



Notes for Our Return on Sept. 1st!

Our first day will not be like other school starts, yet it will be wonderful to see everyone! Students will either arrive by bus, or be dropped by parents at their designated door. Any school supplies may be dropped off either Sept. 1, 2, or 3 at the Gym door.

An important note about vacations. I certainly hope that everyone enjoyed some kind of break this summer, but if you have traveled out of the country or to a restricted state during August, you must complete your 14 days of quarantine before the start of school!

The school is peanut, sesame, and tree-nut free for the first two weeks- at least. Everyone will know by September 14th if any of these products are allowed in your particular child's classroom. If they are not permitted due to an allergy, all snacks and lunches sent from home must be peanut, sesame, and tree-nut free.

Navigating our first days first day will be like no first day ever- for all of us! Here are some directions to help. Arrival and dismissal are completely different, especially our usual enthusiastic welcome by Grade 8!

If driving children by car, I remind you of possibly setting up a carpool with another family. The carpool days for dismissal should not be random. You will need to have a scheduled plan, that the school is aware of.

All drivers, please remember to enter the campus by Wood Rd. and depart by Barbara St.

At drop-off

your child(ren) will be dropped off according to the door assigned for your **YOUNGEST CHILD**.

Doors are assigned as follows for morning drop-off:

- PreK, Gr. 1, Gr. 4 and older siblings- playground door
- Kindergarten, Gr. 2, Gr. 3 and older siblings-lobby door
- Gr. 5, Gr. 6, Gr. 7 and older siblings, as well as Gr. 8- cafeteria door
- Even if your youngest child is not present on a given day- please go to that door.
- Do not pass other cars in line after you have dropped off your child.

At dismissal time:

- We will end our last class at 1:55, and begin dismissing students at 2:05.
- Bus students will be called down, one bus at a time.
- Cars will be loaded as soon as the buses depart. Car dismissal will be broken up into two groups so that students remain socially distant. Each student or family will be called individually to their dismissal door. Dismissal door is the same as your morning drop-off door.
 - Children whose last names begin with A-K will be dismissed first, beginning at 2:10.
 - Have your family name displayed and clearly visible in your car's windshield.
 - Cars can line up beforehand in the parking lot behind the Life Center
 - As soon as the buses have departed, begin lining up for pick-up, and drive to your designated door.
 - Please be polite, and keep the opening for the playground area clear, so cars may get back in line.
 - Do not pass other cars after picking up your child(ren).
- Dismissal for students whose names begin with L-Z- will begin at 2:25.
- Cars can line up beforehand in the parking lot behind the Life Center
- Have your family name displayed and clearly visible in your car's windshield.
- At 2:25, your pick-up begins, drive to your designated door.
- Please be polite, and keep the opening for the playground area clear, so cars may get back in line.
- Do not pass other cars after picking up your child(ren).

Once we implement this plan, it will require tweaking. You will be notified of changes.

To all Middle School learners, the schedule this year has been adjusted to:

- Cut down on movement and transitions within the building.
- Allow for a recess break for students in the morning.

This shift means we have gone from 7 periods each day to 6 longer periods. Not every class will meet each day. All major subjects will meet 4-5 times a week. Each of the Gr. 5 classes will have one virtual class a week- either one virtual class on Monday with Mr. Mason, or one virtual class on Monday with Ms. Harmon. This will familiarize you with the virtual learning platform.

We still have been unable to fill the schoolwide Music position, or the Middle School Spanish position, but are continuing to search. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them contact me.

Remote Learning will begin September 8th. You may pick up your child's books on Thursday, September 3rd between 9:00 and 10:00. Mrs. Abercrombie will reach out to discuss your child's remote experience, as we begin this new school year. In order to be enrolled as a remote learner, we need the parent agreement signed and returned.

As Remote Learning progresses, you will be able to drop off completed work, and pick up any new work directly from the school on Fridays between 11:30-1:30. Though this applies primarily to Lower School, there might be Middle School students who also need to drop off or pick up papers. The process will be easy, as you will be buzzed into the front door, and may leave work and pick up from mailboxes directly inside the door. To our Remote Learners- though we will not see you next week, we will be thinking of you!

I want to thank the teachers and staff for their efforts this summer. They have shifted classrooms, moving furniture, books, accumulated teaching supplies, then arranging and re-arranging classes to accommodate our students. Most have been working part, or all, of the last two weeks, including three days of training this week. They are energized to begin, and excited at the prospect of having students return! See you all next week- with big smiles behind our masks!