



Portes ouvertes: Open House--supply drop-off, meet the teachers, pick up spirit shirts, bus tags, car tags, etc.)

Friday, August 8th, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Portes ouvertes for Kindergarten & 5th

Monday, August 11th, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Portes ouvertes for 1st & 2nd Grades

Tuesday, August 12th, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Portes ouvertes for 3rd & 4th Grades

Wednesday, August 13th
C'est la rentrée! (1st Day of School)

Monday, September 1st
Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 8th-Friday, September 12th
Fun Pasta Shapes Fundraiser

Friday, September 19th
Remote Learning Day: *In order to be counted as present on remote learning days, the student must return the work packet sent home by the teacher for that day on the very next day he or she returns to school.*

*Board Meetings are always the first Tuesday of each month. Anyone is welcome to attend.

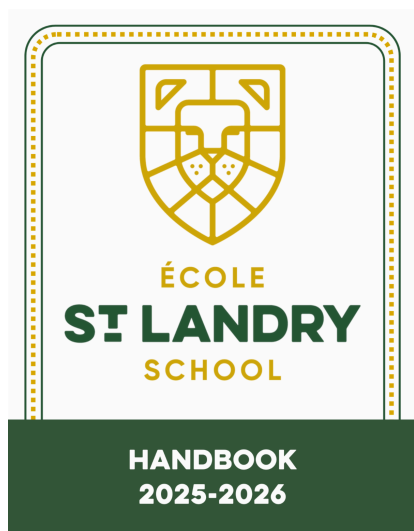
Transportation, Emergency & Permissions, and Lion Care Forms Now Available for the New School Year

All new and returning students must complete the [Transportation Form](#) and the [Student Emergency Information & Permissions Packet](#) every year. This is to ensure your most vital information is up-to-date and all in one spot.

Each student whose parent or legal guardian completes both the Transportation Form and the Student Emergency Information & Permissions Packet no later than the **end of the day on August 1st** will receive a free dress day bracelet.

If you plan on taking advantage of our Lion Care services, please read more about our drop-in and registration fees [here](#), and [complete the registration form](#) if you plan on having your child stay regularly. **Unfortunately, due to too many unpaid invoices, we now require pre-payment for monthly Lion Care tuition, and drop-ins must be paid at drop-off or pick-up each day.**

2025-2026 Parent Welcome Packet Published



Our updated **Parent Welcome Packet** for the 2025-2026 school year has now been published on our website. We will update it once our new parking turnaround is complete, but nothing else should change for this school year. As always, we will announce any amendments as they are made.

Please remember to carefully review the **Parent Welcome Packet** each year, as it changes with State and District policies, as well as our own board-approved decisions as a charter school.

It is vital for us to be on the same page with you about our policies, and we prefer to communicate everything through this one, easily-accessible reference.

Changes to Our Attendance Policy

Attendance is incredibly important in all schools, but it is even more important at an immersion school because most of our students do not have family members who speak French. Simply put: we cannot teach a student who is absent.

École Saint-Landry takes attendance extremely seriously. Repeated violators of our attendance policy are reported to St. Landry Parish Juvenile Court, which is directly related to Child Welfare Services.

You may review our updated attendance policy in our **Parent Welcome Packet**, but the following changes are most notable:

- A maximum of three parental excuses a year will be accepted, each for no more than two consecutive days.
- École Saint-Landry has several remote learning days scheduled on our Academic Calendar. In order to be counted as present on remote learning days, the student must return the work packet sent home by the teacher for that day on the very next day he or she returns to school.

- Students arriving after 8:30 a.m. will be marked tardy.
- One late check-in or early check-out, even if only a few minutes late or early, counts as an attendance infraction for the purposes of truancy tracking in accordance with the new guidelines established by the Louisiana Department of Education.
- To encourage students to arrive on time, classes will be rated every Friday to see which has the best attendance for that week (the fewest absences tardies and early check-outs). The winning class will be rewarded with a special treat.
- Tardies or early check-outs for regular, valid obligations outside school may be excused due to our later dismissal, provided we have an excuse from the doctor, coach, or diocese explaining the reason for the absence, such as appointment or class time, address of the facility, etc.
- The maximum number of unexcused days that can be missed during a semester is five, or ten days per school year. Families who acquire 5 late check-ins, unexcused absences, or early check-outs within a semester will be referred to juvenile court for truancy.
- Failure to comply with restorative measures (signing and returning warning letters, watching informational video and taking quiz after three absences, attending truancy meetings, etc.) will result in immediate referral to Child Welfare and Attendance at Opelousas City Court.
- Potential consequences assigned by the court starting in 2025 include:
 - First offense (RS 17:233): punishable by a fine of not more than \$50 **and** not more than 25 hours of community service
 - Subsequent offenses (RS 17:221): fined not more than \$250 **or** imprisonment for not more than 30 days **or** both
 - AND
 - Attendance in an online parenting class/family counseling/court-approved programs.
 - Suspension of any recreational license issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
 - The truant child may be placed in a home or in a public or private institution where school is provided.

