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École Saint-Landry

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# Le journal des lions

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Chers Parents,

Welcome to your new newsletter! We'll be sending this out every Monday instead of the updates email. This will be a fun way to keep track of all things happening at school now that we're so close to la rentrée (the first day of school)! Le journal des lions will only be sent out to parents of enrolled children, but please be aware that as it is an electronic document, we can not guarantee the privacy of our information or photos.

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## Photo Release

As part of your enrollment packet, you were asked to opt in or opt out of the photo release. We'll go through your files to see if you initialed the photo release, but if for any reason you do not want photographs of your child or children in these newsletters, please send an email to us so we can respect your wishes.

For example, photos might be taken on the first day of school, of students sitting in class or playing outside, of special performances and events, etc. We want you to have an inside eye on all the fun we're having learning en français.

Please send an email to Sarah at [ssavoy@ecolestlandry.com](mailto:ssavoy@ecolestlandry.com) to opt out of having photos of your child or children in the newsletter.



# La vie à l'école

## Les portes ouvertes

We will be hosting a Meet & Greet here at school, 761 Napoleon Avenue, Sunset, LA 70584, on Monday, August 16th. There will be two time slots for the open house, from 1:00PM-2:30PM and from 5:30PM-7:00PM because we know everyone has different schedules.

This is the time to drop off your school supplies, meet your teachers and administrators, and ask any questions you may have. It'll also be a great time to discuss the PTO!

**KINDERGARTEN**

Monsieur Anthony

Madame Sandrine

**1ST GRADE**

Madame Sylvie

Madame Maggie

**ELA**

Madame Connie

Venez rencontrer vos enseignants!

## Private Facebook Group

Please send us a join request with the name and grade of your child to join [this group](#) in which your posts and communication remain between us and other parents of children enrolled in the school.



click here to join

## Uniforms

### Tops:

- Short- or long-sleeve polo with collar in hunter green only
  - school logo is optional, not required
  - no other logos, stripes, or decorations
- Sweatshirts/hoodies should be solid hunter green or navy blue
  - school logo is optional, not required
  - no logo, stripes, or decorations
- Students may wear school spirit t-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies any day of the week.



### Bottoms:

- Traditional uniform jumpers, skirts, shorts, shorts or pants in khaki or navy
  - no cargo pockets
- Skirts/shorts/shorts/jumpers must be as long as your fingertips when your arms are extended straight by your side.
- Please wear shorts under jumpers and skirts so underclothes are not exposed during play times.
  - bike-type shorts are allowed
- Belts are not required.



### Footwear:

- Closed-toe, closed-heel, comfortable, non-distracting shoes
- Socks/tights should be school-appropriate.
  - Boots, crocs, and high heels should not be worn for safety reasons



Please remember you can see the uniforms policy and school supplies lists [here on our website](#). If you don't have your uniforms yet, please call ahead to the stores to make sure they have the hunter green polos. Otherwise, we know that Tikey T's in Opelousas has them and is doing the optional embroidery.

## Parent Teacher Organization

So far, only Mary and Raven have expressed interest in starting a PTO. If you would like to participate, please email Sarah at [ssavoy@ecolestlandry.org](mailto:ssavoy@ecolestlandry.org).



Mary and Raven, would y'all like to set up a sign-up table for our Portes Ouvertes?

## Bus Schedule

Now that our enrollment is almost complete, we are finally talking to the Transportation Director for the Saint Landry Parish School Board and Madame Smythe will be able to release a schedule to you this week. We will also be sending out drop-off and pick-up policy in next week's newsletter.

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## Spirit Shirts

Your children will receive order forms the first week of school for spirit shirts. We will offer both the heavyweight 50/50 blend Gildan shirts and the more form-fitting, thinner Bella & Canvas tri-blend shirts. Orders will be accepted until Monday, August 30th, and then we should receive the shirts by September 15th at the latest. While it is possible to order your shirts [through our website](#) already, please know that you will not receive them before everyone else does.



## Lion Care: Extended Care

Madame Smythe has chosen an Extended Care Coordinator, Rosaonta Hogness.



