



Principal's Message

Friday June 12, 2026

Hello George Syme families,

Here are some key messages for this week. Do read this message until the end as there is important information regarding your children.

We look forward to continuing to teach and learn with you and your children. 😊

NEW!! – Snack Program Pause for End of School and Summer Break

As we have a few weeks of school left, our snack program will be ending this Friday June 12th. We will pause until September 2026 start – up. Thank you!

NEW!! Bikes and Scooters on Property

Parents and Guardians need to dismount from bikes or scooters when on school property. Fast riders have caught our students and families off guard, and we need to avoid accidents. Thank you for understanding and working together.

NEW!! – Report Cards and Last Day for Student Learning

Report Cards will be coming home to families on Wednesday June 24th and the last day of school will be Thursday June 25th.

NEW!! - Professional Activity Day – June 26

On June 26, 2026, the Ministry of Education has outlined this day as a mandatory PA day. **There is no school for students on this day.** The topics staff will be covering are: Tackling Racism and Artificial Intelligence. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to create safe, inclusive, and engaging learning environments where every student can belong, achieve, and thrive.

NEW!! - End of School and Summer School Closure

As the end of school approaches, students are reminded to bring home all items. The school will be closed from Monday June 29th to Monday August 24th with no access to the building to retrieve items. During this time, our custodial staff will be conducting a deep clean on all learning areas as well as waxing floors. Thank you for understanding.

NEW!! – Student Classes for September 2026

Families will be notified Friday September 4th of their child's homeroom class and teacher. We are accepting new registrations and there are changes. If you know your family is moving or if your child will be attending another school in September, please let the office know.

Monitoring of Student Social Media Use

In the past weeks, we have had concerns emerge from the unmonitored use of social media in the evenings and weekends. Do supervise your children online and monitor their conversations as these issues are overflowing into the instructional day and impacting their learning. At school, students do not use devices for social media purposes. Cell phones are turned off and put away.

Students Moving

If you know your child is moving to another school in September, please let our office know. We are in the midst of planning for our 2026-2027 school year and need to finalize our student numbers.

September 2026 Class Placements

As we are preparing for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year, we are building our classes. There are many learning needs and dynamics we consider to appropriately balance the classes. We will try to accommodate placement requests; however, at times, we may be unable to guarantee all placement requests. Students and families will know their teacher in September as there are still adjustments as new students register. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Math Website

Here is a website to practice math. Students and families are invited to use this link for additional practice.

<https://mathify.tvolearn.com/>

Grade 8 Graduation

Do mark your calendars! Our Grade 8 students will be participating in an end of year excursion to Canada's Wonderland on Friday June 19th. There will also have a graduation lunch on Wednesday June 17th and their graduation will be Wednesday June 24th. More information to come from the Gr.8 teachers!!

Junior Kindergarten Registration

We are accepting new registrations for Junior Kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year. Please register online with the TDSB and visit our George Syme website for school information. If your child has special education needs, do visit the office and let us know. We would like to meet with you and your child in a transition meeting.

If you have any questions, call our school office at 416-394-2340. We are looking forward to teaching and learning with you and your children next year.

[Junior Kindergarten Registration](#)

George Syme Athletics

Our Badminton season is finishing! We had many students attend the lunch practices and learn about this sport. This week our Track and Field and Run Club is starting. Students are encouraged to sign up for practices and various events. These events will be posted on the daily announcements.

Extended Absences

If your child will be away from school, do visit the office and they will give you an extended vacation form to complete. This form needs to be completed as for safety reasons; we need to know where students are. This form may be used for extended vacations or medical.

Valuables

Please remind students to leave all valuables at home. Students are to leave Pokeman cards at home as well. They are not to come to school. Thank you for your support in this.

Outdoor supervision and pickups

Just a reminder that outdoor supervision starts at 9:00 am before school and the school day ends at 3:35 pm. All students must be picked up at 3:35 pm.

Families can register for this after-school program using this [LINK](#)

George Syme Code of Conduct

As a school, we are focusing on our school-wide code of conduct. Teachers are reviewing it in classrooms and students are reviewing

it in circle times. This document is included in our student agenda as well as our website for students and families to reference. Please see the following [Code of Conduct](#) as it is a guideline for parents and all community members to follow as well.

Second Floor Reminder

Parents and guardians are welcome at George Syme Community School! When you arrive, please start your visit to the office. If you need to drop something off for your child, do let a secretary know and she will contact the classroom teacher, and an arrangement will be made for the item to be delivered. If you need to visit your child's classroom due to a pre-arranged visit, do check in at the office and you will be given a visitor's badge. For everyone's safety, do not walk throughout the school, especially the second floor without first visiting the office.

Attendance

Families are being asked to use the safe arrival system to phone their child's absence in daily when they are away. This information will go directly to our office staff and to teachers. **The number for safe arrival is 1-833-250-2290. Or you may call George Syme at 416-394-2340 and choose option 1 to report an absence.**

Start-Up Forms

Student Cellphones

When at school **students must turn their cellphones off and they need to be put away in their backpack.** They are not to be used in washrooms or during recess times. Students will be reminded, and, if needed, teachers will contact parents.

Medication

If your child has any medication to take during the day, be sure to fill out the medical form, take the form to your doctor and meet

with your child's teacher. For those who came to school last year, student medication and doctor forms were sent home on the last day of school. Be sure to check their expiry date and bring them back to the office right away. Designated staff are unable to administer any medication without a form signed by a doctor. Students must **always keep their medication on them and not in their backpack. A waist-pouch is an easy way to facilitate this.**

Cash online

All school sales will be done with School Cash Online. Be sure to make sure you have an online account. Refer to this [LINK](#) to set up your account.

Important - Parking Lot Safety

Please remember to avoid walking through the parking lot. We are asking that you use the walkways on school property to get to the sidewalks. This is for safety! It is **difficult for drivers to see small children when backing out of parking spaces.** Pass this message to childcare providers, babysitters, or anyone else who is dropping off or picking up your children.

On behalf of the staff and students of George Syme, we wish you a safe and healthy weekend. See you on Monday ready to learn. 😊