

St. Francis Xavier School

September 2016 Edition

# Welcome to 5C

Theme for 2016-2017: Care For Our Common Home



Dear Parents,  
Welcome to Grade 5C!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have previously taught Grade 7 at St. Francis Xavier School and transferred to St. Andrew's School where I taught Grade 5. I am excited to return to teach at S.F.X. With my background in Science and Math, I look forward to teaching both 5C and 5D Science. Mr. Dela Luna will be teaching both classes Social Studies.

A good learning experience is built on a cooperative effort between parent, child, and teacher. It is important to keep communication open when it comes to discussing your child. As a start, a monthly class newsletter will be sent to provide parents with highlights of our recent activities and important information about our upcoming events. I look forward to working with you and your child this school year!

## Important Information

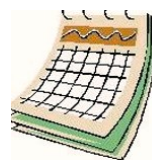
### 1. Agenda:

Each student will be receiving a school agenda which will be used to keep track of homework, assignments, projects, test dates, fieldtrips and extra-curricular activities. At the end of each day it is the student's responsibility to ensure that everything is written correctly in their agenda. I will stamp the agenda daily before final dismissal to help keep them accountable. The agenda can also be used for communication between yourself and the teacher.



### 2. Schedule:

A copy of the weekly timetable will be pasted in the front of your child's agenda. Please note the following:



- PE classes are Tuesday and Thursday.
- Library is on Monday afternoon. Books need to be at school for exchange or renewal each week. Each student must have a book for silent reading with them every day.
- Music classes are Monday and Wednesday.
- French classes are on Tuesday and Thursday.



### 3. Absences:

If your child is absent for any reason please ensure that your child brings in a note the day they return to school.

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

### **Upcoming events:**

- Monday, September 5th: Labour Day Holiday
- Tuesday, September 6th: School Re-opens—Registration
- Friday, September 9th: First School Mass
- Thursday, September 15th: Meet the Teacher Night
- Sunday, September 18th: Commissioning Mass
- Thursday, September 22nd—29th: School Book Fair
- Tuesday, October 4th: Grades 3-5 Confessions
- Wednesday, October 5th: CISVA Cross Country Meet
- Friday, October 7th: School Mass, Walkathon, and noon dismissal
- Monday, October 10th: Thanksgiving Day—No School
- Friday, October 21st: Teacher Professional Development Day—No School

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#### **4. Group Work:**

Collaboration and teamwork are valuable skills in our world today! There will be opportunities for students to work in partners and groups throughout the school year. Appropriate amounts of class time will be provided to work on these assignments and projects in school. Meeting of group members after school are optional and not necessary if they use their time wisely during class.

#### **5. Communication:**

If you wish to speak or meet with me, the best way is to write a letter or note in your child's agenda to make an appointment. You can also phone to leave a message at the office and I will try to return your call at the end of the school day or the next morning. It is important to keep the lines of communication open between the parents and teacher.

I thank you for your support in these matters. By putting our efforts together, we can really assist your child towards successful learning.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Alvina Chiu

### **Remember to bring:**

#### **1. Water Bottles:**

Students are permitted to keep a *small* water bottle on their desk to keep hydrated. However, it must only contain water. Bottles need to be taken home weekly to be washed with soap and hot water.

#### **2. Box of tissues:**

Please send a box of facial tissue with your child to school by Friday. I will collect these and maintain the supply in the classroom throughout the school year.

#### **3. Field Trip and Money:**

When sending money to the school please ensure it is the exact amount enclosed in an envelope or zip lock bag labeled with your child's name. Loose mon-

ey is easily lost. If your child orders books from Scholastic please send exact cash or a *cheque payable to Scholastics.*

#### **4. Magazines:**

If you have magazines at home, please send a few with your child to school. We are looking for materials to use for our science collages. National Geographic, home improvement, cooking, electronics, furniture catalogues, and nature type magazines are preferred.

#### **5. School Uniform:**

*Please ensure that all parts of your child's uniform are labelled with his/her name!*

#### **6. Lunch:**

With the new regulations for organic waste to be disposed separately, food garbage needs to be thrown separately. In order to avoid fruit flies in the classroom, students are asked to take any unfinished food items and scraps home.

#### **7. School Masses:**

To celebrate our faith, we have the privilege to attend Mass as a school every Friday morning. However, some special feast days such as All Saints Day (November 1st) fall on other days of the week. On those occasions, regular Friday school Masses will be moved to the day of that respective feast day.