

Welcome to 2025 - 26 School Year - September Newsletter

Dear St. Leo Families,

We have had a wonderful first week here at St. Leo School, it has truly been a blessing to welcome our students into their classrooms and into our faith-filled community.

This year, our division theme is *"People of Hope."* Together, we will reflect on how we can live as people of hope through God's love and guidance. Our scripture focus for the year is Romans 12:12: *"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."*

We are excited to begin this journey with your family and look forward to all the learning, growth, and faith-filled experiences the year will bring.

This year we will continue to send out monthly newsletters to help keep us all connected. At the end of the newsletter will be our upcoming events for the next two months.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working together with you and your children throughout this school year!

Blessings, Mr. Korassa, Mrs. Cerra & Mrs. Simpson



Staying Informed

Meet the Staff & First School Council



Please join us on September 17 at 5 PM for our meet the staff BBQ. This will be followed by a welcome back gathering in the gym, hosted by our school admin team and Parent Council with classroom teacher presentations to follow.



ECSD Cross Country Run

Students across ECSD will be participating in an annual cross country run taking place on September 23. This is an optional activity for those who wish to participate. More information to come. Runners will need to be picked up from Rundle Park no later than 5PM.



Orange Shirt Day

On Friday, September 26, our school community will join together in recognizing Orange Shirt Day. This day, inspired by Phyllis Webstad's story, reminds us of the impact of residential schools in Canada and strengthens our commitment that every child matters. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange to show their support. Teachers will lead meaningful conversations and activities to honour survivors, remember those who were lost, and celebrate the resilience of Indigenous communities.

Please also note that there will be **no school** on Tuesday, September 30, 2024, in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

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Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Friday, September 12 (weather permitting). This special event unites schools and communities across Canada to carry on Terry's legacy and support cancer research through his Marathon of Hope.

Students and staff will participate in a non-competitive run/walk to honour Terry's courage and determination. Donations to support cancer research will be gratefully accepted at the school up until September 12. Together, we continue Terry's dream of making a difference!



School Opening Celebration

We will be having our school opening celebration on September 11 starting at 10 PM. Parents are welcome to join us if you are interested. Please stay tuned as we are yet to confirm the location for this celebration. A message will be sent out via School Messenger.

Our 2025 - 26 School Staff

Kindergarten - Mrs. Priolo

Grade 1 - Mrs. Francis

Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Donaldson

Grade 3 - Mrs. Gall

Grade 5 - Mr. Ball

Music - Mrs. Priolo

Educational Assistant - Ms. Binu

Educational Assistant - Ms. Davinder

Educational Assistant - Ms. Hema

Emotional Behavioral Specialist - Ms. Colleen

Head Custodian - Mr. Huamani

Assistant Principal - Mrs. Cerra

Kindergarten Extensions ECE - Mrs. Grisdale

Grade 2 - Mrs. Cardoso

Grade 4 - Ms. Poljan

Grade 6 - Ms. Budzak

Educational Assistant - Ms. Amy

Educational Assistant - Ms. Alyward

Educational Assistant - Ms. Rose

Educational Assistant - Ms. Dorothy

Therapeutic Assistant - Behavioural Therapy - Mrs. Toth

Therapeutic Assistant- Speech Language - Mr.
Kauenhofen

Light Duty Custodian - Mr. Teketel

Administrative Assistant - Mrs. Simpson

Principal - Mr. Korassa

The Next Few Months

September

September 11 - School Opening Celebration Location TBD starting at 10 AM.

September 12 - Terry Fox Run at 2PM

September 18 - Meet the Staff/ Welcome Back BBQ starting at 5 PM

September 30 - No School in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

October

School Wide reading program starts - Did Somebody Say Lego Prizes

October 2 - World Custodian Day

October 5 - World Teacher Day

October 6 - 10 - Read in Week

October 10 - Thanksgiving Celebration at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (weather permitting) 1 PM.

October 13 - Thanksgiving (No School)

October 17 - School Photos

October 31 - Halloween



[School Calendar for all upcoming dates can be found here](#)

November 27 - Demonstration of learning & March 19

November 20 & January 29 - Professional Development Day – no school for students