

**Givins/Shaw**  
Junior Public School  
Toronto District School Board



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Dear Givins/Shaw Community:

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank all of you for your patience as we proceed towards re-opening the school.

During the last three weeks, those of you who have been able to join our weekly school council town hall zoom meetings will know that we have done our best to answer questions with the most updated information possible; but a lot of the information kept changing. At the date of our first zoom meeting, the school was supposed to have opened on September 8, but, as we now know, the opening will occur next week and follow this schedule:

- Tuesday, September 15 – Senior Kindergarten (SK) and Grade 6 Students
- Wednesday, September 16 – SK's, Junior Kindergarten, and Grade 1, 5, and 6 students
- Thursday, September 17 – All students Kindergarten to Grade 6

Of course, this is the schedule for the physical school, and if you have selected for your child to attend a virtual class in the TDSB, you will be contacted by the teacher or administrator of that school in order to provide your schedule.

The families who were with us last year at Givins/Shaw may recall that our start times and our dismissal times have changed this year. The entry bell will ring at 8:20 and classes will start at 8:25 a.m. Students will be eating with their teachers during instructional time but the lunch break will be from 11:10 a.m. until noon. We will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Your child(ren)'s home room teacher will connect with you regarding entry and dismissal procedures. It was our hope that teachers would have been contacting their students' families by the end of this week but it may not happen until next Monday afternoon.

Needless to say, everyone's health, well-being, and safety will be our main focus as we start the school year. We encourage you to continue to check our school's website, [www.givinsshaw.com](http://www.givinsshaw.com), and the Toronto District School Board's website at, [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca), for the most recent information regarding health and safety; particularly as it pertains to COVID – 19 protocols.

The 2020/21 school year promises to be a unique experience for all of us. We are doing everything we can so our students return to the welcoming and engaging school environment they have come to expect at Givins/Shaw. If you are joining us this year for your first time, welcome to our school community and I look forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,



Dan Taylor

Principal