Mme Proulx – Grade 7/8

St. Anthony Catholic French Immersion Elementary School

2018/2019 School Year

**Bonjour et bienvenue to a new school year!**

It is truly my pleasure to be sharing a classroom with your son or daughter. My name is Jaclyn Proulx and I am your child’s teacher this year. I am currently in my 3rd year of teaching at St. Anthony having spent the last two years in the primary division.

Below is a list of important information that you should know about this school year. Please keep it handy and refer back to it when needed. I will post this newsletter, and more important information on my website for your review.

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**It is my belief that good communication is key to our successful partnership which will allow your child to achieve his or her best!**

*Our board is working diligently to provide parents and teachers with the most efficient means of communication- At this time our school is using Twitter and our board has started using the “SchoolMessenger” App which can be downloaded from the App Store onto your personal device for messaging and reporting absences.*

**If you have not yet followed our school on Twitter, please search: @StAthonyLondon**

I will be using several forms of communication with you this year to ensure the best for each of my students. My primary mode of communication, which should be checked by students (and parents) on a regular basis, will be our class website. Our Class website is typically updated on a weekly basis and will provide you with essential insight about what we are doing in class, assignment due dates, valuable resources/links and school newsletters. **Please check it regularly.**

Should you wish to contact me directly, I will check my emails and the School Messenger App daily. Please note that I will be unable to check the app during working hours. I will be hosting “office hours” wherein I hope to use the new app to respond to messages and reply to questions. These hours are from 3:30-5:30 pm. Occasionally, I will use the app during my prep periods or recess times to contact you. Your support and patience in this time of transition to a new board wide app is greatly appreciated.

**As a reminder, any time sensitive issues (such as changes in dismissal, appointments etc) must go through the office.**

**STUDENT AGENDA:**

My goal for our 7/8 class is to prepare students for secondary school, and the transition into Grade 9. In this period of transition to middle school, there are several things to consider for both the 7s and 8s, beginning with how they would like to keep themselves organized.

My recommendation is that students begin to use an agenda independently to record important dates and homework. **All students should have an agenda to use by Friday, September 7th.** This agenda will not be monitored but should be used to help your child stay organized. Agendas can be purchased to match many styles or budgets at Dollarama, Chapters/Indigo, Michaels etc.

If students are absent, they are responsible for contacting their assigned study buddy to catch up on any work missed. Should your child be missing school for an extended period of time (e.g. vacation) a note must be submitted to the office a minimum of 5 days prior to the absence.

**PAYMENTS:** At this time, no cash will be accepted at the school. Please use the online payment system which can be found here: <https://ldcsb.schoolcashonline.com>

**HOMEWORK:**

Generally, I will not be assigning homework. I believe that if a student works diligently on his/her academic tasks during the day, evenings and weekends should be spent with family and friends or pursuing hobbies and interests. Students will be given ample time to complete most tasks during the instructional day, but may require additional time to complete larger assignments or continue his/her math or language tasks at home for practice. You will be notified if there is a consistent problem with work completion. For those wishing to complete extra practice, I will continue to upload useful websites, worksheets or practice on my website under each subject. Daily independent reading will be incorporated into our language program, therefore your son or daughter is expected to have an appropriate novel or book of interest in his/her desk at all times.

**ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION**

Each student will have their own Learning Log Folder in which marked work will be placed. The Learning Log Folder will be sent home periodically. Parents are please asked to review and initial each piece of work after review and send all work back to me to be filed. If ever you have a question or concern about a piece of work, please let me know. Please keep in mind that not all assessments are paper and pencil. Students will be given opportunities to demonstrate their learning in a variety of formats (anecdotal notes, conversations/interviews, quizzes, tests, assignments, and self-evaluation sheets) to provide opportunities to show case all of their talents.

**All work that is assessed for reporting purposes must be completed at school and will not be coming home for completion or editing.** It is expected that all assessed assignments are signed by parents and returned to class where they will be kept on file.

\*Should a student be unable to complete work within the assigned time frame, they are responsible for discussing it with me IN ADVANCE so an equitable arrangement can be made.
 **TECHNOLOGY:**Throughout this school year there will be opportunities for students to use their Personal Electronic Devices (PED) in class according to the LDCSB PED policy. PEDs include, but are not limited to iPods, iPads, cell phones, tablets and computers. The activities associated with the use of the PED are solely for educational purposes. If your child does not have a PED, or you do not wish to send it to school, he/she can use wireless devices that have been purchased by the school.

We understand that these devices are costly and safety is a potential concern. Therefore, we are asking that if you give permission for your child to bring his/her PED to school you understand that they will be assuming all responsibility for the device. Please see the attached technology permission form for more information and return the form to school by **Friday, September 7th..**

During the day, students are expected to store their PED in the numbered organizer which is located in the classroom. Students may not store devices in their pockets or backpacks during the school day.

**UNIFORM:**

Students will be expected to dress in a manner in accordance with our school and board guidelines. The complete uniform guideline for our school can be found on my website.

Students will be expected to bring a change of gym clothes to each gym period. Without an appropriate change of clothes, they will be unable to participate and therefore unable to be assessed.

**WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD NEED?***At the beginning of the school year, students will be provided with the basic necessary supplies. Your child is responsible for keeping his/her materials organized and bringing replacement materials to school as necessary.*

* Agenda
* Reusable water bottle
* Book for silent reading available at school at all times
* One or two binders with dividers (if it is a large binder, one will suffice).
* Lined paper (hole reinforcement stickers are useful)
* Art sketchbook
* Writing utensils: Pencils and at least one blue or black pen
* Highlighters
* Pencil crayons/markers
* Glue stick
* Calculator **\*please note that students will not be permitted to use their telephone as a calculator during math tests\* each student must have his/her own calculator. The calculator does not need to be overly complicated but it must have the square root and exponent functions.**
* Indoor footwear
* Box of tissues to be shared by all the students throughout the year, paper towel or hand sanitizer is also appreciated
* Protractor
* French Dictionary (I recommend Petit Robert)
* Bescherelle

 **Bonne année!**

**Mme Proulx**