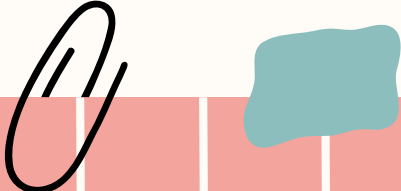


EAST ST. MARGARET'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL 2026



CURRICULUM NIGHT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

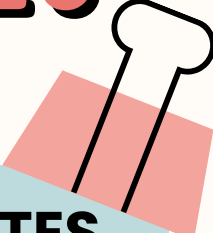
Our staff is hard at work preparing the school for a new school year, and we are looking forward to seeing the smiling faces of our ESM students once again.

Join us for this year's Curriculum Night and Family Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, September 1 from 6-7 PM. This is a great way for ESM students and their families to meet their teachers and see their classrooms before classes begin. We hope to see you all there!

FIRST DAY: WHAT TO BRING?

The ESM School Advisory Council has provided funding for school supplies for all ESM students, so all your students will need on the first day of school is lunch and snack*, a leak-proof water bottle, indoor shoes, a full change of clothing in a ziploc bag, and a smile! Please label everything, including indoor shoes.

*Please send cold food or pack warm food in containers that do not require heating. Students will have no access to microwaves.



IMPORTANT DATES

September 1

Curriculum Night and Ice Cream Social @ ESM: 6-7 PM

September 3

First Day of School for Students!!!

GET SET FOR SUCCESS: ESM DAILY ROUTINE

Morning Supervision begins each day at **8:05 AM**. For the safety of our students, families are reminded that **students should not be dropped off at school prior to 8:05 AM.**

Our school day begins at **8:25 AM**.

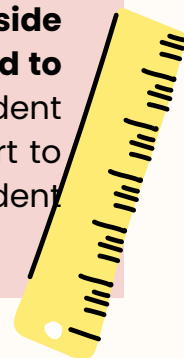
Students arriving after 8:25 AM should report to the Main Office to sign in prior to going to class.

Recess runs from **10:00-10:15 AM**.

Lunch is from **12:00-12:55 PM**.

Our Dismissal bell rings at **2:25 PM**.

To ensure a smooth dismissal, families are asked to **wait outside until your students are dismissed to you**. If you need to pick your student up before dismissal, please report to the Main Office to sign your student out of class..



BUS PLANNER

Everything you need to know about student transportation for the new school year including eligibility, stop times and stop locations can be found on the HRCE BusPlanner Parent Portal. Once you register and subscribe, you may also receive email notifications with changes to routes, bus delays or cancellations.

Emails were sent to all families in July with instructions for signing into the BusPlanner Parent Portal. Please check your email inboxes for the activation link and follow the included instructions for signing into the Parent Portal.

Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Didn't receive an email? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team via email - transportation@hrce.ca or call 902-431-4723.



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SAFE ARRIVAL

SchoolMessenger's SafeArrival is an absence-management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for families to let the school know about student absences.

We ask that you report your student's absence in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

- Interactive Toll-Free Phone
- PowerSchool Parent Portal
- SM Home App for Android and iOS

Full details for using the Safe Arrival system can be found on the [HRCE website](http://hrce.website).

STUDENT SAFETY

Student safety is our #1 priority at ESM. To ensure student safety, we ask our community to abide by the following procedures:

1. ALL visitors, including parents and guardians, MUST check-in at the Main Office upon entering the building.
2. ALL students arriving late or leaving early MUST check-in and out through the Main Office.
3. ALL dismissal changes MUST be communicated with the Main Office via phone call, email, or note from home. Students without notification of dismissal change will be sent home on their regular bus to their regular stop.