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## Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day

Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day is a holiday celebrated on June 24 in the Canadian province of Quebec and by French Canadians across Canada and the United States. It was brought to Canada by French settlers celebrating the traditional feast day of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

To complete activities with your child(ren) please visit:

<https://www.reallifeathome.com/celebrate-saint-john-the-baptist/>

## Message from Governing Board

There's nothing more important to parents than the safety of our children. Concerns around bullying and conflicts are common across schools, including at St. Monica. Since joining the St. Monica team at the beginning of this school year, Ms. Crigna has started several initiatives to address student conflicts and increase feelings of safety at school, including structured recesses and the Energy Club. She also expanded the WITS and LEADS programs and made them part of the daily practices of the entire school community. Finally, the St. Monica staff have attended behaviour-management workshops on proven strategies to support the students and guide them to make positive choices for themselves and towards others. The Governing Board wishes to recognize and thank Ms. Crigna for her leadership in this area.

The Governing Board is confident that the seeds planted this year are already having positive results that will only continue to grow in the coming years.

Mark Côté

Parent member of the St. Monica Governing Board

## Parents' Corner

Are you looking for free printable activities for your child?

If you are looking for practice activities that your child can work on at home, try an online alternative. Websites offer a variety of educational skills and ability level activities, but finding a website that is accessible is not always easy to find. Here are some websites that offer parents with FREE printable activities. Whether you are looking for an art activity, worksheet or a printer friendly game.

Sign up for FREE at:

[www.funlearningforkids.com](http://www.funlearningforkids.com)  
[www.themeasuredmom.com](http://www.themeasuredmom.com)

Caroline Gifuni  
Student Services Department Resource Teacher

## Are you connected?

We are pleased to announce that we are connected to Facebook and Instagram. Simply like our page at St. Monica Elementary School to receive daily updates of all cool events that are happening at our school.



*"Our students' journey is about recognizing their past, supporting their present and guiding their future..."*

*- Silvana Crigna, Principal*

### Tips for Success

- Acknowledge and embrace imperfections.
- View challenges as opportunities.
- Try different learning strategies.
- Replace the word "failing" with the word "learning."
- Value the process over the end result.

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Thank you for a great school year and wishing you a fun and safe summer holiday.



## Important Information

**Gentle Reminder for Morning Drop-off** your child must be dropped off in the school yard by 8:55 a.m. Teacher supervision begins at 8:55 a.m. If the school yard gates are closed, please escort your child to the front office. To ensure everyone's safety and a systematic entry, the teachers are not able to open the gate for late arrivals. Thank you for your understanding. In case of rain, parents are asked to bring their child to the main entrance of the school at 8:55 a.m. (at first bell). They will then proceed to the school gym where teachers will greet them.

**Children Pick-Up** upon dismissal of classes at 3:35 p.m. all children will exit by the junior yard door. Children attending daycare will be brought to their after school classroom. The only children leaving from the front door are the children that take the bus home.

**Student Absences/Changes to Routine** Parents must call the school at 514 369 0070 before 9 a.m. and state the child's name, room number and reason for their child's absence. If no one answers the phone, please leave a message on the answering machine (the answering machine is on overnight). Please ensure that the school is notified before 3 p.m. if there is a change in routine.

**Personal Accident Insurance** parents are encouraged to subscribe to personal accident insurance in case their child gets hurt while participating in physical education and sports or in any other circumstances. Fees incurred for ambulance services, medical/dental/ocular services and any other services related to an injury will not be assumed by the school.

### **St Monica Successes—Proud Moments to Remember**

Mad Science Science , Robotics and Coding

Cabane à Sucre Outing

Intergenerational Program

Strengthening Families Program

WITS/LEADS Program, Energy Club, Structured Recess

Behavior Management Strategy Implementation

Multicultural, Sporting, Recreational Outings and Site Visits

Basketball Wins

Garden Initiative with Successful Sale Event

Carnival of Miracles & Monsters—Choir with Chroma Musika

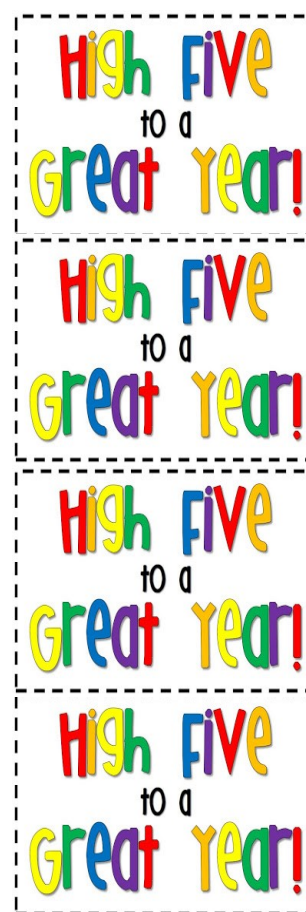
Lunch Time Clubs—Card, Girls, Boys,

Pet Therapy and Horse Therapy

Steel Pan Drumming

The Day in the Life of a Book Author

Career Day



### **Dates to Remember**

- June 21, 2019 Last day of school Daycare opened 7:00 am to 6:00pm
- September 3, 2019 First day of school Daycare opened 7:00 am to 6:00pm



St Monica Elementary (514) 369 0070  
Office hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
[www.emsb.qc.ca/stmonica](http://www.emsb.qc.ca/stmonica)

**Lots of fun, family, friends and happy moments during summer break!**