

June 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to having your child join our community at Hodgson Middle School next year. Hodgson provides a rigorous academic life and a wide range of exciting extracurricular activities designed to meet the needs of all of our learners. The traditions and standards upheld at Hodgson are a legacy that has been built during the 102 years the school has served our community. We are confident that the 2017-2018 school year will continue to build upon that legacy.

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5, 2017. The school day begins at 8:55 a.m. and the end of the day is at 3:10 p.m. The lunch period is from 11:34 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Our class lists are posted at the front of the school on the first day before school starts. On the first day we will have different arrival and entry times for each grade. Students will arrive in time to enter the school at their scheduled time and go right to the gymnasium to meet their homeroom teacher. Students will spend the morning with their homeroom teacher and then with other subject teachers in the afternoon.

- Grade 6 students will enter the school at 8:55 am
- Grade 7 students will enter the school at 9:30 am
- Grade 8 students will enter the school at 10:00 am

Once the year begins, we will send you more information about the school events for 2017-2018, but we wanted you to know about some important ones in advance. Our Curriculum Night is scheduled for September 13 at 6:30 p.m. We hope that you can attend to hear about Hodgson, curriculum and to meet our teaching staff. Our Photo Day is scheduled for September 20.

We are planning a Grade 7 team-building overnight trip to Camp Olympia for September 27, 28 & 30th. We will have an information session for this trip on Curriculum Night starting at 6:00 pm. (www.OlympiaSportsCamp.com). We are planning a Grade 6 team-building overnight trip to Cedar Glen YMCA Camp for November 9 to 10. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact us at your convenience.

Have a great summer and we will see you in September!

Sincerely,

Ian Wilson
Principal

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Permission Forms for 2017 – 2018 School Year

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Hodgson Middle School. This is our first year as a middle school and we are looking forward to having a great year with our grade 6, 7 & 8 students.

Please find attached various different forms for your child for the 2017-2018 school year. Please take some time over the summer to review these forms with your child and return them to the school on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**. These include:

- **School Lunch Permission Letter**
- **Student Activity Fee form**
- **Physical Education/Intramural Permission Form**
- **Medical Information Form**
- **Student Website/Media Release Form**
- **Walking Excursion-Immediate Community**
- **Weather Permission form**

I look forward to meeting the students and parents of the Hodgson community when we return in September. If you have any questions or need some more information about the start of the school year, please contact us in the office.

Sincerely,

Ian Wilson
Principal



Hodgson Middle School

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Lunch Program at Hodgson Middle School

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Hodgson Middle School has high expectations for students during the lunch period. The lunch period begins at 11:34 a.m. and concludes at 12:30 p.m. (Students will enter the school at 12:30). **All students must be in class by 12:35 p.m.** We expect our students to display appropriate behavior and to follow school rules and routines whether they are on school property or in the community at lunch. Consequences for inappropriate behaviour may include consultation with parents, office intervention, and formal removal from the lunch program and/or suspension from school.

Parents can choose one of two options for their children at lunch. Parents choose to have their daughter or son remain in the supervised lunch program or they can give permission for their daughter or son to leave the school property during lunch. Please keep in mind that your child can choose to stay in the lunch program on any day (rainy days, etc.), but we will require that she/he remain on school property for that entire lunch period. Please choose one lunch option below and return it to your child's homeroom teacher on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017.**

Your child is expected to remain in the supervised lunch program until parental permission to leave school property at lunch has been received by the office. We are providing it in advance so you can make your decision over the summer and have your child return it on the first day of school

Option # 1: Stay in the Supervised Lunch Program

My child will stay at school in the **supervised lunch program** during the lunch hour. My child is **not permitted to leave school property during the lunch period.**

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____
Student's Signature: _____ Date _____
Parent's Signature: _____ Date _____

Option #2: Unsupervised During Lunch Period

I give permission for my child **to leave school property during lunch. I realize that my child will not be supervised during the lunch period.** I realize that my child is welcome to stay in the lunch program when she/he chooses. If my child chooses to stay in the lunch program, she/he will remain on school property for that same lunch period for attendance and supervision purposes.

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____
Student's Signature: _____ Date _____
Parent's Signature: _____ Date _____

If you have any questions or need more information about the lunch program at Hodgson, please connect with us at (416) 393-0390.

Sincerely,



Ian Wilson
Principal

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Optional Activity Fees at Hodgson Middle School

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Student activity fees in the Toronto District School Board are voluntary amounts that are used to supplement a student's school experience through materials and activities such as student agendas, student recognition programs, yearbooks, extracurricular activities, school dances, or theme days. Fees raised for school purposes are to complement and not to replace, public funding for education. Any fees charged should reflect the actual cost of the services or materials being provided to the student.

At Hodgson, we have a September Student Activity fee for items that are offered at the start of the school year. We also will ask for activity fees throughout the year for class excursions, extra-curricular activities, excursions and materials, school dances, the Hodgson yearbook, etc. **No child will be excluded from any school activity due to financial constraints.** Please discuss any concerns with Mr. Wilson.

The 2017 September Student Activity fee is listed below. The activity fee provides your child with a combination lock, student agenda and a school gym uniform.

If you have any questions or need more information about Student Activity fees at Hodgson, please connect with us at the school.

Sincerely,

Ian Wilson
Principal

(Please detach the section below, complete it and return to your child's homeroom teacher.)

2017 September Student Activity Fee (due by September 8, 2017)

Please select the items you wish to purchase and pay with your School Cash account or a cheque payable to *Hodgson Middle School*. Please visit our school's website for information about School Cash online accounts. (<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/hodgson>)

☐ Combination Lock (\$5.00)

☐ Student agenda (\$5.25)

☐ Gym Uniform (\$18.40)

Total: \$ _____

Please indicate how you will pay: ☐ My School Cash account ☐ Cheque (attached)

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Information about Hodgson Electronic Communication Methods

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On a regular basis throughout the school year, we will be updating families with important information about events and issues here at Hodgson. We have found that papers sent home with students do not always get into the hands of parents. It is for this reason we communicate using a variety of methods.

Our School Website: Hodgson maintains a website at <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/hodgson> This site is regularly updated with important information about the school and our staff.

E-mail updates: We regularly use email to send out information our parents. Our electronic newsletter, the “**Hodgson Update**” is delivered as an e-mail message. To register for the Hodgson Update, please visit the school's website. If your child is coming to Hodgson in September, you can register at anytime.

The Hodgson Twitter Account: Hodgson has an active presence on Twitter. This is a great tool for sending quick and important updates from the school. Follow us **@TDSBHodgsonSrPS**

If you have any questions about our communication tools please do not hesitate to contact the Hodgson office.

Sincerely,

Ian Wilson
Principal