Dear Canadian Martyrs Families,

           Another beautiful summer has passed. We hope that everyone enjoyed their time with family and friends. We welcome our many new families to our school. Staff members are busy preparing for a new school year. Listed below are a few reminders:

*FIRST DAY PROCEDURES:*

Classes begin Tuesday, September 3, 2019.  Upon arrival, students (Gr. 1- 8) will gather in the playground at the back of the school. You will receive an email tomorrow indicating who your Child’s teacher is. On Tuesday Teachers will come out with a sign that indicate their name, so that student can locate them. Other staff will be out there to help direct student to their Teachers. If it rains, Gr. 1 - 8 students will gather in the gym. Kindergarten students will gather in the Kindergarten yard on the west side of the school where teachers will meet them. If it rains, the teachers will guide students into their kindergarten rooms from that yard.

*SCHOOL DAY:*

9:00 a.m.                         Classes Begin

10:20 - 10:35 a.m.           Morning Recess

11:55 – 12:15 p.m.          Lunch

12:15 – 12:55 p.m.             Lunch Recess

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.             Afternoon Recess

3:30 p.m.                         Dismissal

BEFORE AND AFTER-SCHOOL SUPERVISION, DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Children will be supervised outdoors for a period of fifteen minutes prior to school starting in the morning starting at 8:45 am. There is no supervision of students in the yard before 8:45 am in the morning or after the departure of the last bus at 3:40 pm. Family members are not allowed in the school yard during the day.

**Morning Drop-off:** You are reminded that all parking spaces have been assigned to staff (and we have even more staff this year) except numbers 1, 2 and 3 which are Visitors Parking spaces. Do not park in staff spaces! We have a drop off zone for the older students on the sidewalk at the south end of the parking lot and one for the Kindergartens on the sidewalk next to the school. **These are kiss-and-rides**—**do not park there**– make sure your child has their bag with them in the car so they can hop out of the car and head to their yards. We have a staff member and student monitors there for Kindergarten students. If you feel you need to walk your child in, park legally on one of the side streets and walk in from there.

**The parking lot is one way** from the entrance around the lot and the exit is out along the car lane (outside lane near the street next to the two bus lanes). Please be careful of people crossing on the cross walk.

**Pick-up:** At the end of the day the exit out of the parking lot is closed between 3:15 and 3:45 pm because the buses and vans fill all three exit lanes. If you plan to come into the parking lot to meet your children, you will not be allowed to leave until the buses leave. The traffic is still one way at that time—you may not turn around and exit through the entrance as this could cause an accident with cars moving in the correct direction or worse, could result in hitting someone crossing the parking lot not expecting a car coming out in the wrong direction. If you need to depart before 3:45 pm you must park legally on the side streets.

*BUSSING:*

For busing, please check the transportation website for eligibility and route information at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/03doK8C6_pLNJ9NrSnnRLw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRfRq2OP0QcaHR0cDovL3d3dy5zY2hvb2xidXNjaXR5LmNvbVcHc2Nob29sbUIKAAAOemVdl0-WvlIVdGluYS5kYWN1bnRvQHljZHNiLmNhWAQAAAAC). Transportation is unable to make any changes to transportation arrangement during the first month of school.

*STUDENT ABSENCE OR LATES:*

We have a Safe Arrival Program here at Canadian Martyrs.  If your child will be absent or late, even on the first day, please call our Safe Arrival reporting line at 1-855-856-7862 or visit the website: [www.go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://www.go.schoolmessenger.ca/) .

*PURCHASING SCHOOL SUPPLIES:*

Your child’s teacher will let your child know what will be needed. Please do not purchase items that may not be necessary.

If you should have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 905-895-8530.  The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Your child’s teacher will distribute more information next week.

**Be aware that we will not be discussing your child’s class placement until Thursday, September 5th**. The first couple of days in the office are very busy. Staff have set up classes in carefully balanced ways and we did our best to respect requests that were made by parents in June – we ask that you trust that the teachers have acted in the best interest of all the students and give the placement a chance.

Enjoy this last long weekend of the summer. May God bless us with beautiful weather!

J. Macmillan                       F. Grossi

Principal                      Vice Principal