



# Parent Update

## Staggered Return to School Schedule

We want to extend a very warm welcome to our returning and new students! We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school during the week of September 8-11th. As you can imagine, there are many new routines for our students and parents to follow this year. Our first priority is to keep our students safe. We want to thank you for working with us as we all learn these new procedures together.

We would like to welcome our students in the following staggered order:

- Tuesday, September 8th - Kindergarten and Grade 1
- Wednesday, September 9th - Kindergarten to Grade 3
- Thursday, September 10th - Kindergarten to Grade 6
- Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten to Grade 6

## STAGGERED START

	<b>MON</b> September <b>7</b>	<b>TUE</b> September <b>8</b>	<b>WED</b> September <b>9</b>	<b>THU</b> September <b>10</b>	<b>FRI</b> September <b>11</b>
<b>When does my child attend school?</b>	<b>Labour Day - No School</b>	<b>Kindergarten Grade 1</b>	<b>Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3</b>	<b>Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6</b>	<b>Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8</b>

## **Opening Week**

The following are our planned procedures for the first week which we may adjust, as needed, to support student safety. We appreciate your patience.

- We want to encourage as many students to walk to school as possible. Students can also ride their bikes. If you are driving, please watch for pedestrians and drive **slowly** when coming and going.

The following are our new routines that will help make the first week run smoothly:

### **Arrival: 8:40-8:55am**

- **Only students allowed on the school yard.**
- Parents/guardians please wear a mask when dropping off and picking up your children.
- It will be extremely important that students come to school with everything they need for the day because parents will not be permitted to enter the school building.
- Students will be dropped off at their entry point and be directed by a staff member to their designated outdoor space.
- Students should wear masks at the time of entry into the school yard.
- When the bell rings, classes will enter the school in a staggered order.
- Students will wash or sanitize their hands upon entry into the classroom.

### **Dismissal Kindergarten 3:15pm**

- Please remember to wear a mask when picking up your child.
- Students in Kindergarten will be dismissed from the front entry doors directly to a parent/guardian.
- Staff dismissing the children will require you to identify yourself to release the children.
- Students are expected to go directly home; playground equipment is not open.

### **Dismissal Grade 1-6 - 3:15pm**

- Please remember to wear a mask when picking up your child.
- During the first week, grade 1 students will be dismissed at the East gate at the front of the school.
- Students in grades 2-6 will be dismissed from their designated outdoor space or their outdoor waiting area.
- Students (Grade 4-6) wear a mask when they exit the building.
- Students are expected to go directly home; playground equipment and tarmac is not open.

## Our School Organization for 2020 - 2021

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Room #</b>
<b>C. Pagano/J. Rooney</b>	Kindergarten	102
<b>M. Coles/K. McLean</b>	Kindergarten	103
<b>T. Knevel</b>	Grade 1/2	201
<b>S. Hollender</b>	Grade 3/4	204
<b>R. Dixon</b>	Grade 5/6	202
<b>L. Janzen</b>	Prep	
<b>J. Coulter</b>	French	
<b>R. Dixon</b>	Learning Resource Teacher (LRT)	

### **Daily Schedule**

Arrival: 8:40-8:55 Yard supervision begins at 8:40am so please do not arrive any earlier. Students go directly to their outdoor learning spaces.

### **Bell Rings: 8:55am**

8:55-9:15 - teachers meet their students at their outdoor learning space and classes enter the school on a staggered basis.

Period 1 - 9:15-9:55

Period 2 – 9:55-10:35

Period 3 - 10:35-11:15

Period 4 - 11:15-11:55

Period 5 – 11:55-12:35

Period 6 - 12:35-1:15

Period 7 - 1:15 - 1:55

Period 8 - 1:55 - 2:35

Period 9 - 2:35-3:15

**Dismissal - 3:15pm** - students dismissed

Our schedule for fitness and nutrition breaks is different this year. Your child will have breaks in either periods 2&6 or periods 3&7. Each student will receive their daily schedule for their class on their first day of school. Unfortunately, siblings may not all have the same breaks. Children are still allowed to go home for lunch but please be aware that depending on the time of the break, there may not be a crossing guard on duty.

## Other information

- If you have not had the chance to do so yet, please take the time to read the appropriate Parent Guide.
- Click on the image for the guide.



- Students are welcome to bring their own school supplies if they wish. If not, everything that they need will be provided for them.
- Please bring any technology loaned to you during the At Home Learning to school on the first day and hand it in to the homeroom teacher. Please return library books as well.
- Grade 4-6 students are required to wear a mask each day during class time.
- It will be extremely important that students come to school with everything they need for the day because parents will not be permitted to enter the school building. If you are dropping something off for your child, there will be a table outside the front door where you can put it. Please ensure that it is CLEARLY LABELLED with your child's name. Your child will be able to retrieve it at break time. Buzz the office and let them know you are at the door.
- Many of our enhanced health and safety procedures are outlined in the Parent Guide. For any specific COVID-19 support, please contact the Niagara Public Health Hotline at **905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, press 7.**

We will continue to communicate with our families through email. Please let the office know if your email address has changed.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next week!

Sincerely, S. Anderson