

Father Henri Voisin

SEPTEMBER - *Back to School* - NEWSLETTER



Time flies when you're having fun! And so I imagine that we all must have been having fun this summer as everyone I have talked to has said summer was too short. In any event, I would like to welcome back our returning families, and extend a special welcome to all of our new students and their families. The staff and I are looking forward to another exciting year of learning at Father Henri Voisin!!

Student Fees & Field Trip Forms - IMPORTANT - ACTION REQUIRED

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) is once again using **RYCOR** Online Payments for our \$25 School Fee that will go towards Field Trips and our new Online Permission Forms. This convenient tool is accessible through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. [PowerSchool Public Portal](#)

Methods of payment include Visa, Visa Debit, MasterCard and Debit MasterCard.

Please note: Interac Debit cards cannot be processed online at this time.

NEW THIS YEAR will be the use of **RYCOR** for ALL of our Field Trip Permission Forms. For Instructions on how to access Permission Forms, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up - Safety Reminders

To ensure the safety and convenience of everyone in our school community, we kindly ask all parents to follow these parking guidelines:

Please do not block community members' driveways, as we have received several complaints, in previous years, from residents unable to access their homes. The north parking lot is reserved for staff only, with assigned stalls, and there is no supervision in that area. For the safety of our students, we ask parents to use the “Drop and Go” lane, the visitor parking lot (south), or street parking.

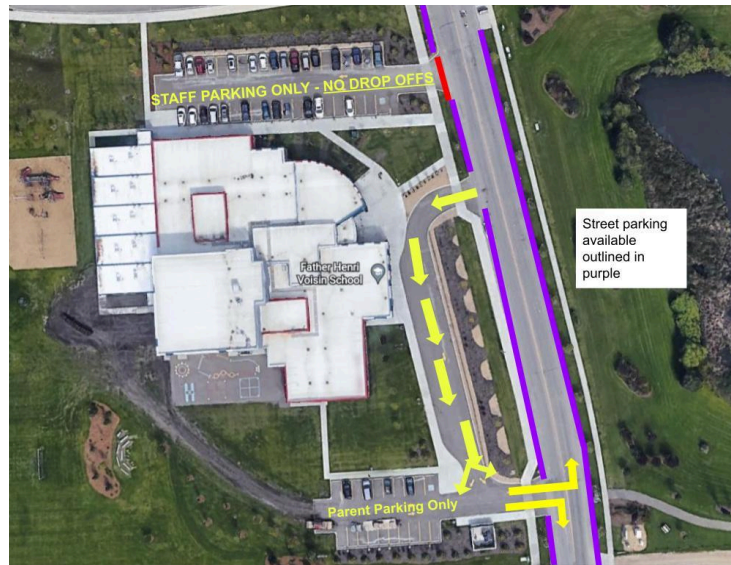
When dropping off or picking up children, please use the south parking lot or park along the street. The ‘Drop and Go’ lane can also be used, but remember to stay in your vehicle and wait for your children to come to you. Vehicles should not be left unattended to keep traffic flowing smoothly. Note that access to the south parking lot is only through the ‘Drop and Go’ lane, and the south end is ‘Exit Only’ to maintain safe traffic flow.

Please do not double park in the ‘Drop and Go’ lane, as it is a single-lane thoroughway. Double parking has caused significant safety concerns for students, created congestion for vehicles accessing the ‘Drop and Go,’ and led to traffic backups on Carrington Drive and Clearview Drive.

Schoology - Communication & Student Progress

We are excited to continue using Schoology this year to keep you informed about your child's progress. In addition to tracking student progress, we will be expanding our use of Schoology to include communication directly from your child's homeroom teacher. This means important updates, classroom news, and resources will be easily accessible in one place.

If you have not yet signed up for Schoology, we encourage you to do so soon to ensure you don't miss any important information from your child's class. Please connect with your teacher for first-time setup, or our [WEBSITE](#) for a reminder on how to access the system.



Personal Electronic Devices - **NEW Government Regulations**

To help create a more focused and positive learning environment for all students, we are updating our school's policy on cell phones and other electronic devices. These changes align with the new guidelines from Alberta Education. While we understand that electronic devices can be important for communication before and after school, we ask for your support in ensuring that they remain turned off and stored away during school hours.

For full details on the policy, including important exemptions for medical reasons, please read the [Full Letter Here](#).

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work together to support a great learning environment for our students!

Reminder of School Hours:

8:10 am	Supervision Begins
8:20 am	First Bell and Entry into School
9:53 am	Morning Recess
11:26 am - 11:56 am	Lunch Recess Outside
11:56 am - 12:26 pm	Lunch Eating Time

NO AFTERNOON RECESS

2:59 pm	Dismissal
3:45 pm	Office Closes

Yours in Christ,



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