



Sir Samuel B. Steele Junior Public School

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Ms. K. Kumar, Principal

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Good afternoon Sir Samuel B. Steele Families,

Hope you and your family are keeping well and staying safe. Thank you for your continued understanding and support in following the health and safety protocols. Your partnership is critical in keeping our school community safe for students, staff and families.

Here are some friendly reminders:

School Council Elections and the Meeting

We will be having our first school council meeting (online) using Zoom on **Monday, October 19th at 5:30 pm**. Please use the link below to join the Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93444037200?pwd=TGxoMIE1MEVYaTFESHrpZGdjK24vdz09>

Meeting ID: 934 4403 7200

Passcode: 4w3Y1r

Please see the attached file for nomination forms for the School Council Elections. Parents/Guardians of students, who are currently in Virtual School are also invited to be part of the school council and the meeting and are eligible to hold executive positions (voting membership, chair etc.). Completed forms must be e-mailed to Krisha.Kumar@tdsb.on.ca or returned to the Sir Samuel B. Steele Jr. Public School office **by Monday, October 19, 2020.**

Revised TDSB Student Screening Test and Health Pass

As you may have heard, the Ministry of Education announced on Thursday that it has updated its COVID-19 school and child care screening guidance. The TDSB takes its lead from Toronto Public Health, who has also revised their guidance based on the provincial direction. According to the revised guidelines, students and children with **symptoms such as fever and cough** will still be advised to **stay home until they are able to consult with a health care provider and receive an alternate diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test.** A second set of questions now deals with **symptoms that are commonly associated with other illnesses, such as runny nose or headache, and provides the following direction:**

- Students and children with only one of these symptoms will be advised to stay home for 24 hours, after which they can return to school or child care if their symptoms are improving.

- Students and children with two or more of these symptoms will be advised to stay home until they are able to consult with a health care provider and receive an alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test.

In addition, based on the latest public health guidance, the symptom list for children in school and child care no longer includes abdominal pain or conjunctivitis (pink eye). Please see the attached file for the revised TDSB's Health Pass.

The TDSB Student Health Pass must be **signed and dated** by a parent/guardian before arriving at school each day. This signature indicates that you have screened your child for Covid-19 symptoms. Please have your child holding this pass in his/her hands when waiting in their entry class line in the mornings so that staff can quickly confirm that you have indeed screened your child and no symptoms of Covid-19 are present prior to entering the school.

Digital Learning Platform for Each Class

During these uncertain times, should there be any future pivots to a remote learning environment, we want to be proactive in how we prepare our classrooms by ensuring we are ready to shift at any point that becomes necessary. Our staff has been working hard to set up a digital learning platform (Google Classroom or Brightspace) for their classes. Some of our classes have begun engaging in learning using the digital platform and others will facilitate student learning soon. If you have any questions regarding the use of digital learning platform such as brightspace or google classrooms, please connect with the classroom teacher.

Requesting a Change (Virtual/In-School Learning)

Should you decide to change the learning platform your child is taking part in, here are the dates you need to keep in mind in order to do so:

Opportunity to Change	Deadline for Requesting a Change	Dates the Change of Class Would Take Effect
One Month into School	<i>September 30th</i>	<i>October 13th (day after Thanksgiving)</i>
Following the Progress Report	November 6 th	November 23 rd
Following the First Report Card	January 29th	February 16 th (day after the Family Day holiday)

Please call the school to request a change before the deadline.

Take care and stay safe.

Krishna Kumar