Run (Gr. 4 & 5 students ONLY)** - to be completed and submitted by Sept. 16

Please complete the forms by:

- Logging into your **PowerSchool Parent Portal**
- Select 'School Fees and Forms' on the left hand side
- Select Student name from top banner
- Select **New Items** to complete and submit the Dawe Run Permission Form AND the School Mass Informed Consent Form

Please see our website for more detailed instructions on how to access the **Permission Forms**.

***Please note that failure to complete and submit these forms may result in your child not being able to attend the event.**

The RYCOR system cannot be accessed using the PowerSchool app

UPDATE!!! Cell Phones and Personal Electronic Devices

In June, information was shared regarding the Province of Alberta's new guidelines regarding personal electronic device use in schools. Please see the letter from the Minister of Education - [Minister's Letter to Parents](#). The following guidelines also align with the School Division's Administrative Procedure No. 114(Draft).

At St. Elizabeth Seton School, students are welcome to have their cell phones at school, as in many cases it allows families to communicate with each other before and after school. During the school day, however, cell phones must remain turned off and in student lockers, including at lunchtime, or during breaks during the school day. They are not to be used in the hallways, classrooms or outside during the school day, including indoor recess days.

1. If any mobile device/earbuds/phones are seen or heard in class during non-designated times, the student will be asked to take their mobile device to the office. Parents will be notified on any occasion that this occurs.
2. Devices delivered to the office will be returned at the end of the student's school day in the first and second instances. Should there be a third occurrence, a call will be made home requiring a parent/guardian to collect the child's device.
3. Students can use their devices before school and after school. During these times students are not to be taking photos or videos of others.
4. Students are not to access social media on the school network or school devices.
5. Any students who require an exception to this policy at the school level will require permission from the school administration. Exceptions to this policy would include students who require personal devices for medical reasons or to support special learning needs.

If you need to contact your child, we ask that you please call the school at 403-346-6017, and we would be happy to deliver a message to your child.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY - Please see the information below from our Division's Indigenous Education Services Team

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community intergenerational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt symbolizes the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. It grew out of Phyllis Webstad's story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the St. Joseph Mission residential school. It has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

Our division will recognize Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 27th, 2024.

If you would like to purchase an Orange shirt for your child please log into your RYCOR account and fill out the electronic form. Each shirt is \$14 for youth and adults.

All Orders are due by noon on Sept 13th, 2024.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, September 5

Friday, September 6

Tuesday, September 10
Thursday, September 12
Tuesday, Sept. 17
Friday, Sept. 20
Tuesday, Sept. 24
Wednesday, Sept. 25
Friday, Sept. 27
Monday, Sept. 30

Grades 1-5 → *ALL STUDENTS (A to Z)*
Kindergarten Staggered Entry → *TT Day 2*
Kindergarten Staggered Entry → *MW Day 2*
First Friday Coffee
School Council Meeting, 7:00pm
Opening Mass, St. Mary's Church, 1:30
Dawe Run (Gr. 4 & 5)
PD Day - No School
School Council AGM Meeting, 7:00pm
Terry Fox Run
Orange Shirt Day for Truth & Reconciliation
School Closed for Truth & Reconciliation Day

Yours in Christ,



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