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September 2025 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Timothy Families,

As we begin a new school year, the staff at St. Timothy School look forward to connecting with you and your children as we continue to "Grow with God". Our dedicated staff have been working diligently to prepare for a year full of learning, growth, and discovery.
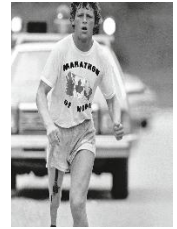
This year's Division theme is People of Hope. The Bible passage is "Rejoice in Hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer" – Romans12:12. We will continue to work together to be hope for one another, to laugh and learn and to use our hearts, our minds and our hands to guide all that we do!

We look forward to all the memories and learning we will do this year!

Mrs. Schipper

TERRY FOX RUN

The annual Terry Fox Run has become a fall tradition in Canada, with more than 650 communities, big and small, urban and rural, English and French, fundraising for cancer research. St. Timothy will participate on Monday, September 15 in the afternoon. We are asking every student to bring in a Toonie for Terry. Opportunities to donate online will also be available. Please watch for this information.

SCHOOL OPENING LITURGY/CELEBRATION

Please join us on Tuesday, September 16th as we welcome in the new school year together. It will begin at 10:45 so please arrive at 10:40am. We look forward to you joining us!

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

School Councils are structured groups of parents, principals, teachers and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. This is where you are provided with an opportunity to consult with and offer advice or ideas to the school. You do not need to be on the executive to attend meetings.

Elections will take place on Tuesday, September 16, beginning at 6:30pm. We are still looking for names for the secretary position. Please consider this important role where you will take meeting notes and interact with the Chair to ensure meeting agendas and minutes are sent to the school 1 week prior/post to add to the website.

FIRE DRILLS and LOCKDOWNS

Every year students and staff practice these drills so that we are prepared in case of emergency. Staff go over the procedures often during class and then we practice throughout the year to be ready. We will be practicing both of these in the month of September.

TRUTH and RECONCILIATION WEEK

This year Truth and Reconciliation Week runs from September 22 to 26. It is an opportunity for all communities to engage with the history and enduring spirit of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

TRUTH and RECONCILIATION/ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We do not have school on this day and will grow awareness of intergenerational impacts of Residential Schools by observing Orange Shirt Day on Monday, September 29th. We are all treaty people and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families. Please wear an orange shirt or item of clothing on Monday, September 29th. Every Child Matters.

LABELLING STUDENT BELONGINGS

We ask that all clothing and footwear have your child's name on it. This allows us to reunite lost clothing and avoids an overflowing lost and found. Please label shoes, jackets, mittens, etc. as this saves us time and you money!

SCHOOL FEES

School fees go live in PowerSchool on September 15th. Please log into your account and pay your child(ren) fees by **September 30th.**

Kindergarten - $30.00
Grades 1-6 - $50.00

SCHOOL HOURS

Kindergarten
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 8:20-11:30 AM

Grades 1-6
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 8:20-3:05 PM
Thursday – 8:20-11:58 AM

Supervision begins at 8:10 am. No student drop offs before this time.

Arriving on time and attending school regularly creates the foundation for future education and provides valuable time to socialize and create a greater sense of belonging.

HOW TO REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

You can report your child's absence with SchoolMessenger using one of the following methods, available 24 hour a day, seven days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

To create your account, please use the same email address and phone number that you use for PowerSchool

Using your existing PowerSchool Account

1. Log into the **PowerSchool** using your existing account

2. Click on the SchooMessenger icon in the left-hand menu to sign into the SchoolMessenger website.

3. Select the Attendance Menu, then Report an Absence.

On your mobile device:

1. On your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the **Apple App Store**, the **Google Play Store**.

2. When you open the app for the first time, select "Sign Up" to create your account.

3. Select Attendance, followed by "Report an Absence."

Using the schoolMessenger website directly:

1. **Click on the SchoolMessenger website.** Upon your first visit, select "Sign Up" to create your account.

2. Select "Attendance," then Report an Absence."

By Telephone:

1. Call 1-833-788-7662 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

Please remember to keep your child home if they are feeling unwell, as recommended by AHS.

LEARNING WHILE ON VACATION

St. Timothy School recognizes that a child's educational experience is not confined to the school building and that vacation trips can be enlightening and valuable to a child's intellectual growth. Please keep in mind that the learning and teaching that is missed cannot easily be replicated outside the classroom or in a worksheet and your child may miss parts of the curriculum. Teachers structure their classes for both instruction and assessment according to the regulations established by the provincial government. Teachers are not required to provide assignments for vacations but could share topics being covered so you include them in your daily discussions. Google classrooms may allow for completion of assignments but opportunities for interaction and questions will be impacted as well as feedback for assessment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school.

PARKING, DROP OFF and PICK UP

Parents/guardians who drop off or pick up students at school are asked to respect the signs on the street and at the entrance of the staff parking lot with regards to drop off, bus zones, parking, and handicapped access.

When crossing the street with your children, please choose safety over convenience and use the crosswalk.

We ask that you adhere to the following rules to keep all our students safe:

- You are not allowed to drop off your child in the bus zone.
- No drop offs or pick-ups are to happen in the crosswalk.
- No drop off or pick-ups are to happen in the staff parking lot.
- Please help your child understand the rules and walk with them to the patrolled crosswalk.
- Do not jay walk or encourage your child to jay walk.
- No U-turns in front of the school
- The staff parking lot is for the exclusive use of St. Timothy staff.
- Please respect the directions given by our staff supervisors

Please follow the link
https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/523a4e2e251e4a8ba2604cc2dce87cbb

or use the QR code to view the map explaining which zones are for parking.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

While we are a dog loving community, there are some safety considerations during drop off and pick up at school. If you are bringing your dog during these times, please ensure that you are in control of the dog and maintaining a safe distance from the students. Please click here to see the Edmonton City Bylaw regarding No dogs allowed on school grounds and some other public locations. https://www.edmonton.ca>owning-a-pet-in-edmonton. Consider determining a meeting spot with your child/children if you will be bringing your dog to pick up or drop off. Although we know you may have a friendly dog, sometimes a situation can cause an unpredictable response from the pet. Please pass this message along to anyone who may be picking up students.