

## Field Trip Fees and How I Pay Them?



### Fees:

Kindergarten students participate in a number of field trips - both in and out of school. A fee of \$100.00 will be charged to each student at the beginning of the year and this will cover all field trips for the student for the year. This fee will be payable online under your Parent Portal account.

### Parent Portal:

This is an account that you will create for yourself in our schools software system called PowerSchool. At your Orientation Session you will be given your log-in information to create an account. Your account will give you access to your child's school fees, online report cards, student forms and more! You can pay your fees using debit or credit card online.

[www.mcs.ab.ca](http://www.mcs.ab.ca)

Come grow with us!



## Madonna Catholic School

We're excited to welcome your Kindergarten student into the Madonna family! Nurturing faith, friends and the joys of learning and discovery.



Our class in action



Call us at 780-467-7972

[www.mcs.eics.ab.ca](http://www.mcs.eics.ab.ca)

# General Kindergarten Information

2016-2017 School Year

Children need to be 5 years old on or before March 1, 2017 to be eligible for the next Kindergarten class.

1. Complete the registration form on-line at [www.mcs.ab.ca](http://www.mcs.ab.ca) and be sure to include a copy of your child's Birth Certificate. Student busing may also be requested on-line at [www.eics.ab.ca](http://www.eics.ab.ca)
2. Attend the Open House on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6:30 to 7:30 with your Kindergarten student.
3. Sign-up for an Orientation Session on-line at [www.schoolinterviews.ca](http://www.schoolinterviews.ca) Event Code: 4xq87
4. Purchase school supplies.
5. Participate in the First Ride Program with your child if they will take the bus next year.

Kindergarten classes run Monday through Friday.

AM Class: 8:50 am - 11:25 am

PM Class: 12:30 - 3:13 pm\* Note: 2:13 dismissal 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of every month

## First Ride Program

First Ride program is a great way for a first time school bus rider to learn the ins and outs of riding a school bus safely.

- Meet the Kindergarten drivers
- See a short safety video
- Learn bus safety
- Learn what "transferring" means
- Parent and student take a short ride on a school bus

Plan to join us August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm sharp!  
St. Theresa Catholic School Drama Room  
2021 Brentwood Boulevard  
(Please access via the East entrance doors)

**No RSVP required**

**First Ride Program is Free to EICS Students**

## First Day of School

Your child's first day of school will be Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the past, busing has always started on the first day. You will be notified by your bus driver of your child's pick up location and bus number. Do expect some delays for the first week or two of school.

## Open House

Please join us on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm and bring your new Kindergarten student/s in with you. We will be discussing:

- Transportation Registration
- Kindergarten Fees for field trips
- School supplies needed
- Orientation Session for students
- Drop off areas
- Snacks
- Newsletters

We LOVE Parent Help!  
Please complete your Volunteer Documents package before helping in the school or on field trips!

The package is available from the school office.

Watch the Newsletters for times when we need help 😊.



## Orientation Sessions

To start off on the right foot, we introduce our Kindergarten students to school in small groups, offering them an opportunity to view their school and classroom prior to the first day.

- Students receive special, personal one-on-one time with their teacher to help them feel comfortable.
- Students will be shown where to put their belongings such as coat/shoes/backpacks.
- A tour of their class, washrooms, library, gym and office will take place.
- A photo of each student will be taken for their name tag.
- Students will be invited to participate in a few activities.

In general, this session will help your child feel less apprehensive on their first day of Kindergarten.

You can book your session on-line ASAP at [www.schoolinterviews.ca](http://www.schoolinterviews.ca). Use event code 4xq87

## School Supplies



These supplies have been chosen by your Kindergarten teacher.

Save big if you shop during "Back to School" sales!



### Required supplies:

- A pair of runners with white soles, preferably with Velcro closure (to be kept at school)
- Backpack
- Small box of Kleenex
- 1 large glue stick
- 2 small sealed containers of Playdough (Walmart/Dollar stores)



Please label runners, backpacks and all outerwear with your child's name so it can easily be identified.

Bring all supplies to your Orientation Session!

## Registration

Once your registration has been processed, you will be contacted regarding placement of your child in either the am or the pm class.



### Transportation

If you require busing for your child, please complete the request online at the EICS site [www.eics.ab.ca](http://www.eics.ab.ca) under *Transportation*, then choose *Transportation Request Form*.

If there are fees associated with your bus request, these must be paid prior to busing being scheduled for your child.

See Parent Portal section on last page for payment information.