



**ST. PHILIP SCHOOL**

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## **First Week of School – Important Information for St. Philip Families**

Dear Families,

There has been a change in our plan for the first week of school. We have had to reorganize our classes based on enrolment. Teachers are contacting families this week to let you know which classrooms your children are in. When students arrive at school, they will meet their designated homeroom teachers at their outdoor classroom meeting spaces. This will allow the students to begin the year with their own cohort. Please see the updated St. Philip School Plan that is attached to this email. Kindergarten follows a different schedule for the first two weeks of school. Please refer to the Kindergarten letter sent home last week.

- As indicated in the Division communication, we have asked all parents not to enter the school.
- For the safety and health of the students and staff, please follow the protocols in the St. Philip School Plan for the first day of classes. Please wear a mask if you are walking your child(ren) to their outdoor classroom meeting spaces and maintain a 2-meter physical distance from staff and other families where possible.
- Please drop your child(ren) off between 8:30 am and 8:40 am. Bus students will be met at the bus by school staff and will be taken to their outdoor classroom meeting spaces.
- As we begin the new school year, you will notice we have new staff joining our St. Philip family, please help us in welcoming the following teachers:
  - Kindergarten – Miss. Young will be replacing Mrs. Ready who has resigned from our School Division after over 20 years of service.
  - Grade 1/2 – Miss. Messina will be here at least until December to replace Mrs. George who is on a leave.
  - Grade 6/7 - Mr. Hoiness will be here at least until December to replace Miss. Rusheleau who has taken a position with Cyber School Online Learning Platform.
  - Grade 7 - Ms. Schreiner will be with us until the end of September.
- Classroom teachers will escort students to their assigned entrance and into the school. Classroom teachers at this point are as follows:
  - KY - Miss Kaitlyn Young – front lawn by gym doors (9:00 am the first week)
  - 1/2MG - Miss Angelina Messina - front lawn by the main door

- 2/3SK - Mrs. Tara Scheck and Mrs. Laurie Karwacki - front lawn by gym doors
  - 3/4K - Mrs. Christal Keeler – front lawn by the main door
  - 4/5G - Mrs. Shelane Goettler – back entrance by the band room
  - 5/6H - Mr. Graham Hackl – beside portable classrooms near the playground
  - 6/7HR - Mr. Aidan Hoiness – back entrance closest to the church
  - 7K - Ms. Tina Schreiner/Mrs. Paola Kobussen – back entrance (playground)
  - 8A - Mrs. Leanne Anderson - tarmac at the back of the school
- Your child(ren) should only bring the materials identified by the classroom teacher in their letter. These items can remain at school. Please ensure they are clearly labelled. Please do not send any toys or extra items from home. Classroom teachers will let you know when to send the rest of the supplies.
  - Please ensure your child comes with a mask (labeled), a filled water bottle, and a lunch if they are staying for lunch. If you unable to provide a mask, we will have some available for students. Please contact the office.
  - If possible, students should return home to eat lunch. Please notify the classroom teacher if your student will be going home for lunch. Students who will be picked up by a parent need to wait with a staff member at the outdoor classroom meeting space, so please arrive by 11:40 am to pick up your child(ren).
  - If students must eat lunch at school, they will eat in their classrooms. Staff will be supervising, and strict cleaning protocols will be observed. Students who stay for lunch will be responsible to bring everything that they require in containers that they are able to open, and to bring home any leftover food, containers and recyclables. Students are reminded not to share any food items with others.
  - If students come after 8:40 am, they should proceed to the front office for a late slip. If a child needs to be accompanied by an adult, please phone into the office at (306) 659-7450. A staff member will come to greet your student and bring them into the school.
  - At the end of the school day, child(ren) will be waiting outside in the same area as the morning drop off with a staff member. Please pick up your child(ren) at 3:30 pm.

Thank you for your continued support,

Paola Kobussen, Acting Principal  
Danielle Clatney, Acting Vice-Principal