



## WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to another school year at Mary Johnston, we hope that it will be a happy and successful one for everyone!

Please consider getting involved and volunteering some time with one of M.J.'s many parent run events. These are a great way to feel connected with the school and to contribute to the wonderful community spirit that exists at M.J.

Have a great year!

The Parent Engagement Committee and Safe Caring and Inclusive School Team (SCIS)

### Welcome Night

Mary Johnston will be welcoming families back to school with a family pizza picnic on **Wednesday September 16th** from **5:30-6:30pm** outside, on the junior tarmac. There will be pizza and treats available as well as information for parents about the different initiatives and groups running within the school. It will be a great opportunity for families to come together and learn about parent involvement within MJ. **Following the family picnic, teachers will be available in their classrooms from 6:30-8pm for Meet the Teacher.**

Please look out for your invitation to this event and don't forget to send in your R.S.V.P.

**This event may be delayed pending the EFTO Labour dispute.**



### Are You New To M.J.?

We would like to extend a very special welcome to all the new families joining us this year. We sincerely hope that you and your child(ren) feel comfortable and settled here within the Mary Johnston community and we will strive to make your transition to this new environment as easy and as pleasant as possible. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact Marcia Bissada by email at [marcia\\_bissada@yahoo.ca](mailto:marcia_bissada@yahoo.ca)

## Who we are

The M.J. Parent Engagement Committee is a team of parents who believe that a parent's role in their children's education is important to enhance their learning and experiences throughout their school days. We also want to encourage engagement of all parents in their children's education.

The Safe Caring and Inclusive School team (SCIS) is made up of an administrator, a teacher, a para-professional, parents, students and a community member. This team focuses on maintaining a positive school culture and wants to make Mary Johnston a safe and welcoming place for not only students and staff, but parents as well.

## Contact Us

*To learn more about the SCIS team and Parent Engagement Committee or to volunteer, please contact Jill Magazine at*

[jillmagazine@hotmail.com](mailto:jillmagazine@hotmail.com)

## Resources

Did you know that it is easy to find answers to question you may have about school policy and procedures. Here are some resources to check out.....

- The front pages of your child's planner contains detailed information about school policies and procedures.
- Our school website [www. is regularly updated with new information http://mjp.wrdsb.ca/](http://www.mjp.wrdsb.ca/). Sign up with your email address to receive updates.
- Your child's teacher can offer specific answers to questions relating to the school or classroom issues.
- Feel free to attend the first School Council meeting on **September 23rd** from 7pm-8:30pm in the library.



If your questions can not be answered by any of the above areas, please feel free to contact the New Parent Relations representative, Marcia at [marcia\\_bissada@yahoo.ca](mailto:marcia_bissada@yahoo.ca)

## Stay Connected



Have you registered with School-Day yet?  
If not, visit <https://www.school-day.com/pg/family/register>  
School-Day is a valuable resource for parents, you can stay up-to-date with school information and sign up for school events. Check it out today!