

Norman Ingram PS

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Welcome Back to Norman Ingram Public School – 2026–2027

Dear Norman Ingram Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful summer and found time to rest, recharge, and enjoy special moments.

On behalf of the entire Norman Ingram staff, I am very pleased to welcome our students and families to the 2026–2027 school year. Our staff have been working hard to prepare classrooms, organize learning spaces, and plan for a positive and successful start.

To our returning families, it will be wonderful to see you again. To those joining Norman Ingram for the first time, welcome to our school community. We are excited to begin another year of learning, friendship, growth, and belonging together.

First Day of School – Tuesday, September 8

Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

- Yard supervision begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Student entry is at 9:15 a.m.
- Dismissal is at 3:45 p.m.

Students and families will learn their homeroom teacher and classroom assignment on the morning of September 8.

Our staff have worked carefully to organize balanced classes while considering student learning needs, strengths, relationships, and the overall needs of each classroom. Please note that class organization may continue to be reviewed during September as part of the Board's regular September reorganization process.

Finding Your Child's Class

We want the first morning to be as welcoming and easy to navigate as possible.

- Class lists will be printed and posted outside the school.
- Homeroom teachers will be outside holding clearly visible signs with their name and room number.
- Staff will be positioned throughout the yard with class lists and information to help students and families find the correct location.
- I will also have a master class list and will be outside to assist families.
- Students will be directed to line up with their assigned class before entering the school.
- Kindergarten students will meet their teachers in the designated fenced Kindergarten areas.

Most returning students will recognize the general line-up areas from last year. We will continue to use the familiar areas near the gym, near the portable, and in the Kindergarten yards.

Please do not worry if you or your child are unsure where to go. There will be many staff members outside specifically to welcome you, answer questions, and help students find their class.

Please Allow a Little Extra Time on the First Morning

Our regular entry time is 9:15 a.m. However, the first-day entry may take a little longer as we welcome students, confirm class assignments, organize classes, and make sure every child is safely connected with the correct teacher.

Our priority is not to rush. We want every student to know where they are going, feel welcomed, and enter the school safely.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

Parents and Caregivers on the First Morning

We know that many parents and caregivers will want to accompany their children into the schoolyard on the first morning, and you are very welcome to do so.

Once you have located your child's teacher, please:

1. Help your child join their teacher's class line.
2. Say your goodbyes and reassure them that they are in good hands.
3. Move farther back on the field or away from the immediate class line-up area.

Keeping the area around the class lines clear will help our staff supervise students, check class lists, and ensure everyone's safety.

We appreciate your support in helping us create a calm and organized start to the day.

Kindergarten Families – Getting Ready for School

Beginning Kindergarten is an exciting milestone. We know that our youngest learners may need a little extra reassurance and time as they become familiar with their teachers, classmates, classroom, and daily routines.

Please send your Kindergarten child with:

- a labelled backpack
- a labelled refillable water bottle
- a labelled lunch bag
- a packed lunch and snacks
- a complete change of clothing, including underwear and socks, in a labelled bag
- appropriate clothing for the weather

Please label everything with your child's first and last name whenever possible, including jackets, sweaters, hats, shoes, lunch containers, water bottles, and other belongings.

Accidents, spills, puddles, and messy learning are all part of being young, so an extra set of clothing is very helpful.

Our Kindergarten staff are ready to support children who may feel excited, nervous, or unsure during their first few days. We will take the time needed to help them feel comfortable, safe, and connected.

Grades 1–5 – What to Bring

Students in Grades 1–5 should also come prepared each day with:

- a labelled backpack
- a labelled refillable water bottle
- a labelled lunch bag
- a packed lunch and snacks
- appropriate clothing for outdoor play and the weather
- an extra change of clothing when appropriate, particularly for younger students

We strongly encourage families to label personal belongings, including sweaters, jackets, hats, indoor shoes, lunch bags, and water bottles.

There is no need to purchase a large number of school supplies before the first day. Classroom teachers will let families know if there are particular items that would be helpful during the school year.

Lunch, Snacks and Water

Our school Nutrition/Snack Program will begin later in September or during the first week of October. We will share the confirmed start date with families once the program is ready.

Until then, please ensure that your child brings a lunch, snacks, and a refillable water bottle every day.

Students should also be reminded not to share food with others, particularly as we work to support students with food allergies and individual dietary needs.

