



June 22, 2020

Dear Givins/Shaw Community:

As we approach the conclusion of an extraordinary school year, I did want to take a moment to congratulate all of our students, families, and staff for the manner in which they adapted to our post March Break COVID reality. During the time of the school closure, it has been remarkable to observe how all the components of our school came together in order to best benefit all of our students.

Whether it was through the work posted in the google classrooms by our K - 6 students, the quality of the assignments prepared by our teachers, or the joy you could hear in the voices of students and parents during video meetings just because they were speaking to people with whom they were not self-isolating, you could tell that we were all doing what we could to help each other.

We have undoubtedly learned a lot from this experience and although we have not seen each other physically as frequently, I feel it safe to say that we have maintained, or even strengthened, the community bond that is the hallmark of Givins/Shaw.

Of course, I would love to tell you that as we close down the 2019/20 school year we look forward to September with a level of clarity of what is to come; but that is not the case.

As you are likely aware, the Ministry of Education has announced that all Boards of Education across the province are to have three different plans in place by August 4. One model has us continuing as we are right now in a remote environment with no students in the building, another model as us all returning to school just as we did last September, and a third model promises to be a blend of the two. There are stipulations connected to all three models as determined by public health directives.

As of right now, we have no way of knowing what our routines will be for the new school year.

What we are asking of our families is, once we get further into August, to please pay attention to our school's website, www.givinsshaw.com . We will update the website as we receive pertinent information.

You will find on your child's report that a classroom has been assigned for each returning student for next year. However, that classroom too may change depending upon the direction we receive from the TDSB and the Ministry of Education. Also, we have been asked by the TDSB to archive our separate google classrooms by this Friday, June 26. If you would like to have any of the materials from those sites included in your child's google drive, please open the files prior to Friday.

At this point, our best advice to all of you is to please enjoy your summers. We do not know what September will bring and there is no way of knowing at this time. Rest assured that we will be ready to start the school year in whatever format takes shape.

Thanks again everyone,

Dan Taylor

Principal



Tentative 2020 /21 School Organization

Our school day is now scheduled to start and end earlier:

- **Kindergartens – 8:30 – 10:55 / lunch from 10:55 – 12:10 / 12:10 – 2:45**
- **Grade 1 – 6 – 8:25 – 11:10 / lunch from 11:10 – 12:00 / 12:00 – 2:45**

However, that is only true if we have students back in our building.

Tentative Classroom Assignments for 2020/21

Room 1 – Ms. Annie Eskandar

Room 2 – Ms. Caroline Garcia

Room 6 – Ms. Maja Nikolic

Room 15 – Ms. Caryn Baker

Room 17 – To Be Determined (hiring in August)

Room 10 – Ms. Jessica Halton

Room 9 – Mr. Adam Smith

Room 12 – Mr. Trevor Lightbody

Room 4 – Mr. Max Evans

Room 8 – Ms. Marsha Metter

Room 11 – Ms. Sandra Di Zio

Room 16 – Ms. Alison Robb

Room 13 – Mr. Daniel Salerno