



Sir Richard W. Scott Catholic School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It has been such a pleasure to be back at Sir Richard W. Scott Catholic school this year; especially as things begin to return to some semblance of normal! While the last two years have been incredibly challenging, we, as a Catholic school community have emerged stronger and more resilient. We also have much to be grateful for and many accomplishments to celebrate!

We thank our parent community, including our wonderful Catholic School Council (CSC) for their ongoing support of and assistance with our many school initiatives and fundraising goals this year, such as:

- Mental Health & Wellbeing:** Sarah Westbrook virtual presentations for all students & parents
- Aboriginal Arts & Culture** (virtual presentation for all students)
- Pancake Tuesday** (pancakes for all students and staff)
- Paul Davis: Digital Responsibility & Accountability** (in-person presentations for Grades 4-8)
- Brave Education Bullying Prevention** (in-person classroom workshops for JK-8)
- Family Fun Nights with Student-led Commercials & Prizes** (Bingo Night, Family Bake-Off, International Family Bake-Off, & Family Fitness Week)
- Sacramental gifts** (for our Gr. 2 Communicants & Gr. 7 Confirmandi)
- Pizza lunch** (run by our dedicated parent volunteers every Friday for our students)
- Technology** (\$7,000 worth of new chrome books and iPads for our school)

As a school, we are happy to have been able to organize:

- Black Canadian Heroes Drumming** (virtual presentation for all students)
- International Day Showcase** (featuring performances/presentations from all divisions)
- Catholic Education Week activities** (e.g., Magnolia tree planting & dedication to those in our school community who have suffered during the Covid-19 pandemic)
- Primary/Junior Dance Concert** (in-person at the school for Grades 1-6)
- Rosary Apostolate/Rosary club** (all students)
- Luke 4:18 club** (Social Justice club for all students)
- Ukrainian Relief Fundraiser**
- School Spirit Days** (Dress Down days, Sports Jersey Day, Crazy Hair Day, Pajama Day, International Day, Rainbow Day, Red Dress Day, SAID Day, National Indigenous People's Day, International, Pineapple Day etc.)
- Carnaval de Quebec activities & treats**
- Valentine Candy Grams & Cookie & Popcorn Sales**
- Masses/Liturgies** (both virtual and in-person)

- Gr. 2 First Communion celebration** (with families in-person at the school)
- School prayers** (every class is assigned a month to recite daily prayers over the P.A. system)
- Intermediate Science Fair** (for all classes)
- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Exhibit** (for all classes)
- Track & Field activities & Meet** (Gr. 4-8)
- Year-end Assembly & Slideshow** (whole school, in-person)
- Trips** (Junior trip St. Elizabeth's musical, Gr.8 Grad trip, FDK Waterpark excursion)
- Gr. 8 Graduation Celebration** (with families in-person at the school)
- Gr. 8 Grad Annual Wall of Handprints** (special dedication to our 2020 class)
- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** (featuring presentations & performances from all divisions)

As far as our 21st Century Learning Goals/Initiatives this school year, Ms. So, our teacher-librarian, in collaboration with our classroom teachers has led tech. workshops for each division:

Primary Division

- Beebot (coding)
- Mousebot (coding)
- Quiver (3D drawing/colouring)
- Stop Motion Video
- Ozobot (story mapping)
- Scratch (coding)

Junior Division

- Scratch (coding video games)
- Stop Motion Video (with Google Slides and Clay Figures)
- Ozobot (story mapping)
- Sphero (maze)
- Makey Makey (interactive circuit building)

Intermediate Division

- Scratch (coding)
- Green Screen (making videos)
- Sphero (Sphero Chariots)
- Makey Makey (interactive circuit building)

Without our dedicated staff members and our strong partnerships with the school community, none of these initiatives/events would be possible. On that note, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the teachers and support staff at Sir Richard W. Scott Catholic school. I commend them for their hard work, and for consistently demonstrating flexibility, resiliency, and team spirit! I would also like to thank our amazing head secretary, Mrs. Armstrong, and our excellent office support worker, Mrs. McBlain, for all their efforts. The office is always a welcome and cheerful place to visit and a happy hub of activity! Finally, I would like to thank our lunch-time supervisors for the role they play in keeping our students safe, as well as our custodians, for their efforts to ensure the school is safe, clean, and well maintained. A special shout-out to Ms. Toby, who is a jack of all trades, and always eager to lend a helping hand! Every member of our staff is a valued contributor to our school and each one helps to make Sir Richard W. Scott Catholic school a great place for students to learn and grow!

Unfortunately, we bid farewell to the following staff members: Mr. Avarino, Mrs. Gardiman, Ms. Servinis, Ms. Sequeira, and Mrs. Zarinchang. We thank them for their service and we wish them well in their future endeavors. New to our staff this Fall, are Mrs. Allen, who will join our Core Resource team, and Ms. Lam (ECE), who will be joining the Kindergarten team. We are also thrilled to welcome back Mr. Coghlan in the Junior Division!

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all families a safe and fun-filled summer vacation. We look forward to seeing students back at school on September 7th and we are excited to see all families in person at our upcoming “Welcome Back BBQ” at the end of September, hosted by the CSC.

Please continue to check for email updates from the school and please visit the school board website as well as the Sir Richard W. Scott website, regularly, for important information and updates (school tweets & photos also appear here!).

God Bless and thank you again for your ongoing support of our school.

Ms. C. Donovan
Principal