Starting with the 2025-2026 school year, all public schools in Louisiana are now required to report attendance and truancy status not to the local school board but directly to the Louisiana Department of Education daily.

First Day of School Printables Ready Now

You can print your First Day of School printable and be ready to take pictures of your child and post them for La rentrée (the first day of school) on August 13th. Be sure to tag us in your posts on Instagram and Facebook!



École Saint-Landry is Moving to Rooms

Following suit with the rest of St. Landry Parish School Board, we will be switching from Klassly to **Rooms**. If you have children in other public schools within the parish, this means you will be able to have all your school announcements in one place.

As usual we will be using the communication platform for posting homework and sharing important information. You probably received several notifications from the district over the summer, but if you haven't yet set up your account, you'll want to be sure to do so before the first day of school.

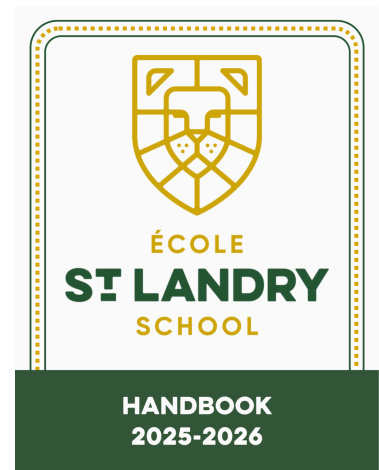
2025-2026 École Saint-Landry: Important Times

Time	Event
7:00AM - 8:00AM	Morning Lion Care To learn more or to sign up, go to www.ecolestlandry.org/lioncare
7:45AM	Earliest that Car Rider line can form
8:00AM - 8:25AM	Morning arrival window. Breakfast on campus. Any child dropped off before 8:00AM will be placed in Lion Care for a fee.
8:30AM	Tardy bell rings/School begins

3:15PM	Check-out deadline (without prior approval) and deadline to change dismissal transportation
3:15PM	Earliest that Car Riders line can form
3:45PM - 4:05PM	Car rider dismissal window Any child not picked up by 4:05 PM will be placed in Lion Care for a fee.
3:45PM - 4:05PM	Bus dismissal
4:05PM - 5:30PM	Afternoon Lion Care To learn more or to sign up, go to www.ecolestlandry.org/lioncare Any child picked up after 5:30PM will be charged \$1/minute.

Our Parent Guide is an Important Resource

Remember that you can view our policies at any time of the year in your Parent Guide, [available on our website](#). We update it at the start of each new school year, so please be sure to read it each time as it does change and grow with us, and refer to it before you call the school, as you'll find most answers to your questions easily accessible here. Especially important are the sections concerning our attendance policy and instructions for pick-up and drop-off.



Here is your go-to list of important links and contacts so you know where to find what you need:

Écolestlandry.org provides lots of helpful information about the school including giving, events, the school calendar, resource links, staff email addresses, and more!

Our teachers post homework, snapshots from class, and other information on **Rooms**, our parent portal. If you need help setting up an account, **please contact us**. If you have changed your phone or your phone number and can no longer access your account, please contact **Rooms**.



Mme Yaëlle's 1st Graders play a syllables game outside.

General Information:

Attendance/check-ins and -outs:

If your child is going to be absent, please do not call us. **If your child will be out of school for two or more days**, you can **email us** or just send the doctor's excuse in their green folder when they return to school. We can also accept **up to three** hand-written parental excuses per school year. Parental excuses can only cover two consecutive days of absence. If your child is sick longer than that, you will need a doctor's excuse to have the extra days covered. Any excuse must be received within five days of the absence.

You may also request make-up work, homework, and more to be prepared by the teacher for you to pick up in the office.

If you are running late, please remember to sign in your child in the office when you get here. You do not need to let us know in advance.

If you need to check your child out early, please come to the office to sign him out before 3:15 p.m. You do not need to let us know in advance unless you have an official reason for needing to check your child out between 3:15 and 3:45. In that case, please **email us**.

Transportation changes:

If your child is usually a bus-rider but you will be picking him or her up today, or vice-versa, or if you need to leave your child in afternoon Lion Care today, please **email us** before 3:15 p.m.

We request email whenever possible so we have a paper trail of your instructions. If ever you email and we do not reply by 3:15 p.m., please call the office at (337) 510-3022 to confirm that your email was received.





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