



ST. HILDA Catholic Junior High

Dear Students & Parents/Guardians

On behalf of the staff at Escuela St. Hilda Junior High I am happy to welcome you to the 2019-20 school year! Attached you will find your child's Gr. 7 Option form, September Calendar and supply list to help you prepare for the upcoming year. Please return the option form to our school before June 27th, 2019 as our office will be closed over the summer break. Our regular office hours are from 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday-Friday. We will reopen on August 21, 2019 at 8:00am.

Aside from the information enclosed the following tools will be indispensable to you over the year...PowerSchool, Google Classroom and school agendas.

- 1) PowerSchool will allow students and parents to access things such as schedules, fees, assignments, and grades. If you have not already signed up for Powerschool we highly encourage you to contact your child's current school (if it is a Catholic Elementary) to find out how to log in.
- 2) Google Classroom is a teacher site that will provide daily assignments, projects (guidelines, grading rubrics, completion/timeline dates), quiz/test/assessment dates, links to games/websites relevant to core content. These "classrooms" are created by individual teachers and students will receive their access codes when classes begin if a teacher chooses to use Google Classroom for their classes.
- 3) School Agendas will be provided to each student at the beginning of the school year. These agendas will allow students to jot down assignments and important dates, as well as, be used as "hall passes" for washroom or water breaks. It is important to note that students cannot use their cellphones during the day (only during lunch) which is why it is important that they begin practicing good habits such as planning and organizing their time with their agendas.

We also encourage you to review our Parent-Student Handbook which can be accessed on our website: <https://www.ecsd.net/schools/8044/school-information/Pages/Student-Parent-Handbook.aspx>

The handbook will be reviewed on the first day of school by home room teachers and will be published in our student agendas for easy access. If you have any questions about the rules and expectations, please feel free to contact me or to discuss them with your child's teacher in September. It is very important that you and your child are fully informed regarding standards related to appropriate behavior for a safe and productive school year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school

Finally, we encourage parents/guardians to please consider joining our Parent Advisory Council as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations.

The wonderful St. Hilda staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you in September.

Sincerely,
Claudia Pederson
Principal

