



September 5, 2025

Parent Letter – Back to School Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are filled with joy and gratitude as we prepare to welcome your children back to school for the 2025–2026 year. The beginning of a new school year is always a special time, full of fresh opportunities for learning, growth, and faith formation. Our staff is eager to greet students, support them in their studies, and journey with them in Christ.

This year also brings with it a renewed sense of community and belonging. From the first day of classes to the many activities, celebrations, and faith-filled moments ahead, we are committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment where every child feels valued and inspired to do their best.

Regarding the recent news about the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) strike vote and ongoing provincial negotiations with the Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA), please note that our division is not directly involved in this process. Bargaining takes place exclusively between these two organizations, and school divisions remain neutral parties.

We know this situation may create some uncertainty for families. At this time, **no strike has been called**. Schools will be open as planned and classes will continue as normal. Please be assured that if there are any changes or disruptions, you will receive timely updates from us. Our foremost priority remains the well-being, learning, and faith development of the students entrusted to our care.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. We look forward to a wonderful school year ahead, filled with learning, belonging, and growth for every child.

Sincerely,

Laurie Kardynal

Superintendent of Schools

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