

Our staff will teach and consistently model for students appropriate behaviour and school-wide expectations.

MANNERS, COURTESY

Students will be expected to:

- use courteous and polite words “excuse me” when interrupting, “please”, and “thank you” regularly,
- respond calmly and use an “indoor voice” while inside the building
- take turns and wait for assistance

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students will be expected to wear the school uniform – navy pants or skirt and a white top. The school vest is optional. Uniforms can be purchased anywhere or through the supplier at:

Navyandwhitewear.com

135 Miranda Ave, Toronto, ON., 416-356-7597

(2 blocks west of Dufferin St., north of Castlefield)

ENTRY TIMES (8:37am, 12:15pm and 1:50pm)

Students will:

- line up immediately when the bells ring and wait for their teacher to pick up the class
- enter the school quietly and walk to class
- hang up jackets, coats, personal belongings on their designated hooks
- arrange their indoor shoes neatly outside the classroom

DISMISSAL

Students will be dismissed by their grade doors to the outside playground (grades 1-3 primary yard) and grades 4-6 (side doors).

Students are expected to:

- Leave the halls uncluttered; the hallway and area immediately outside the classroom is the responsibility of the class. Footwear should be neatly lined up.
- Clean up their work areas in the classroom e.g. chairs placed on desk, desks cleared of belongings; take all personal items (clothing, lunch bags, umbrellas) home.
- Leave the building upon dismissal. Wandering the hallways is **not** permitted. Siblings walking home together are to make arrangements where to wait in advance as to avoid confusion.

Parents are not to enter the building and go to their child’s classroom for any reason. If you need to pick up your child early please report to the office, sign out your child and Sylvia will call your child down to the office. If you need to speak with your child’s teacher please leave a message with the office and we will ensure that the teacher receives it right away.

LUNCHROOM

Students in the lunchroom will be expected to:

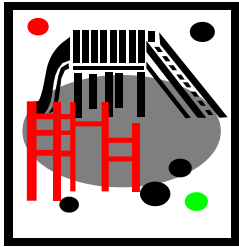
- pack a lunch in a reusable container
- bring written permission to go home for lunch
- enter the lunchroom quietly
- eat quietly from **11:25am-12:45pm**
- sit and eat with their class
- follow our school's Code of Conduct at all times
- bring all necessary clothing to the lunchroom for outdoor play such as coats, mitts, etc.
- raise his/her hand to receive a washroom pass and carry a washroom pass when leaving the supervised lunchroom area
- place lunchboxes in lunch bins upon dismissal
- take **home their own lunch garbage** brought to school



PLAYSCAPE

For safety reasons the following rules are in place:

- play only in supervised areas
 - backpacks or loose scarves are not permitted on the play scape
 - running or tag is not permitted on the play scape
 - food is not permitted on the play scape
 - due to unsafe conditions, the play scape is **closed December 1st-March 1st**
- the play scape will not be open on rainy days
 - slide rules: **Up** the ladder and **down** the slide
 - tunnels are for going through, not for walking upon or climbing on top

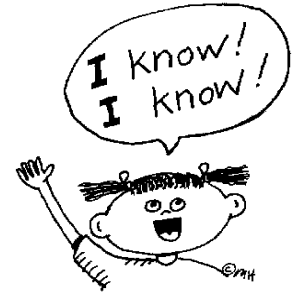


GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Students are expected to play fairly and safely - no fighting or pushing.
- Students are expected to use garbage cans for litter.
- Students will be expected to use toys provided *by the school*. Please leave personal toys/games at home such as but not limited to: hard baseball balls/bats, roller blades, skateboards, "Gameboy", "Bay Blades", "Pokeman", "Yu-Gi-Oh", "Tamagotchi", toy guns, or valuable toys, cameras. Game Boys, Wii etc.

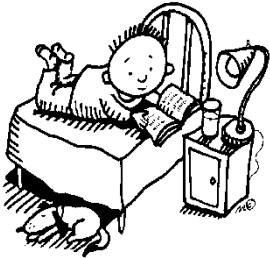
LOST & FOUND

There are two bins in the school: by the main entrance and on the second floor. If your child is missing shoes, hoodies, mitts etc. please check these two locations. Items not claimed are donated in December, March and June to organizations in the city.



