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August 31, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2022 – 2023 school year! I hope that you had a wonderful summer and were able to spend some valuable time together as a family. We are very excited to be welcoming you to another school year and we are busy preparing to welcome all of our students next week. We are connecting with you today to provide some important information for our September start – up and if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact the school. We are really looking forward to a wonderful year together, learning and growing as a community.

## Schedule for Next Week

Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

### Returning Wowk Students from Grades 1 to 7 attend from 8:45 – 9:45 am

- Please report to last year's classroom door at 8:45 am
- Grade 1's from Division 8 and 9 last year, please report to door # 7 as you will be in the library
- Families, please pick up your child(ren) from these same doors

### New to Wowk (Grade 1 to 7) attend from 8:45 – 9:45 am

- Please report to door #18, which is the door to our multipurpose room.
- Students will be walked down to an age appropriate classroom where they will stay for the week
- A teacher will let you know which door to pick up your child at 9:45 am.

### All Kindergarten Students Attend from 8:45 – 9:30 am

- For our Kindergarten students, please line up at door #4
- Kindergarten students will be picked up from door #4 at 9:30 am
- Kindergarten students will follow the gradual entry schedule mailed to families in July. If you did not receive any information regarding gradual entry, please contact the office

Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and onwards

- All students in Grades 1 – 7 will attend for *full days*, which is from 8:45 am to 2:45 pm.
- Students are to please pack a snack, lunch and water bottle
- Our Kindergarten students will follow the *Gradual Entry Schedule*.
- All students will report to, and be dismissed from, the same classroom doors during this week until they are placed in their new classes for the year, which will likely be on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

## School Daily Schedule

This year some changes have been made to our daily schedule. Here is our schedule for the school year:

8:45 am – School Day Starts

10:45 – 11:00 am - Recess

12:00 – 12:50 pm - Lunch Break

2:45 pm – Dismissal

## Health and Safety

I want to start out by acknowledging the hard work of all of our families in following the important Health and Safety guidelines throughout the pandemic. As we look ahead toward the school year, there is some important information for families to be aware of and more information will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

As we arrive to school next week, we will be adhering to the same health and safety protocols that were in place in our community at the end of last school year. We will have a strong focus on communicable disease management, which includes:

- Staying home when sick
- Handwashing as a regular routine
- Respiratory Etiquette
- Mask friendly environment

Please note that masks continue to be no longer mandatory and staff and students have the option to wear a mask at school.

## **Tomorrow's Top Kids**

This is just information for families that we do have a Tomorrow's Top Kids child care centre operating out of our multipurpose room. This program offers before and / or after school care for families. To learn more, please go to the Tomorrow's Top Kids Website at <https://ttk.org/>

## **Student Absences**

We ask that families please inform the office if your child will not be able to attend school during the first week of school and the expected return date. We also please ask that families please remember to call or email the school office if your child will be absent for any particular reason.

As previously mentioned, we encouraged you to please contact the school should you have any questions about the information that has been shared today or about our return to school next week.

Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Daum  
Principal