



Parent Participation Newsletter

St. Francis Xavier School Parent Teacher Association

September 2021

Hello Parents,

On behalf of the Parent Teacher Association team (PTA), I would like to welcome all new and returning families to the 2021-2022 school year at St. Francis Xavier! The primary role of the PTA is to facilitate the Parent Participation Program and fundraising. Your PTA class representative will be reaching out to connect with you.

Our Parent Participation Program (PPP) is a vital part of the school and your help as parent volunteers creates community spirit and enriches our children's education. As we return to school with COVID-19 variants still affecting us, we will be reviewing the health and safety measures for all parent volunteers at the upcoming PPP Night meeting on September 9.

- New for this year is the New Family PPP Orientation on **September 2 at 7pm** for all new families to join us for an hour on Zoom to learn about Parking Patrol and Yard Supervision Duties, and how PPP works.
- Be sure to sign and return the attached "Additional Signature Required" form and bring with you on School Registration Day. All families are required to sign it even if you have opted-out of PPP.

Please accept our thanks and appreciation for your continuous support as PPP would not be such a great success without your cooperation! Be sure you add pta.sfx@sfxschool.ca into your contacts to reach us for any questions.

Sincerely,

Monica Chow
PTA Chairperson

PPP INFORMATION NIGHT

All new and returning parents are invited to attend the upcoming virtual Parent Participation Program Information Night on **Thursday, September 9 at 7 pm**. PPP will be credited per family.

We will review Parking Patrol/Yard Supervision responsibilities; how to sign up for Parking Patrol; update you on new processes and procedures and have break-out rooms for you to meet your PTA class rep.

Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date.



ONVOLUNTEERS

OnVolunteers (<http://sfx.onvolunteers.com>) is a web-based volunteer system that allows parents to sign up for volunteer jobs, track and monitor PPP hours.

For new families, your account has been created based on the primary volunteer's email provided on the Parent Participation enrolment form. Please see the [OnVolunteers: Getting Started Guide](#) for more information.

PARKING PATROL SIGN UP

Details will be announced during PPP Night.

Upcoming Events

New Family PPP Orientation*

September 2, 7 pm (Zoom)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83602916847>

Meeting ID: 836 0291 6847
Passcode: 428

We invite all new SFX families to join us at this Zoom meeting to learn more about PPP and Parking Patrol duties. (Open to all families to join in if you need a refresher.)
1 PPP hour credit per family.

School Registration Day

September 7, 8:30 am-12:30 pm

PPP Night (All Parents)

September 9, 7 pm (Zoom)
Zoom Meeting ID will be emailed out to all families.

Meet The Teacher Night

September 16, (Zoom)

Fundraising

PTA HOT LUNCH

The first PTA Hot Lunch is FreshSlice Pizza on Wednesday, September 29. You can register your new account online after the first day of school to place your orders at <http://sfxschool.hotlunches.net>. We will also have orange t-shirts in support of Orange Shirt Day available for sale.

All new and returning parents will need to **Register a new account** as all accounts were removed for year end clean up. For returning parents, please use the same email address for registration on the website in order to retrieve any credit owing from last year. Money raised from PTA hot lunch goes back to subsidizing school activities.

FLIPGIVE

We can earn cash back to support our school on our regular online purchases by shopping through the FlipGive app to stores like Old Navy, The Children's Place, SportChek, Indigo, etc.

Please join this new fundraiser for the 2021-2022 school year. When setting your team player info, please join the grade of your eldest child. If you have already joined, please log in and switch to the new fundraiser.

Join our team now and you'll earn the school an extra \$5 bonus the first time you shop: <https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=XKSZPV>, or enter this code: XKSZPV

For every person that earns a cash back by shopping via FlipGive between now to midnight September 19, they will be entered in a draw to win some cool SFX swag.

LABELS FOR YOUR KID'S STUFF

We have partnered with a few companies that our school can earn 20% commission from each sale, you can click on the links below to make your purchases. Make sure your kid's uniform pieces and belongings make it home by labelling everything!

Oliver's Labels <http://www.oliverslabels.com/sfxpta>

Lovable Labels <http://www.SFX.lovablelabels.ca>

Mabel's Labels <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.ca> and search for SFX PTA (Vancouver)

PTA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PTA sends out a monthly newsletter and other occasional updates. Make sure to put pta.sfx@sfxschool.ca in your email contacts to prevent Mailchimp delivering emails to your junk/spam folder.

2021 – 2022 PTA Team

Say hello to this year's PTA team. Not only will they contact you during snow days, they help organize and facilitate the Parent Participation Program and fundraising.

