

Welcome to Class 1-C
Back to School Night
September 2019

Welcome families! Thank you for entrusting your child to the care of Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Academy. Tonight will be a chance for you to look around the classroom and see the learning environment that your child will be immersed in each day.

This is our opportunity to discuss the goals, expectations, policies, and routines for the school year. Tonight is a general overview. Therefore any specific issue pertaining to just your child may be discussed at a private appointment that we can set up at a later date.

We are going to have an exciting year ahead! Your child will grow so much here in grade one and you will be amazed at the changes you will see as the weeks and months go by. I look forward to being your partner in your child's education this year!

God bless,

Mrs. Michele Surgot

Class 1-C Handbook

Arrival and Dismissal: First graders are dropped off in the gym in the mornings. The bell rings at 7:55am. Students need to be in school before this time. There is an early morning drop off program. Sign-up sheets for early morning were distributed but forms are always available on the school website.

The children will be dismissed at 2:30pm. The children will be dismissed in the school yard. A child will only be released to the people you designate on the emergency card. Please send in a note if there is any change in who will be picking up your child. If your child is on the bus list and is not taking the bus on a particular please be sure to send in a note so that they are not put on the bus.

Lunch: The children will eat their lunches in the classroom or the small hall. Please be aware that there is no microwave or means of heating up food in the classroom/hall if you choose to send in food with your child. We are a **NUT- FREE school**, so no nut products are allowed at mealtimes.

Homework: It is expected that your child completes all homework assignments. Please have your child do their best work and set an expectation of time and effort being put into it. If certain writing is done at home, (ie: writing assignments, book reports, etc) it is expected that the spelling, punctuation, and grammar are correct. Please do not do the work for your child, but guide them and encourage them to do their best. Any homework/assignment missed due to illness or absence is expected back when your child returns to school. Anything not done will be counted as missing.

Reading Logs: A copy of a reading log is enclosed in this packet.

Reading nightly is the key to your child's success in first grade and beyond!

We ask that you read with your child every night for 10-15 minutes and record it on the reading log.

Vacations/Leaving School Early:Missing many school days can be detrimental to the students. Please be mindful of this in planning trips etc. If you have your child bring home the necessary books, you can keep up with the homework by looking online. Any missed class-work will be given to your child when they return to school and should be handed in when complete. If you take your child our early, please try and do it during lunch time as to not disrupt the class, if possible. I certainly understand that there are times when this cannot be avoided, and I thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Conferences: Conferences are scheduled two times during the year (December, March). All parents are expected to attend. The dates for the conferences are already on the school calendar on the school website. These conferences are planned to discuss your child's progress and offer you ideas on how to help your child succeed. You are always welcome to schedule additional conferences by sending a note with your child/ writing an email.

Communication: My email address is msurgot@stfrancisschoolbh.net I will try to be prompt in my email responses. If the email is sent during the school day, I will not be able to respond until dismissal time. I will not respond to emails after 8:00pm on weeknights. I will make myself available for appointments with advanced notice.

Other Important Information



Dressing for School: *Please adhere to the uniform guidelines. Reminder every Thursday your child will have gym class and be expected to wear their gym uniforms and sneakers.

*Every Friday our class will be attending 9am Mass. The children will be attending all year, and should be prepared for the weather (rain/cold) by dressing accordingly. This also applies to recess time and dismissal.

ELA Grade 1 Breakdown

45% Assessments:

Wit and Wisdom End of Module Tasks , Foundations Unit Exams, Wit and Wisdom New Read Assessments

35 % Quizzes

Vocabulary Quiz, Spelling Quiz, Wit and Wisdom Focusing Question Task, any extra teacher-made quizzes (grammar, comprehension, etc,)

15%-Classwork:

Response Journals, Effort, teamwork, participation in all classroom tasks

5%-HW:

Response Journals, Completion of assignments and Reading Log