Rosaonta Hogness was born in New Iberia, Louisiana. She is married and a mother to 4 children. She loves kids but has spent most of her time caring for the elderly and disabled children. She enjoys reading, the outdoors, being a part of the dream team at

church serving in the nursery, and listening to music. She is also a licensed CNA.

Any student who attends our school is eligible to attend Lion Care.

Extended care will begin at least one hour before school starts and will extend at least two hours after school dismisses. Though we don't have the final word from St. Landry Parish, we're hoping that Before School Care would begin around 7AM and After School Care would finish around 5:30PM or 6:00PM.

Before School Care students may be dropped off at our main door no earlier than the official start time and After School Care students must be picked up at our main door no later than the official end time.

Morning Lion Care will include coloring, reading, and educational videos or family films. Each afternoon will begin with homework and snack time, then activities. There will be a rotation of activities so no day is the same.

### Tuition Fees

Fees are set and will not vary from month to month. Roll over is not an option. Example: if you sign up for 3 days/week and only attend 2 days during a specific week, you cannot attend 4 days the following one. Only in case of school closure we would apply the roll over rule.



### Before Care Services

5 days/week: \$50/month  
4 days/week: \$40/month  
3 days/week: \$30/month  
2 days/week: \$20/month  
1 day/week: \$10/month  
Before Care Drop-in rate: \$4/day

### After School Care Services

5 days/week: \$120/month  
4 days/week: \$96/month  
3 days/week: \$72/month  
2 days/week: \$48/month  
1 day/week: \$24/month  
After School Care Drop-in rate: \$10/day

We will soon be sending out a registration form with more information, including special rates for multiple children.

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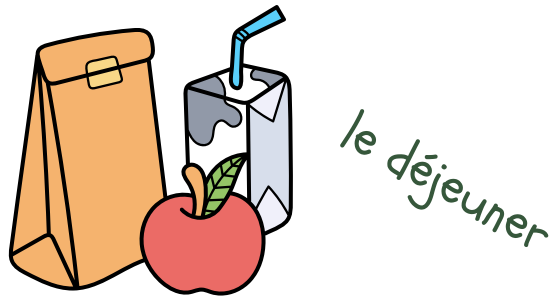
## Let us help you get your child ready for school!

The first day of school is intimidating for both children and parents, especially if this is your first time sending a child to school. Here are some tips to ensure everything goes as smoothly as possible.

### Lunch

Have your child practice eating their school lunch. Actually pack them a lunch, set a timer for 20 minutes, and have them practice eating and opening their things independently.

If you want to send a water bottle to school, please try to get one with a flip top. Make sure to label it with your child's name and please don't send in screw top bottles. They will definitely spill them.



### Bathroom

PLEASE have your child practice wiping his/her own bottom. Many teachers have had kiddos yelling from the bathroom "Can you wipe me?!" Nope. Nope, they can't! Try your best.

If your child cannot independently button his/her pants, use stretchy pants! For one, they are more comfortable, and two, they help avoid accidents in the potty!

les chaussures



### Shoes

PLEASE, pretty, pretty please don't have your child wear shoes with laces unless they can tie them.

### Supplies

Yes, your child will need ALL of the glue sticks and crayons and markers. And please don't bring in scented glue... this will just encourage them to eat it.

### Backpacks

Be sure to get a full sized backpack. This way they can fit all of their items in it easily.

un sac à dos



Encourage independence!! The more and more you tell your child "You can do it!" the better they will be!! Promise! It will build your child's confidence and independence!

## Speaking French

Of course we don't expect your child to already speak French fluently. However, he/she will be taught most of the day by people who speak little to no English, and with the goal being full immersion in the French language, English is not allowed. Yes, there is a steep learning curve from Day 1, but don't worry--we're not the first French immersion school and our teachers and principal are very experienced working with children.

Here are some useful French phrases you could start learning at home:

<b><u>Bonjour!</u></b>	Hello!
<b><u>Je m'appelle...</u></b>	My name is...
<b><u>S'il vous plaît.</u></b>	Please.
<b><u>Merci.</u></b>	Thank you.
<b><u>J'ai besoin d'aller aux toilettes.</u></b>	I need to use the restroom.
<b><u>Au revoir!</u></b>	Good bye!

We'll give you a few phrases each week you can work on at home, and who knows? Before long, we might have your whole family speaking French!

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