

PARENT HANDBOOK

STE. MARIE R.C. SCHOOL

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*WE ARE A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO NURTURING  
LIFE-LONG LEARNERS, LIVING AND SHARING OUR FAITH AND  
VALUES IN A CHRIST-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT.*

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## **STAFF**

PRINCIPAL	MR. GARY EWING
JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN	MRS. LINDA LEFLEY
KINDERGARTEN	MRS. CARLA KNEZEVICH
GRADE 1	MRS. TRINA PARADIS
GRADE 2	MRS. ANDREE LAHODA
GRADE 3	MRS. STEFANIE SEKULIC
GRADE 4	MRS. PATRICIA IMES
GRADE 5	MRS. DEBI LISTHAEGHE
GRADE 6	MS. KRISTA WIGHT
GRADE 7	MS. GINA SOPKO
GRADE 8	MS. JOANNA NOWOSAD
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	MRS. DEBBIE ALFRED
LIBRARIAN / E.A.	MRS. TANIS MARTIN
CST	MRS. MARCY MARTIN-MACDAID
E.A.	MRS. BRENDA REITMEIER
EARLY LITERACY/SPEECH	MRS. LORETTA CHABOT
CUSTODIAN	MS. DEBBIE MICHAELS

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHOOL**

The school has set for itself five general objectives to foster growth:



- in academic skills and knowledge
- in personal values
- in Christian faith
- in social responsibility and interpersonal skills
- in physical and mental health

To fulfill these goals, the school believes that it must be concerned with the individual needs of each child; that it must maintain good discipline directed to self-discipline and responsibility; that it must teach formal religious education classes; that it must sponsor extra co-curricular activities; that it must strive for excellence in academics; and that it must do all this within an atmosphere of Christian love and understanding.

## REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued 3 times during the school year. The first report card will be issued in November, the second in March, and the final one in June.

## INSTRUCTIONAL FEES

Instructional fees for students are as follows:

JR. KINDERGARTEN	\$50.00
KINDERGARTEN	\$50.00
Gr. 1-6	\$65.00
Gr. 7-8	\$75.00

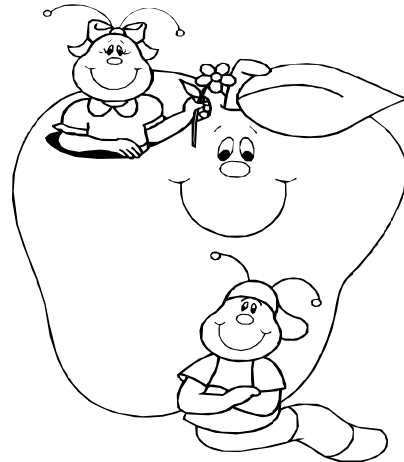
**ALL FEES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE SEPTEMBER 30 ,11  
ANY UNPAID FEES FROM LAST YEAR WILL BE CARRIED OVER TO THIS YEAR.**

## HOURS OF OPERATION

8:30 AM	Main Office Opens
8:30 AM	Teacher on supervision
8:45 AM	First Bell
8:50 AM	Classes begin
10:00 - 10:15	First Recess
11:45 - 12:25	Lunch Break
12:30	Classes resume
1:45 – 1:55	Second Recess
3:10	Bus students dismissed
3:15	Town students dismissed
4:00 PM	Main office closed

Staff Meeting Days are on the **First Teaching Monday** of every month. Students will be dismissed at 2:40 pm. on these days.

**There is a sign-in book at the front office all parents and visitors are asked to please sign in when they enter and leave the school.**



## **MONTHLY CALENDAR AND NEWSLETTER**

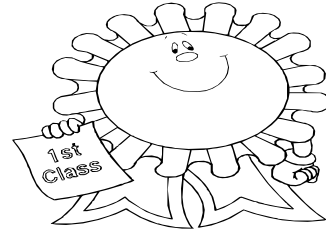
On or around the first day of each month, the youngest child in each family will receive a school calendar and newsletter of all the upcoming events for the following month. These calendars should be hung in a convenient location as a reminder of important dates and events of school happenings. If your child does not bring one home on the first of each month please let Mrs. Alfred know so another one can be sent home.

## **DRESS CODE**

Student's attire should always reflect the Catholic values and atmosphere, which we seek to promote. Students should dress in a manner that is conducive to a learning environment and does not distract from learning. Clothing should be neat and clean and appropriate to the activity within the school. Students who wear inappropriate clothing, with crude or vulgar sayings or pictures, will be asked to change. Hats and jackets are outdoor clothing and should be left in lockers. Outside shoes are to be taken off in the boot room, not worn inside. Students are to have non-scuffing shoes to wear at all times. **NO black-soled** shoes are to be worn in the building. Only running shoes are to be worn in the school gym.

## **STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

Ste. Marie R.C. School accepts the following as a statement of philosophy:



## **THE PURPOSE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

The main purpose of Catholic Education is to help each individual develop his/her talents-physical, intellectual, social and spiritual - so that he/she may:

- realize his/her potential as a unique human being
- serve as a responsible and productive member of society
- live and work as a committed Christian

Catholic schools and Catholic parishes are complementary to the family, which is the primary agent responsible for the child's formation.

The ultimate aim of education is to develop the abilities of individuals in order that they might fulfill their personal aspirations while making a positive contribution to society.

In working towards the attainment of its goals, the school will strive for excellence. However, the degree of individual achievement also depends on student ability, motivation, as well as support from the home.



