



Friday, September 10, 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you for sending us all your amazing sons and daughters to be within our care for the last two days. On behalf of myself and the two Vice Principals; Sandra Baker and Jyoti Khona, we are humbled to welcome everyone.

I know it has only been two days however I had the privilege of meeting so many nice students in my walks around the halls, in classes and around our beautiful property. Seeing all the students' smiling eyes above the masks was heartwarming for all our staff! The classroom doors were all open with the exuberant sounds of excited teachers engaging interactively with students in all subject areas.

I also want to express a big thank you to my office staff who are the front lines for all our families. With so much information changing sometimes hourly, they have been extraordinary in answering and providing service excellence of communication to all our staff, students, and members of our community.

I have been on the announcements for both days to express my desire for all student to gain a sense of belonging even though we have a pause from Public Health on extracurricular activities. We are very optimistic that these last two days have helped to establish a safe, learning atmosphere.

Some popular questions about learning virtually:

Students Who Take Ill Learning Face to Face – can they learn through Simultaneous/Remote/Virtual?

When a student is sick, the priority is on getting better. Once they are better, they return to school face to face and the teacher can work out accommodations on any missed work. If the student wishes to view any work missed, an email with the teacher - or direction to where work is posted can be made.

Can Students Switch Anytime/Day from Face to Face to Virtual?

As per the messaging from TDSB last August, the only time a student can choose to switch is at the end of the semester.

Is there a situation when a student learning face to face can learn virtually?

Yes. The “pivot” for students to learn virtually can only happen when students who have had one vaccine or none are exposed to a student who has tested positively for Covid. In that case, these students must isolate for a period of 10 days since the day of exposure with the student that tested positively. During that period of



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isolation or quarantine, these students will need to continue learning their lessons virtually through simultaneous instruction. Note that all students who have been double vaccinated do not need to be sent home and will continue to learn face to face from their teacher, since the teacher has also been double-vaccinated.

For more information on Safety Protocols please see [Toronto Public Health](#)

We are encouraging all students to keep downloading the NOW APP to their phone to expedite student entrance into the school. Please follow these instructions which has also been poste on students' TDSB CONNECTS APP:

- Visit the Google Play Store (Android devices) or Apple App Store (iPhones or iPads)
- Download the Now Mobile app
- Locate the Now Mobile app on your device and click the icon to launch it
- Type tdsb in the top field and click Save and Login
- Log in with your TDSB email address and password

Then: Click on Health Self-Assessment. Fill out the brief form and answer the various health questions and your QR code will show up if you have answered no to all the health questions. Just show this code to the Greeter at the front or back doors and you are good!

Students should do this every morning when you wake up - to get into the routine!

Guidance:

Our councillors will begin work next week on necessary timetable changes to support students.

Some upcoming dates:

September Events & Activities	
Wed. Sept. 15, 2021	Photo Day
Wed. Sept. 23, 2021	School/Parent Council at 5:30 PM
Wed. Sept. 24, 2021	Terry Fox Walk/Run
Wed. Sept. 29, 2021	Staff Meeting - late start; classes begin at 9:45
Thurs. Sept. 30, 2021	Orange Shirt Day

Wishing everyone a great weekend and looking forward to beginning our first full week on Monday!

Some pictures of our first two days:

Our Guidance Staff Assisting Students After School:





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A portion of our garden that is part of our Green Industries Projects - partnered with Indigenous Communities and our students:



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