

Dear Winston Churchill Students, Parents and Guardians,

I truly hope that this message finds you safe and healthy during these final weeks of summer. It has been an unusual summer for everyone, especially given the on-going challenges presented by the COVID-19 Pandemic. School Boards and staffs across the province of Ontario have been working earnestly throughout the summer to prepare our schools for the safe return of your children.

We do recognize that you, like many of us, may be feeling some anxiety and are still a little confused about the upcoming school year. Please trust that we at Winston Churchill C.I. are working diligently to prepare as safe a learning environment as possible for your child to continue their education in the 2020/21 school year. Be confident that the decisions we are making at the local level are guided and informed by the information being shared with us by the Ontario Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, Toronto Public Health and the TDSB. There are still many details to be worked out before September 15<sup>th</sup> but I am confident that we will get there.

The first day of school for your child will be **Tuesday, September 15**. Based on which model of learning you choose for your child, there will be more specific details about their daily schedule coming soon.

### **1. Registering Your Child(ren) for Learning**

The TDSB will be sending out a **NEW parent/guardian survey** today **Wednesday August 26, to be completed no later than Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup>**. Information about the survey is available at:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Registration>

You will receive a separate **email** for each child in a TDSB school. Since the new school models have been confirmed, parents and guardians will be asked to indicate whether their students will participate in a model that combines online and in-school based learning, or whether their students will participate in a completely online, “remote”, learning model.

#### **NOTE:**

The In-School with Online component will take place at Winston Churchill C.I.

Full Remote Learning component will take place through a CENTRAL virtual school.

**Even if you have previously completed a TDSB survey, or have emailed the school, you MUST complete the upcoming emailed survey as well.**

## **2. Student Timetables and Course Change Requests**

- **Guidance counsellors will be finalizing student timetables in the upcoming weeks.** It is important that students/parents/guardians check their emails and answer calls from the school as guidance counsellors may need to contact you to resolve any timetable conflicts that may arise.
- **Course change requests** will be done on a priority basis. At this time, course changes will ONLY be made for students who are missing a prerequisite or compulsory course, or for students who require course changes based on summer school results. Those students who wish to request a change in elective may sign up for an appointment with their guidance counsellor beginning on September 16, 2020. The instructions for the *online appointment sign-up* will be shared closer to the start of school.
- If students have **completed a summer school course** with the Toronto Catholic District School Board or a private school, it is important that they hand in their report card to the DROP BOX outside of the Guidance Office on their first day of school.

Thank you for your patience, your flexibility, and your understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Please stay safe and enjoy the remaining weeks of the summer break.

N. Aloise  
Principal  
Winston Churchill C.I.