



Good afternoon everyone,

We are one long weekend away from our celebrated return to school! With this, I want to share some additional information one last time ahead of the first day of school.

Return to School

- Please ensure your child has a **water bottle** sent with them to school. Please send it filled. It will go home each day where it should be washed before sending it back to school the next day.
- To ensure we are doing our best to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID, I remind parents **it is essential students are kept home from school if the child is not feeling well. Students are required to be symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school.** For more on responding to illnesses please use this [link](#).
- **If students come down with an illness during the day**, showing COVID related symptoms, parents will be notified and the student will be relocated from their classroom and wait in our designated sick room until a parent arrives.
- Entrances: grades K-3 and grades 4-6 students enter through west doors; grades 7-9 enter through northeast doors; grades 10-12 students enter through southeast doors.
- Lunch time notice - our plan requires grade 7-9 students who do not normally go home for lunch to remain at school during the noon period.
- The entire return to school plan can be found on our [website](#).
- Reminder, there are no microwaves available for students to reheat food and no canteen services available to purchase food.
- [Parent reference for re-entry](#) document to help develop understandings for learning as we return to school.
- Lastly, check out this short [animated video](#) message from Horizon to easily learn or review the efforts being taken to make school safe.

Student Handbook

Teachers will review the student handbook on opening day. An updated version will be posted to our website next week. This is our guide for school processes. This year, the return to school plan does take precedence over the student handbook in the case there is a discrepancy.

New School Staff Member

To support our K/1/2/3 group during our reopening, our plan is being supported by hiring a temporary Education Assistant. We welcome Natasha Connolly into our school to fill this role from September 8th to October 2nd!

School Community Council

The SCC plays an important role in the school as it advocates for the students and the entire school. Please contact our chairperson Cindy King, or myself at the school, to ask for more information about joining the SCC.

Keep Informed

Please keep updated on school related news by reading updates that are sent via email or posted on our website or the [Horizon website](#).

Please call me at the school as you may need to discuss the return to school plan or other matters when you need.

Looking forward to Tuesday!

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