Food Allergies and Medical Information

The safety and well-being of our students is very important to us. Please be mindful of food allergies when preparing lunches and snacks, and remind children **not to share or trade food** with other students.

If your child has a **life-threatening allergy or requires an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen/Allerject)**, please ensure that the school office has current medical information and the required TDSB forms. Families are also asked to provide the prescribed epinephrine auto-injector(s), clearly labelled with their child's name. Students with anaphylaxis must have **immediate access to their epinephrine auto-injector at all times**, in accordance with their individual emergency plan.

Please contact the school office if your child's medical information, allergy, medication, or emergency plan has changed.

Start-of-Year Forms – Friendly Reminder

Families are kindly reminded to complete the **TDSB Start-of-Year Forms** as soon as possible. These forms help ensure that the school has current and accurate information, including contact details, emergency information, medical information, permissions, and other important student information.

Please complete the forms promptly when you receive the email from the TDSB. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date and support a safe and smooth start to the school year.

Our School Day

Our regular school schedule is:

- 9:00–9:15 a.m. – Yard supervision
- 9:15 a.m. – Entry for students
- 10:25–10:40 a.m. – Morning recess, Grades 1–5
- 12:00–1:00 p.m. – Lunch
- 2:20–2:35 p.m. – Afternoon recess, Grades 1–5
- 3:45 p.m. – Dismissal
- 3:45–4:00 p.m. – Yard supervision

Kindergarten outdoor learning times are determined by classroom teachers and may differ from the Grades 1–5 recess schedule.

Parents, Caregivers and Visitors

A friendly reminder that during the school day, all parents, caregivers, and visitors must report to the main office when entering the school.

For student safety and to minimize interruptions to learning, parents and visitors should not enter the school and proceed directly to classrooms.

If you need to drop something off, pick your child up early, speak with a staff member, attend a meeting, or require assistance, please come to the main office, and our staff will be happy to help.

What to Expect During the First Week

The beginning of the school year is about much more than schedules and classroom assignments.

During the first week, our staff will focus on helping students:

- get to know their teachers and classmates
- build positive relationships
- learn and practise classroom routines
- review recess, lunch, and safety expectations
- become familiar with school spaces
- reconnect with friends
- develop a sense of belonging
- feel safe, included, and ready to learn

Every child approaches the first day differently. Some students will arrive excited and eager to see friends, while others may need a little more time and reassurance.

Our staff are ready to support them.

We want every Norman Ingram student to know that they are an important member of our school community and that there are caring adults here to help them throughout the day.

Stay Connected – Visit Our School Website

Families are encouraged to regularly visit the Norman Ingram Public School website throughout the year.

Our website will be an important source of information about:

- the school calendar
- upcoming school events
- field trips

- important dates and reminders
- school news and announcements
- programs and activities
- forms and family information
- School Council
- resources for families
- other school updates

Norman Ingram Public School Website:

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/normaningram>

Please check the website regularly, as information and calendar events will continue to be updated throughout the year.

Family Resources and Information

As we begin the school year, families are encouraged to explore the following resources for helpful information and support:

The TDSB provides a range of resources to help families stay informed, connected, and supported throughout the school year. [Resources for Parents, Guardians & Caregivers](#)

Special Education and Inclusion: Families looking for information about Special Education programs, services, supports, and processes are encouraged to visit Special Education at the TDSB. Additional information can also be found in the [Guide to Special Education and Inclusion for Parents/Caregivers](#).

The Ontario Curriculum Review and Revision Guide

The Ontario Ministry of Education has developed a guide that explains how the Ontario curriculum is reviewed and revised in both English and French from Kindergarten to Grade 12. [The Ontario Curriculum Review and Revision Guide](#)

Looking Forward to a Wonderful Year Together

The first few days of school are always filled with excitement, new routines, and many emotions. Thank you in advance for your patience, flexibility, and partnership as we work together to give our students the best possible start.

Our staff are excited and ready to welcome your children. We look forward to building strong relationships with our families and creating a school year where every student has opportunities to learn, grow, belong, and be their best.

To our returning students and families, welcome back—we have missed you!

To our new students and families, welcome to Norman Ingram. We are so pleased that you are joining our community and look forward to getting to know you.

We can't wait to see everyone on Tuesday, September 8 and begin what we know will be a wonderful school year together.

Warm regards,

Kosta Flegas, Principal
and the Norman Ingram Public School Staff