



Sir Samuel B. Steele Junior Public School

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Ms. K. Kumar, Principal

Friday, October 9, 2020

Good morning Sir Samuel B. Steele Families,

Hope you and your family are staying 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 updates:

Back to School Confirmation Form

In the event of a student's suspected or confirmed illness, parents/guardians are asked to sign the Toronto Public Health **Back to School Confirmation Form** to confirm their child is healthy and able to return to school. Please see the attached file for the form.

Parent Conference

This year's virtual conference takes place over two days – **Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25**, which will include two amazing keynotes as well as a host of breakout sessions that you can choose to tailor to your own interests and needs. Learn more at www.parentsaspartners.ca.

School's Twitter Account

I have created a twitter account for our school and we are very excited about tweeting out pictures and information about our school. Please follow us **@SamBSteele_tdsb**. This is a quick and very valuable way for us to share updated information, events, students' learning, tips and resources to support kids, reminders, etc.

International Languages: Elementary and African Heritage

This free virtual program welcomes JK to Grade 8 students to learn a language (except for English and French) for 2.5 hours a week. Learn more and register online today www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Beyond-the-Classroom/International-Languages-Elementary-and-African-HeritageLE-AH

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=TGxoMIE1MEVYaTFESHSpZGdjK24vdz09>

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.**

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.

I would like to wish you a happy and safe **Thanksgiving celebration** and a restful long weekend!

Krishna Kumar