PTA Chair	Monica Chow
KC	Karen Der
KD	Becky Li
1D	Cissy Lei
1W	Jennifer Leung
2B	Cywa Huang
2C	Judy Ma
3B	tbd
3N	I-Chant Chiang
4C	Annie Yu
4L	Samantha Wong
5C	Gus Marroquin
5P	Lesley Murphy
6B	Julia Tham & Calvin Tham
6G	Antony Wong
7C	Elain Tse
7W	Norman So & Wai-Ling So
Parking Patrol	Tim Cheng
After School Chinese	Vivian Tsang
Library	Teresa Ang
Hot Lunch	Irene Wong
OnVolunteers Admin	Victoria Chan & Michael Sew



TRAFFIC UPDATES AND REMINDERS

There will be a lot more traffic when we return to school this year as the skytrain construction across from us is well under way. To ensure the safety of our children and the school community, please always follow the [Parking Patrol Guidelines and Procedures](#). In addition, please note the following and share with all family members and guardians:

1. DRIVE SAFELY

Please do not pull any U-turns on Great Northern Way or any other streets where it is not legal to do so. Follow the speed limit of the residential streets when traveling behind the school. Give yourself extra time to avoid rushing. Do not double park during pick up times, and drive around to find a proper parking spot instead.

2. MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

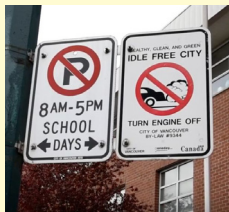
Primary Drop-Off (K-Gr. 3):

Primary students can be dropped off at the curb lane on East 2nd behind the school. Do not park in these spots. There are 3-minute parking spots along East 5th Avenue. Please return to your vehicle promptly.

Intermediate Drop-Off (Gr. 4-7):

Intermediate students can be dropped off in front of the school on Great Northern Way.

If you are heading into the school's parkade, please pull into the curb lane and wait for vehicles in front of you to clear before making the right turn into the parkade. Do not cut off vehicles that are dropping off students on Great Northern Way.



3. AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Primary Pick-Up (K-Gr. 3):

Students are dismissed at the Daycare gate in 5-minute intervals starting with Ks, Gr. 2s, Gr. 1s and then Gr. 3s. There are 3-minute parking spots along East 2nd and East 5th Avenue for pick-up of Primary students only. Do not use these parking spots if you are more than 5 minutes early for your designated pick-up time. Please return to your vehicle promptly after pick-up.



Intermediate Pick-Up (Gr. 4-7):

Students are dismissed in front of the school in 5-minute intervals starting with Gr. 4s, Gr. 6s, Gr. 5s and then Gr. 7s. Vehicles can stop in front of the school on Great Northern Way to pick-up Intermediate students only. Please do not leave your vehicle.

Do not stop at the curb if you are more than 5 minutes early for your designated pick-up time, please use the parkade instead. Park your car in parkade or street parking if you are picking up kids in different grades.

4. NO LEFT TURNS

Do not attempt to turn left into the parkade from Great Northern Way OR turn left out of the parkade during morning drop-off or after school pick-up in order to reduce the congestion of vehicles waiting to enter and exit the parkade. There will be traffic cones positioned.

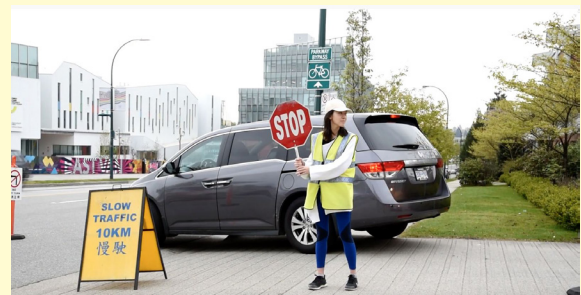


5. ONE WAY TRAFFIC INSIDE PARKADE



The flow of traffic inside the parkade is one way in a counterclockwise direction.

4. FOLLOW THE PATROL'S DIRECTIONS



As all families are required to volunteer in Parking Patrol, please respect the parent volunteers' job to keep you and the children safe.

5. DO NOT PARK IN HANDICAP OR "RESERVED FOR DAYCARE" SPOTS

There are spots reserved for daycare parents in the parkade. Make sure you have valid permits displayed in your vehicle if you are parked in the designated spots.

6. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Let's all do our part to be kind and polite. There are many ways to respect the neighbourhood and the neighbours around our school. Avoid stopping in a permit only parking spot. Watch your speed in residential streets. Stay off the sidewalk if you are waiting outside the school during drop-off/pick-up times.