

JUNE 2026



ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

Pride Month

We are looking forward to celebrating Pride throughout the month of June. This is an important way for us to be inclusive of all families and welcome everyone to be who they are.

June 1 - We will hang our Pride Flags on the playgrounds!
Please wear your bright colours.

June 12 - We will have our own Pride Parade and take the children for a walk around the neighborhood (wear your Rainbow Colours)



Dates to Remember

- **June is PRIDE Month**
- **June 9** - Year End Family Picnic
5:30-7:00pm
- **June 15-19** - clean out your child's cubby and take home all personal belongs
- **Friday, June 19** - Last Day of School for the summer
- **Sunday, June 21** - Father's Day

Year End Picnic

Our Year End Family Picnic is just around the corner!

You are invited to join our year end family picnic on **Tuesday, June 9th 5:30-7:00pm**. Please bring your own picnic dinner and a blanket to sit on. St. John's will be offering a snack of goldfish crackers and fruit.

Erick Traplin will be here to perform some of his wonderful songs at 6pm and this will be a time for you to socialize with your child's educators and other St. John's families. Let's celebrate the wonderful year we had together. **This is a free event.**

No RSVP needed.

Everyone is welcome!

Weekly Menu

Copies of our menus can be found on our website and just inside our main entrance on the family board.

- June 1-5 week # 1
- June 8-12 week #2
- June 15-19 week #3





Pride Month

June is Pride month in the Region and across North America, and St John's will be celebrating! Pride is a celebration of people coming together in love and friendship despite shared difficulties and supporting the right for everyone to be proud of who they are. Pride month is about acceptance, equality, celebrating the work of 2SLGBTQ+ people, education in 2SLGBTQ+ history and raising awareness of issues still affecting the community.

For most of history, and still today, people who identify as part of the 2SLGBTQ+ community have had their human rights withheld, have endured violence, discrimination, and hatred. Many people who are struggling with their identity, gender, or who they love, may feel the need to hide or be ashamed of that part of themselves.

That is why we raise the pride flag and celebrate across North America in June; to show allyship, support and love to the 2SLGBTQ+ community. The Children and Educators of St John's will hang the Pride flag together on both the Seedling and Preschool playgrounds on Monday June 1st. We want people to know that we welcome everyone in our community and that everyone has a place at St John's!

The Progress Pride Flag is now the most commonly used Pride flag. It recognizes the importance of centring voices that have historically been left out of conversations. The original Multi-Coloured Rainbow Flag was designed by San Francisco artist Gilbert Baker in 1978. Each colour of the rainbow represents a different aspect of pride, and what it means to be proud. Red represents life, Orange, healing, Yellow is for sunlight, Green represents nature, Blue is for peace and harmony, and Purple is for spirit.

Artist Daniel Quasar wanted to create a Pride flag that showed forward movement and better representation and acknowledgment of the community for whom it is flown. In 2018 he created the Progress Pride Flag. The flag's black and brown stripes represent marginalized 2SLGBTQ+ communities of colour, community members lost to HIV/AIDS, and those currently living with AIDS. The chevron represents a need for forward movement, and the blue, pink, and white of the trans flag represents members of the transgender community. The ever-evolving nature of the pride flag shows the progress within the 2SLGBTQ+ community itself, as well as the celebration of how far the community has come.

- Tri Pride Summerfest is our community's Pride celebration. It will be held at Willow River Park (Victoria Park) in Kitchener on Saturday June 6th from 12pm-8pm. There will be vendors, entertainment, a kid's area, food trucks and more. Tri Pride is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year and welcomes all members of our community to join in the celebration.
- Trillium church is also hosting a pride event on Saturday May 30th 11:00am-5:30. Come for a BBQ, pride painting and a children's clothing swap.

Thank You

A big thank you to SG Cunningham!! St. John's Nursery School has been selected as one of the benefactors of their Charity Golf Tournament. The funds received will go towards our outdoor learning spaces.

Thank you very much!!



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Food 4 Kids

Would you like to say Thank You to your child's educators? You can say a Big Thank You without gifts by considering a donation to Food4Kids.

[Food4Kids Waterloo Region](#) provides food packages to children facing chronic hunger during the nine weeks of summer break.

This organization is near and dear to our hearts and we would like to be able to help them out with their summer food drive.

In the month of June, Food4Kids is having their peanut butter drive.

Donate a jar of peanut butter to the school in lieu of educator gifts.

Feeding a child this summer is a way to say thanks.

Thank you so much.

Playing Outside

We are planning on spending most of our time outside and that means lots of waterplay! If you can please send extra clothes or quick dry shorts/shirts in your child's backpack, it would be appreciated as the children love the water but we do want to change them out of their wet clothing after they are finished.

Also, this is a great time to use your **Muddy Buddy**, when the mornings are a bit colder, so please keep it in your child's backpack!

We are Expanding

We have been approved for 8 new preschool spots starting in September.

Our License Capacity is now 15 Toddlers and 48 Preschool bring our total to 63 children in the school each day. We are so proud to be offering care to a few more families in our Region.