HOMEWORK

Teachers will communicate to parents/guardians when and what to expect for homework. Please ensure that at home your child has the following:



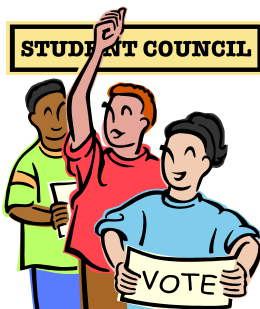
- ✓ A quiet place to complete homework away from the television, radio and younger siblings;
- ✓ Access to a computer (grades 3-6) if possible. Our teachers often communicate details about homework via their classroom websites;
- ✓ Paper and writing materials (pens, crayons, pencils, erasers etc.);
- ✓ The use of a dictionary/thesaurus.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD IS SICK?

If your child has a fever, persistent cough or vomiting the night before or the morning of please keep your child home. Parents/guardians are asked to call the school and report their child's absence at **416-395-2607 press 1**.

ON TIME AND REGULAR ATTENDANCE

It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to ensure that his/her child is at school each day on time. It is disruptive to the learning environment when a student arrives to class late. The school will send a letter home if "lates" are regular and persistent and if this is not corrected the board's attendance counsellor will be involved. Every family has busy lives and many responsibilities but getting a child to school on time each and every day is a legal requirement.



STUDENT COUNCIL- grade 6 students only

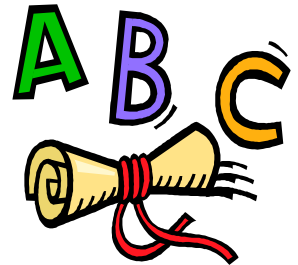
In September our grade 6 students will have the opportunity to be nominated for the following *4 positions*: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Students will complete an application form, get required staff signatures and say a speech to grades 1-6. After the speeches students in grades 2-6 will vote on which students will be elected for our student executive council. The executive council will be involved in: monthly spirit days, monthly assemblies, fundraising etc.

A student applying for a position on the Student Executive Council must have demonstrated the following:

- Flexibility, good listening skills, patience, empathy (can see others' point of view), a good team player and has maintained a level 3 standing (overall) in grade 5.
- Staff endorsing an application must know the student well enough to support the criteria listed above.

GRADUATION and AWARDS

Grade 6 students can work towards a number of awards that are given out each year to graduating students. Below are the awards and criteria:



ONTARIO PRINCIPAL'S COUNCIL (OPC) LEADERSHIP AWARD

The winner:

- Demonstrates leadership and takes initiative in class and school-wide.
- Demonstrates passion for learning.
- Demonstrates responsible, caring behavior.
- Demonstrates these leadership traits over years.
- Is highly regarded by staff, parents and students at Joyce.
- Maintains an overall level 3+ academic standing.

LIBRARY AWARD

The winner:

- Showed dedication over several years;
- Contributed to the effectiveness of the library maintaining and organizing books/resources;
- Helped others find materials and resources needed.

TECHNOLOGY AWARD

The winner is:

- Comfortable using technology;
- Shares expertise;
- Mentors others in a respectful manner;
- Helps peers e.g., build websites, trouble shooting.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The winner:

- Cares, inspires and strengthens others;
- Demonstrates positive, thoughtful behavior and a supportive attitude;
- Models citizenship behavior in the class and school wide;
- Encourages peers and fosters healthy relationships throughout the class and school.

MARIA PICCONE AWARD

The winner demonstrates:

- Kindness;
- Acceptance of all peers regardless of differences;
- Encouragement by consistently looking at a situation as “the glass half full;”
- A gentle spirit.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The sportsmanship award is:

- About a student’s overall attitude, dedication, perseverance and inclusion;
- Involves the ability to encourage others and make everyone feel like they are part of a team.

MUSIC AWARD

The winners of the music award exemplify: excellence in the area of music i.e. singing, composition, performance as well as involvement and commitment.

FRENCH AWARD

The winner of the French award exemplifies excellence in the area of reading, writing and oral communication in French.

MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS AWARD

The winner of this award has demonstrated significant growth in academic areas over the year, as well as determination and perseverance.

MATHEMATICS AWARD

This year’s mathematics awards are given to students who have demonstrated excellence in mathematical thinking, communication, and problem solving across all strands.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

These awards are given to students who have achieved Level 4 in Mathematics and Language at the grade 6 level.

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY AWARD

The Language and Literacy awards are given to students who have demonstrated excellence in reading, writing, communication and media literacy.

VISUAL ARTS AWARD

The winner of the Visual Arts award exemplifies excellence in creativity, composition and skill set.

CHERYL PAIGE SPIRIT AWARD

The winner of the Spirit Award has demonstrated the most persistent positive attitude to excel.

VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

This student is selected by teachers and voted on by the students.

Key criteria: a speech that summarizes the thought and feelings and experiences of the graduating class.