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Thursday, September 2nd, 2021

Dear Ross Road Families,

We hope this letter finds you well and that you and your child(ren) have been enjoying a happy and healthy summer! Staff at Ross Road are excited to be welcoming back our students in grades 1-7 on **September 7th**. Please note that Kindergarten students will follow the gradual entry schedule emailed and mailed home over the summer.

As mentioned in the Superintendent's letter on August 31st, we are returning to full-time, in-person teaching and learning. It is through this lens that we begin the year at Ross Road with a renewed focus on building a sense of belonging within the school and classrooms while maintaining important safety guidelines. We look forward to working together with compassion, understanding and flexibility.

COVID-19 Guidelines for K-12 Schools:

You are encouraged to review the Covid-19 Guidelines for K-12 Schools

- [COVID-19: Information and Resources](#)
- [Daily Health Check](#)
- [Management of Illness and Exposures at School](#)

Ross Road Specific Safety Measures:

- Continued use of our classroom **outside meeting spots** for entry/exit (near classroom outside doors) to help prevent overcrowding.
- **Masks:** All K-12 staff, visitors, and students in grades 4 to 12 (including Grade 3 students who are in a Grade 3/4 classroom) will be required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas of the school. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are strongly encouraged to wear masks.
- **Daily Health Checks** will need to be completed for all students and staff prior to coming to school.
- **At this time, school personnel only** in the building. Parents/guardians are required to call ahead and follow COVID-19 safety protocols once an appointment is made.

With everything we do, our goal remains to support you and your children in the most safe and meaningful way. While we are very much looking forward to a

return to a more “near normal” school experience for all members of the school district community, we do ask for your patience and support as we work to operationalize activities and initiatives in a measured way.

Tuesday, September 7

- **Grade 1-7 students attend from 8:50 - 10:50am (first bell rings at 8:45am)**
- Students should report to their 2020-2021 classroom meeting spot outside
- **New students** go to the gym (near front entrance on the east side of the school). Parents/guardian to remain outside.
- Students will have a recess break. Please send a snack for your child.
- Students will be dismissed at 10:50 from last year’s classroom. New students will go to the gym to wait for parent/guardian.
- Parents/guardians please remain outside

Wednesday, September 8

- **Grade 1-7 students attend for the full day 8:44-2:50pm, send a snack, lunch and school supplies (first bell rings at 8:39am).**
- Students return to the classroom they were in on Tuesday, September 7.
- **New students** should go to the outside meeting spot for the classroom they were taken to yesterday.
- **Kindergarten** students follow the gradual entry schedule.
- Students will move to new classes today or tomorrow.
- Please arrange a meeting spot to pick up your child from at the end of the day.
- Parents/guardian please remain outside.

Thursday, September 9 & Friday, September 10

- Students attend from **8:44 – 2:50pm (first bell rings at 8:39am)**
- Students will need their school supplies, snack and a lunch for these days.
- Please arrange a meeting spot to pick up your child from at the end of the day.
- Parents/guardians please remain outside.

Thank you for your patience and your commitment to taking the time to read all the information provided. We also want to direct you to the [Ross Road school website](#) which has essential information, links and a copy of all school-based communications shared with families. You were sent an important communication regarding the completion of **district permission forms** using the [school cash online](#) system. It is imperative these are completed before students attend school next week.

Safe and Active Travel and School Speed Zones

Students and families are encouraged to get to and from school in safe and active ways. Please take some time to plan and practice a safe route to school. Drivers, please be

mindful of the posted speed limits in effect in school and playground zones and obey all parking rules.

Finally, we are confident that with all of us working together, we can provide our students a happy, safe and healthy 2021-2022 school year. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns at this time.

Kind regards,

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