



Welcome to a new School year

God designed us to be in community.

Let us start the year by highlighting our mission, vision, as school year theme.



Our Vision:

ALL STUDENTS WILL:

- develop an understanding of and share in the mission to proclaim and build the kingdom of God.
- acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to reach their fullest potential.
- develop as balanced persons spiritually, emotionally, physically and intellectually.
- respect others and be stewards over their environment.
- share their talents and participate in all aspects of school life.
- be Catholic leaders, responsible citizens and life-long learners.
- be accountable for their role within the system.

ALL PARENTS WILL:

- be committed to the mission to proclaim and build the kingdom of God.
- be advocates for Catholic education.
- work cooperatively with and support the administration and staff of the school.
- support opportunities that foster student success.
- treat others with respect.
- be committed to fostering education that promotes strong Catholic leaders.
- be accountable for their role within the system.

ALL STAFF MEMBERS WILL:

- carry out their role in the mission to proclaim and build the kingdom of God.
- be committed to the development of the whole child.
- plan for and support appropriate, challenging learning experiences and positive learning environments for all students.
- be committed to build a Christian community and act with justice and integrity.
- be committed to continuous personal and professional development.
- treat others with respect.
- be committed to fostering education that promotes strong Catholic leaders.
- be accountable for their role within the system.



School year THEME VISUAL EXPLAINED

Green represents growth and renewal.

This section symbolizes the idea that living the faith is an ongoing process of growth and development.

Blue represents trust and faithfulness.

This section symbolizes the importance of trust and faithfulness in living the Catholic faith.

Gold represents wisdom and holiness.

This section symbolizes the goal of living the Catholic faith - to become wise and holy people who reflect the love of God in the world.

Overall, this logo conveys the message that living the Catholic faith is a journey of growth, trust, and wisdom, and that the Catholic school community is united in this journey.

CRC's

URGENT: CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

Will you volunteer at ESS? You must have a cleared CRC prior to volunteering. **Action required:** it will only take 5 mins! Please fill out a Criminal Record Check (CRC) today. Follow the prompts and codes on our website.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS SIGN-UP!

Sign-up Today! The OnVolunteers Parent Participation portal is open. Peruse volunteer tasks and sign up today! Parents are asked to volunteer as **supervisors** in the morning, at lunch, and at the end of the day. Check out all "Supervision" tasks. We are also looking for **Traffic Patrol** volunteers. Login to the portal and sign-up today!



FROM THE LIBRARY

Summer Reading: A reminder that the ESS Summer Reading Challenge and ESS Summer Photo Contest ends September 15th. You can find more information and links to reading logs on the library website <http://esslibrary.weebly.com/summer-reading1.html>. Mme Desnica is looking forward to receiving photos and reading logs of all your summer reading adventures!

Sign up for traffic patrol, courtyard supervision and other volunteer tasks!

OnVolunteers



SEPTEMBER

Sep 5: School opens (noon dismissal)

Welcome Back assembly at 9 am for students but parents are welcome

Sep 6: First full day of school (bell rings at 8:45am and dismissal bell at 2:55pm)

First day of **Before/ After school Club**

Before School Club starts at 8:00am,

After School Club ends at 5:15 (pick up anytime before 5:15pm).

Sep 14: Meet the Staff and the PEC

Welcome back evening for all parents.

5:30 ESS Cafe open followed by PEC

Start at 6:00 pm in Gym, classrooms

6:30-7:30

Sep 16: First Communion and Confirmation candidates 2023-24:




mandatory meeting September 16th, 2023 at 3:45pm to 4:45pm at the parish.

Sep 16: To all families - join us for the Staff commissioning mass at BSP **5pm**

Sep 20: Individual student photos

Sep 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (SCHOOL CLOSED on OCT 2nd)



Please Note

RCAV Donation

We have consolidated these requests to a one time withdrawal as requested by many school families to make it easier to participate. School will withdraw a one time \$20 fee to on behalf of your family to donate for local charities endorsed by CISVA and the Archdiocese of Vancouver on September 18th. If you wish to opt out, Please email the school office by September 15th.



USED UNIFORMS?

