

August 17, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School Kindergarten teams are preparing for the upcoming school year. During the upcoming year, the school board recommends not sharing personal items. In addition to the items listed in the PowerPoint sent in June (backpack, lunch pail for Boomerang lunch, water bottle, indoor shoes, change of clothes), we ask that you send the following items with your child:

1 pencil case or pencil box that can hold:

- 1 set of crayons (12-24 crayons)
- 1 set of markers (8-12 markers)
- 1 set dry erase markers (2-4)
- 1 pair scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 roll masking tape (does not need to fit in pencil case)

*Please label *everything* that you send with your child in order to avoid mix ups and lost items.

More information regarding school plans and starting dates will be sent home soon. We are planning to have a 'staggered entry' where the Year 2 students will start on the first day of class and the Year One students will start on the following days. With 25 - 30 students in each class, this allows students a bit of time to become comfortable in a smaller group on their first days at school.

Sincerely,

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Kindergarten Teams

Tips for preparing your child for Kindergarten this year:

The following is a list collectively put together by our Kindergarten educators. We want your child to have a smooth transition into Kindergarten during this time of social distancing and restrictions. In order to minimize contact and time spent handwashing between helping children, please ensure, to the best of your ability, that students can:

- Zip / unzip their own coats
- Button / unbutton their own pants when using the washroom
- Use the washroom independently (wiping, flushing)
- Wash hands thoroughly
- Put on and fasten shoes independently
- Open and close their own lunch box and food containers
- Put a straw in their own juice box, open any pre-packaged snacks
- Fill and close their own water bottles
- Use tissues to blow their nose
- Open and close their own backpack
- Remove lunch bag from backpack and pack lunch bag into backpack

Additionally, if you would like your child to wear a mask while at school, please help him or her to practice putting it on and taking it off properly. He or she should also have a bag or container to put it in when it will not be worn (while eating, outdoors). It may be helpful to practice wearing the mask at home prior to school starting. *Please note that Kindergarten students are not required to wear masks but are encouraged to do so.*