

## Important information

### 1. Registration for 2016-2017

- **Starting August 24<sup>th</sup> (8: 30 am – 3:30 pm)** (note that the school will be closed September 5<sup>th</sup>).
- Please **inform us of any change** of address, phone number, etc.

### 2. School fees

- School fees for the 2016-2017 school year are now due.

<b>Kindergarten \$85</b>	<b>Grades 1-6 \$65</b>	<b>Grades 7-9 \$175</b>
Learning materials	Learning materials \$50	Learning materials \$90
	Cultural fees \$15	Cultural fees \$25
		Options courses \$60

- Bussing is FREE at École La Prairie!

### 3. A new t-shirt and slogan

- Each student enrolled at École La Prairie, having his/her fees paid in full by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, will receive an École La Prairie t-shirt. Students are encouraged to wear their t-shirt during special events at the school. A big thank you to the school council who supported this initiative again.
- An **electronic order form** will be sent home soon!

### 4. School supplies

- Please **identify all material** with your child's name.
- Lists of school supplies for each of the grades are available on the school's website ([www.lp.centrenord.ab.ca](http://www.lp.centrenord.ab.ca)) in the *inscription* section. Copies are also available at the office.

### 5. 2016-2017 Student Acceptable Use of Technology contracts

- In order for any *Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord* student to be allowed to use technology devices or the Internet, a user contract must be signed. A copy of this form will be sent home along with an information package September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 6. Here is an overview of some of the activities planned during the first days of school:

#### September 1<sup>st</sup>

- Back to school
- Back to school assembly

#### Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>

- K – 6 Field trip to Kraay Family Farm Corn Maze in Lacombe (lunch will be provided). We will need parent volunteers! Please contact your child's teacher as to how you can help.
- Grades 7 – 9 School BBQ (although lunch is provided, note that student will need to bring snacks for the remainder of the day.)

#### Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup>

- Back to school celebration 10:30

#### Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>

- RaJe 2016 in Edmonton (annual gathering for all middle school students in Edmonton)

### 7. Progressive entry for kindergarten

- Like other schools in our district, kindergarten students will begin school progressively. A letter to this effect was sent to the parents of these students.

### 8. Transportation

- *Prairie Bus Lines* will confirm the time of arrival of the bus at your home in the morning and the time of return of your child at home at the end of the day.
- Please notify any **change of address** to the school's office so that we can inform our transportation department. You can find a change of address form on our website.
- Please ensure your child is at the bus stop **at least 5 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time**.

- It is the parents' responsibility to notify *Prairie Bus Lines* (**403-342-6390**) if their child does not take the bus in the **morning** (regardless of the reason).
- If your child does not take the bus **after school**, please contact the office (343-0060) **before 3 pm** to notify us. We will notify your child if necessary.
- Kindergarten students will be paired and accompanied by an older student during bus transportation in the first weeks of school.
- If your child's bus is late, please contact Prairie Bus Lines directly (403-342-6390). You can also consult the website [www.myschoolbusmonitor.ca](http://www.myschoolbusmonitor.ca) for a list of busses running late.
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding school transportation you can contact our school board's transportation department at [www.centrenord.ab.ca/programmes-services/transport/communiquez-avec-nous](http://www.centrenord.ab.ca/programmes-services/transport/communiquez-avec-nous).

#### **9. Arrival of students in the morning**

- Please note that supervisors will be present in the school yard in the morning at **8: 30**. For safety reasons, please do not leave your child at school without supervision.
- Please drop off your child outside at **the rear** of the school. There is no supervision in the corridors and in the classroom in the morning before the first bell.

#### **10. Nutritional Breaks**

- There will be 3 nutritional breaks during the day. The first will be upon arrival where the students can have a healthy snack. The second is during the lunch break, after an outdoor recess. The third break is after a long outdoor recess.

#### **11. Student leaving the school**

- A parent who comes to pick up his/her child at school (during the hours of class) must sign the registry in the office before the child leaves. It is equally important to sign his/her child back in upon their return.

#### **12. Open House on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm**

- Parents will have the opportunity to visit the school and meet with their child's teachers at the Open House evening. This will be an opportunity for teachers to communicate their expectations and for parents to ask questions about the new school year.

#### **13. School Council Annual General Meeting and Society of Parents for French Education (SPEF) – September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:15 pm**

- These two groups will meet immediately following the open house.
- Get involved and support the school functions.
- A babysitting service will be provided for parents having young children present.

#### **14. Back to School Supper on September 15, 2016 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

- Organized by the School Council, this back to school supper is an excellent opportunity to meet other families.

#### **15. École La Prairie Staff 2016-2017**

##### **Teaching staff**

Amélie Côté - Kindergarten  
 Véronique Lambert-Samson - Grade 1  
 Damayé Camara - Grade 2  
 Nancy Paquet - Grade 3  
 Caroline Lamarre - Grade 4  
 Souad Mechkour - Grade 5-6  
 Marc Vaillancourt – Grade 7-8 and Physical Education  
 Michel Gauthier – Secondary Mathematics and Science  
 Samuel Dumoulin – Secondary Humanities  
 Darlene Turnbull - English  
 Jean Doyon - Physical Education  
 Josée Gaudreault – Francisation and others

##### **Support staff**

Penny Le Maistre – Secretary/Librarian  
 Mirna Madrid – Educational Assistant

##### **Pre-School**

Yannick Dion - Instructor

##### **Administration**

Jean Doyon – Principal  
 Samuel Dumoulin – Vice-principal

#### 16. Shoes

- Each student will need to have 1 pair of shoes that he / she will use **exclusively for the interior of the school**. These shoes should also be suitable for the practice of physical activities and be fitted with non-marking soles. Please note that *Crocs* or sandals are not permitted in physical education.

#### 17. Nut-Free School

- We have amongst our students a few children with nut allergies. We ask students and parents to not bring food containing peanuts or other nuts.

#### 18. School-Home Communication

- For the most part, communication with our families will be by electronic means.
- School communication will be sent via *capsule* to the email address we have on file.
- Communication from your child's teacher will be sent either by email or through *Moodle*. More information will follow.
- In addition, the school's website ([www.lp.centrenord.ab.ca](http://www.lp.centrenord.ab.ca)) and that of our school board ([www.centrenord.ab.ca](http://www.centrenord.ab.ca)) are excellent sources of information.

#### 19. « Pochette de communication »

- This communication envelope is sent home with the youngest member of each family every Thursday.
- Please ensure that the communication envelope is returned as soon as possible (preferably Friday)
- All previous students should have returned their envelope at the end of June.
- This same envelope will be used during the duration of your child's attendance at our school, therefore it is essential to ensure the envelope is kept in good condition.