Drop-off any used uniforms that are still in good condition, at the office until September 13th. Our first **Used Uniforms Sale will be on Thursday, September 14th at 5:30pm.**



Communication between school and home

- Check our **school calendar** (email the office to obtain the password if you do not have it)
- Check the **Announcements on our website** for recent updates and upcoming events
- Read teachers' weekly emails/ newsletters
- Read Principal's emails and reminders of specific events
- **REMIND app** (you will receive your class code from the office)



email

- Email your child's teacher with class-related questions
- Email the office with any school related questions
admin@ess.vancouver.bc.ca

Coming up in OCTOBER

- Oct 2:** School Closed (in lieu of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)
- Oct 4:** CISVA Cross Country meet
- Oct 6:** Marcheton/ Walkathon
- Oct 9:** Thanksgiving (School Closed)
- Oct 10:** Winter school uniform in effect
- Oct 20:** Provincial Pro-D (School Closed)
- Oct 31:** Halloween (dress-up. More details coming up)

October is the
month of Mary



Morning Drop-Off in the Front of School (on Heather St.)

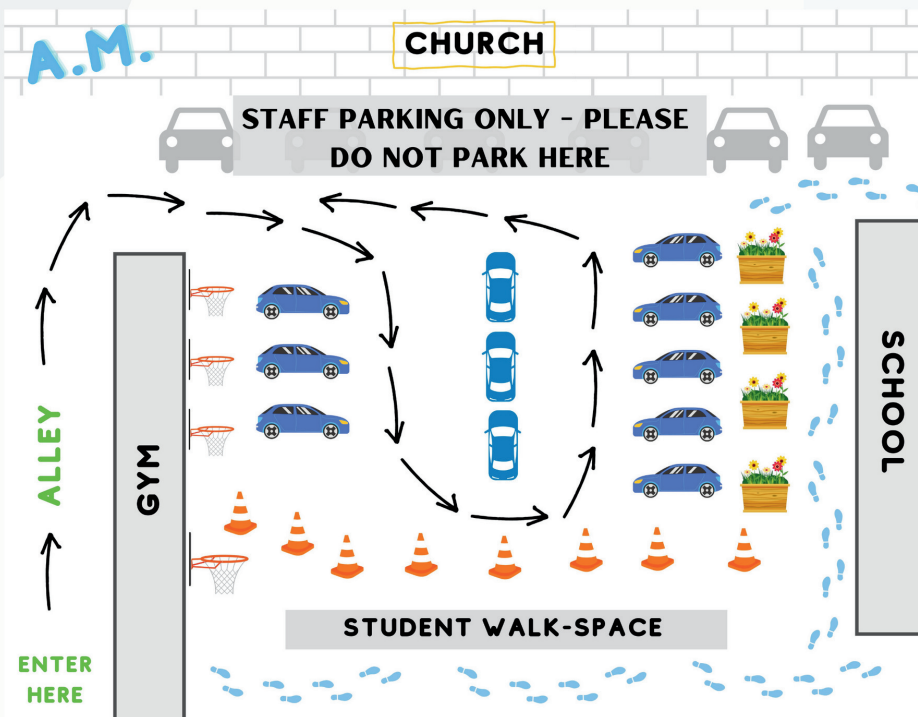
Our school is nestled in the heart of Vancouver, sharing the road with pedestrians, cars and cyclists. To avoid congestion, there is **“Drop Off Zone Only”** in front of the school **from 7:30am - 9:00am.**

If you need to get out of your car or walk your child to school, please park in the courtyard (accessible through the alley behind the gym).

Please follow these guidelines.

Morning Drop-Off in the Courtyard

The courtyard is accessible in the morning **until 9am only**. Please drive in very slowly as students are gathering in the courtyard before school starts. **Please follow the this diagram of the courtyard:**



STUDENT DROP-OFF ONLY ZONE

ON HEATHER ST. (FRONT OF SCHOOL)

STEP 01

Pull forward to the Main Entrance

Pull forward or pull into a space that's *closest to the front*, ensuring there are no gaps between cars. Please do not stop close to the parish/kindergarten entrance as this creates congestion.



STEP 02

Drop-off ONLY - No Parking Anytime

Remain in your vehicle while your children get out. You may help them get their things quickly and return to your seat. A parent volunteer will assist younger students to their door. Please **do not park or walk away from your vehicle at any time**. There is parking available in the courtyard until 9am.



STEP 03

Drive Away Carefully

Drop-off and drive-away. Please watch for bikers as you pull out and students crossing the crosswalk.



STEP 04

Respect Volunteers

Please be kind to our parent volunteers who are implementing these guidelines.



*Sign up for
supervision!*

Afternoon Pick-up in the Courtyard

After school, the school **courtyard opens at 2:30pm (at 1:30pm on Tuesdays) for pickup**. Your car **MUST** be backed into the outer edges of the courtyard to avoid any visual impediments. Please share this important information with any other persons who will be dropping off and/or picking up your child/ren at the school.

