

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2019-20

During the month of May, we will begin the process of assigning students to classes for September 2019-2020. Please be aware that at this time, our class assignments and teacher allocations are unknown. We will not know our specific staffing needs until at least the middle of June. Specific student/class assignment will not be finalized until the first week or possibly second week of school in September. This is done in order to accommodate new student registrations during the summer time. Class lists are quite often adjusted and changed radically during the holidays; therefore we avoid creating false expectations until all the “numbers” are in just prior to school starting in September. **Please also be aware that class assignments both for teachers and students can be changed even in September.**

There is, however, a common myth that needs to be addressed:

My child was in a combined class(split grade) this year, thus they will not be in a split class next year – not so; we have no control over how many students enroll in our school or leave our school and we have less control over Ministry, teacher, pupil ratios. There have been many combined classes at St. Teresa and they will most likely to continue.

How can parents provide input to this process?

Parent input is welcome in this process – within the following parameters. You as parents know the ways your child learns best: you know what he/she needs in terms of the development of work habits and study skills; you know some effective discipline techniques that bring out the best in your child. There are a number of important details that would be invaluable to the staff as we create class lists. If you feel you would like to offer specific input in this process, please print out and list your thoughts on the back of this paper, and then return to the office by Monday, May 6th, 2019.

We will take the information we have to make the best decision for your child/children. Our goal at St. Teresa School is to develop balanced classes. A balanced class reflects the diversity of our community and allows the variety of interests and talents of our learners to emerge and be appreciated. Like families, the class unit provides a balance of opportunities for a range of learners to succeed through appropriate challenges. Like the community, school is a social environment. Each new year brings opportunities to meet and make new friends, and expand our circle of acquaintances.

For a parent/guardian to state a teacher preference would not be helpful OR in most cases even possible to accommodate. As well, statements about other children in terms of them being placed with or not with your child are also discouraged. Groupings of this nature will, by and large, be a staff decision, as staff observe on a daily basis the students and how they interact with others.

If you plan to move outside of the St. Teresa boundary, and will not be attending St. Teresa School in September, please let Mrs. Lavigne know by telephone(519-743-2131). or written note as soon as possible.

Thank-you!

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