Painting of the School Hallway

Our big summer project is to give our school hallway and bathrooms a fresh look with a new coat of paint.

To give the painter enough time to patch and prep all the areas for painting, he will be starting on Fridays afternoons in the month of June to patch and sand all the walls both in the hallway and the bathrooms.

At the beginning of June everything will be taken down off the walls in the cubby areas and all the way down the hall. Everything will look very bare for the remainder of the school year but come September it will be looking fresh and new. Thanks for your understanding during this project.



Return Library Books

With the patching and sanding happening on Friday afternoons, we will be taking down our library. If you have books at home, please return them by June 1st so that we can put everything away for the summer. We will continue the library in the fall and we hope that you enjoyed sharing these books with your child throughout the school year.

Lost and Found

Please remember to check the lost and found. We have many items missing their home. Items not collected by June 19th will be donated.
Thank you.



AGM UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM this year. We accepted our 2025 audited financial statements. We ended the 2025 year with a \$66800 surplus. This surplus will be kept in our reserves for future capital projects and spending. Under the CWELCC Funding Plan, we are no longer provided with one time grants for repairs and maintenance projects and need to save for those upcoming and sometimes unexpected costs. Our reserves also pays for special projects for the classrooms and playgrounds. In the past some of those one time funding projects allowed us to build our sunshelter, install a new sink system in the kitchen, purchase lofts, tables and other equipment for the classrooms. We now need to be strategic in saving for those projects. Copies of our AGM and year end financials are available outside the office.

Returning Families

If you're an in-house family returning to us in September, we need you to please log into your Kindertales account and ensure all current information on file is correct ie allergies, emergency contact info. We also have uploaded the newest version of our Caregiver Handbook on our website and Kindertales which includes some new policies for next year. Please review the handbook . We ask that you email Marianne a recent photo of your child to Kindertales as well. We will use this photo to create their cubby tag for the new school year.

A reminder that cancelations AFTER JUNE 1st or over the summer - your security deposit is non-refundable. Any changes to your enrollment will then be reflected on your October invoice through Kindertales. Please keep your key fob and muddy buddy over the summer. If you have not picked up your child's muddy buddy, please see Kim or Marianne in the office. If cost is a barrier, just check off rent with financial support in Kindertales and come pick one up. You never know, it may come in useful over the summer months.



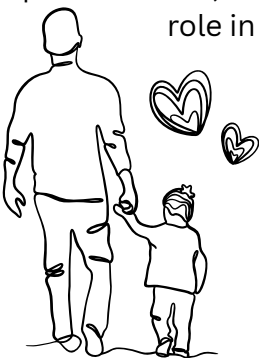
Fall Open House

Thursday September 3rd, 2026, we will be hosting a fall open house for returning families. Please hold this date so that you and your child can come and visit the school, meet their new Educators, find their cubbies, and see how their classroom is set up before we begin school.

A survey to pick your visit time on the 3rd will go out over the summer months. Please start watching for emails in August.

Father's Day

Father's Day is to honour one's father, fatherhood and the parental bond father's share with their children. Fathers aren't necessarily related biologically. We honour all fathers, brothers, uncles, grandfathers, special friends, and any who plays a nurturing role in our community.



**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day**

End of Year Photo

We have a last day of school at St. John's sign that is hanging in our hallway at the school entrance. For the week of June 15-19 we will have this sign, along with the photo booth outside in the grass area , so you can take some year end photos of your child.





Being Together

We have so many tasks and administrative duties throughout the day, along with taking lots of photos and documentation. For the month of June, we are asking all the Educators to put down the iPads and just engage in play and not worry about any documentation in the month of June. As Educators, we want the final weeks with the children to be meaningful and uninterrupted. Educators will do any final prep on your child's portfolio this month before it goes home for the summer.

Families Leaving St. John's

Any families leaving will need to return their **Key FOB(s) and Muddy Buddy** to us the last week of June. Please remember to get back fobs from other family members, or spouse's key chains. We will return your deposit back when you return your key fobs. Some families have asked if they can donate their key fob money back to the school and YES you can. If you would like to do that, just let us know.
Thank you.

June Fees

Families leaving:

If you are leaving St. John's your last month security deposit will be applied to your June invoice. If you made changes to your enrollment since your deposit has been paid, the difference will be billed.

Families returning:

Your June 2025 fees will be invoiced as regular, as your security deposit has been moved into next school year.



Portfolio Binders

Portfolios will be sent home the night of the picnic or the following week if you are unable to attend that evening. These are great keepsakes and a way for you to see all the documented learning that happened throughout the year. If your child is returning next year, we ask that you please save it and bring it back in September. Feel free to add to the portfolio over the summer of activities you do together. This is a great way to build conversation when we start back in the fall.

SUMMER

Last Day of School

Our last day for the 2025-2026 school year will be on Friday, June 19th. We would like to wish all our graduates best wishes as they start their new adventures. For the children and families returning to us for the 2026-2027 school year, we are looking forward to seeing you in September.