



Sir Samuel B. Steele Junior Public School

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Ms. K. Kumar, Principal

Friday, October 23, 2020

Good afternoon Sir Samuel B. Steele Families,

Hope you and your family are keeping well and staying safe.

Here are some updates:

Halloween Celebrations

Due to rising cases of COVID-19 in our city, Toronto Public Health and TDSB have implemented health and safety guidelines to celebrate Halloween. Therefore, this year, there will be some changes to how Halloween can be recognized and celebrated in schools. On **Friday, October 30th**, students may dress up for Halloween if they choose to do so. Halloween celebrations will occur in the classroom with the classroom cohort following the health and safety protocols.

- a costume mask is NOT a substitute for cloth mask or face covering and should not be worn over a cloth mask as it may make it difficult to breathe
- it is recommended that students NOT wear costume make-up, from below the eyes to ensure their face coverings stay clean
- students should NOT be bringing in treats to share with their peers
- large school wide Halloween events such as indoor parades will NOT occur

School Council Elections and the Meeting

We held our first school council meeting (online) using Zoom on Monday, October 19th. Our trustee Manna Wong also joined our meeting. During this meeting, the yearly election was held and the new School Council was established. The **School Council Chair is Noah Ng** and the **Co-chair is Tasnim Maherali**. We are still looking to fill two very important positions in our School council and they are treasurer and secretary. If you are interested, please see the attached file for **nomination form**. Completed forms must be e-mailed to Krisha.Kumar@tdsb.on.ca or returned to the Sir Samuel B. Steele Jr. Public School office. Here are the dates for the upcoming School Council Meetings for this school year:

Monday, February 8, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Monday, June 7, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Thank you for remaining at a distance in the **field** away from the classes to ensure social distancing during pick-up and drop-off times. Please remind your children to line up on the **socially distanced X's** in the mornings to **avoid contact** with other class cohorts and family members. TDSB has new guidelines regarding mask wearing during pick-up and drop-off times for parents and guardians. Parents and guardians are **required to wear a mask on school property** during pick-up and drop-off times.

Reporting timelines and IEPs

IEP's go home – October 27th to October 29th

Progress Reports go home – November 17, 2020

Parent/Teacher Conferences – November 19th and 20th (P.A Day)

Transitions Dates (Virtual/In-School Learning)

To maintain stability in our schools, the next opportunity for elementary students to switch between in-person and virtual learning will be in January. Students will no longer be able to switch in November.

Opportunity to Change	Deadline for Requesting a Change	Dates the Change of Class Would Take Effect
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.

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend☺

Krishna Kumar