

Givins/Shaw
Junior Public School
Toronto District School Board



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Dear Givins/Shaw Community:

Welcome to a new school year.

Whether you are an experienced Givins/Shaw family returning to Givins/Shaw, or you are new to our school and neighbourhood and coming to us for the first time, we welcome you to what we expect will be another fantastic year. If you are new to our community, we hope that you are quickly feeling at home and that your children will feel the same way at our school. Givins/Shaw is a dynamic place and we pride ourselves in our inclusive nature and the rich quality of programming and opportunities we provide for our students. I am thrilled to be returning as the Principal of Givins/Shaw and look forward to seeing you all soon.

If you have been near the school recently, then you know that the construction projects that began as soon as the students dismissed for the summer are ongoing. The work crews continue to complete the water-proofing of the foundation wall for the library, the repairs to the external cement beams, and the internal work on the library space itself. Great progress continues to be made on all fronts and we are hopeful that the vast majority of the external work will be completed for opening day; however the library may not be ready for students until early October. Also, due to the construction at the Door 5 entrance we are implementing the following changes to our entry and dismissal procedures:

On the first day of school, Grade 1 to 6 students are to gather on the south field and line up with their teacher. The teachers will be outside with name signs. Classes will enter the school through the gym doors, with their teacher, one class at a time. Grade – aged classes will be dismissed to the same field location at the end of the day. We will continue with this procedure until we are convinced that the Door 5 entrance is safe for students, families and staff. Kindergarten students and families will enter and dismiss from the north courtyard.

We remind you to keep checking our website, www.givinsshaw.com, for the most updated school information, forms and our calendar. The amazing Givins/Shaw school council has its first meeting of the year scheduled for Wednesday, September 18 at 6:15 p.m. in Room 11 and everyone is welcome. The council is also organizing some before school coffee meet and greets for parents and staff on September 11, 12 and 13 and our community BBQ and curriculum night will take place in the evening of Thursday, October 3.

Keep enjoying this beautiful summer weather and we look forward to seeing you on September 3, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Dan Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Dan Taylor

Principal