



LOUIS ST. LAURENT

Catholic Junior/Senior High School



Dear LSL Families,

October 1, 2026

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father..." (Matthew 11:25). Thanksgiving is a time of year as well as a way of being in which the blessings bestowed upon us flow into the lives of those around us. We are thankful for the dedication and expertise of our school staff, the joy and energy of our students, and the trust and support of our families. Together, the community of Louis St. Laurent continues to enhance student learning and to celebrate the joy of life. It has been an absolute pleasure to do my school walk arounds and see the joy of our students and how quickly they have settled into the year. They are happy, respectful, passionate about their studies, and excited about being a part of the LSL community. Many thanks to our wonderful staff for how hard they work at supporting your children in partnership with you as parents/guardians.

The school year officially started with our school opening celebration with Father Glenn McDonald. We also enjoyed the grade 7 Fun Days, Terry Fox Run, and the grade 10 Canoe Trip. It was wonderful to see so many LSL families join us for our Welcome Back Barbecue/Meet the Staff, and Braided Journeys Family Night. Special thanks to all of our parent and student volunteers in making these events possible. Students continued to have the opportunity to participate in sports such as cross-country running, golf, volleyball as well as a number of other extracurricular activities outside of sports. Our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation was evidenced through the orange flags that were placed outside our school to commemorate and honour the Indigenous children who died while attending residential schools and the paining of orange rocks placed within our courtyard Indigenous Garden. Every Wednesday, over the course of 6 weeks, our students have been asked to bring in a different winter clothing item for Catholic relief agencies such as Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Marian Center, and Sacred Heart Parish to distribute to our community's at-risk populations, in particular, the unhoused. We continue to implement the goals on our Comprehensive School Health Plan through Wellness Wednesdays in the senior high and Baron's Block in the junior high. We encourage you to ask your child about their experiences during these times.

We look forward to the year ahead and anticipate many more opportunities for learning and growth! The month of October will bring the recognition of the incredible commitment of our teachers on World Teachers Day on October 5. A reminder that photo retake day will take place on October 7. Our grade 10-12 students will partake in a Thanksgiving mass at St. Joseph's Basilica on October 8 while our grade 7-9 students will partake in a Liturgy of the Word at the school on October 9. We welcome all of our parents to our School Council Annual General Meeting on October 13 at 6:30 PM. Our senior high awards night will take place on October 15 at 7:00 PM. A reminder that there is no school for students on October 19 as a result of the Provincial Referendum. We look forward to our annual SMASH volleyball tournament from October 22-24.

If you have concerns about your child's learning please contact your child's teacher so that we can work together to enhance learning. It is always our aim to plan and program so that every child in our school is able to learn, to show respect and work well, in a positive environment. Our students have been setting goals and look forward to sharing their progress during Student Led Conferences in the month of November.

Thank you for your support and partnership. Many blessings to all our families for a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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