ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL INC. 2025-2026

First day of school: Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025 First bell: 8:15 a.m./Dismissal: 3:00 p.m.

The first three days of school are COLOUR DAYS.

SUPPLY LIST - GRADE 1

Dear Families.

Instead of having parents purchase school supplies for their children, I will be buying the supplies that the students will need throughout the course of the year. There are two reasons for this. Hopefully, it will save you time and money and allow for the uniformity of school supplies. Secondly, and most importantly, it will facilitate the centre-based learning approach that we implement in the primary grades. This trend in education emphasizes collaborative thinking and planning, group work, and the application of skills learned in centres. Central purchasing of supplies will ensure that the proper materials are available for the children to use. I will purchase basic school supplies such as pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, scrapbooks, duo tangs and notebooks. I will also be purchasing supplies for centres and hands-on learning activities throughout the school year. This fee is paid at the time of registration.

Naturally, the parents must still provide certain personal items. They are listed below:

- 2 boxes of facial tissue
- 2. Knapsack or school bag large enough for lunch kit & other essentials (**not sports equipment size**)
- Outside shoes and inside shoes
 Outside shoes must have a closed toe.

Inside shoes should be proper running shoes with elastic or Velcro tabs, as they will also be used for gym class.

During the fall and spring, students may be outdoors for Phys. Ed. Classes. A suitable pair of outdoor athletic shoes is required during these seasons.

- 4. A complete change of clothing, including a pair of socks, pants, shirt, underwear. This set of clothing will remain at school all year to be available for "emergency" situations. This set does not have to be a school uniform. PLEASE POP ITEMS IN A LARGE ZIPPED PLASTIC BAG WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON IT.
- 5. Water bottles are allowed but must have a non spill spout.

Please remember: All uniforms and other clothing must be <u>clearly marked</u> so that lost items can be easily returned.

Sincerely, Mrs. Kelly Ireland