

Johnson Street Public School

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Welcome Back!

We are thrilled to welcome you back to Johnson Street Public School for the 17/18 school year. We extend an extra warm welcome to our new families, as you join the JETS family! Over the coming days, we will be busy establishing routines and getting things up and running. In the office, my door is always open. Please feel free to reach out by email, phone or in person. I will be happy to make an appointment to meet with you!

Classroom Placements

2017/2018 Staff at Johnson Street

Kindy	Ms. Lash, Ms. Riggs Ms. Kirkpatrick, Ms. Sier
Gr 1/2	Mr. Kelly
Gr 1/2	Ms. Walsh
Gr 2/3	Ms. Severn
Gr 3/4	Ms. Woodbury
Gr. 4/5	Mr. Wilson
Gr. 5/6	Ms. Sederquest
Gr. 6/7	Ms. Birch
Gr. 7/8	Ms. Shawyer
Learning Ctr.	Ms. Chong
SERT	Ms. Hintzen
Library	Ms. MacLean
French	Ms. Wood
Planning Time	TBA
EAs	Ms. Brightman Ms. Genier Ms. Shering

Over the coming weeks, we will work with our staffing committees to balance our classrooms, in accordance with the Ministry requirements for class sizes. Please understand that all class placements are tentative until that time. If your child is affected by re-organization, we will communicate it to you at that time.

Communication

This year, our classrooms will continue to use digital platforms to communicate home to parents (Class Dojo, Seesaw, Remind). These platforms allow reminders and schedules to be sent to you via text and/or email. Teachers are also able to share learning experiences from the classroom directly with families. Please continue to use phone and email to communicate concerns and discuss specific situations.

Our **STUDENT HANDBOOK** is available at

www.scdsb.on.ca (PARENTS – PARENT RESOURCES)

Reminders

- Attendance is important – please ensure that your child is in class, on time except for in unavoidable circumstances
- Supervision on the yard begins at 8:40 - please do not leave children unattended before that time.
- Dismissal occurs at 3:15 – students are asked to go directly home and should not be instructed to wait on the yard for a late pick up
- Our parking lot is designed as a Kiss and Ride. Please do not park along the curb side, but instead allow this area to be used for pick up and drop off – pull forward as space becomes available (please only park in designated spots)
- ALL students must have indoor and outdoor shoes each day
- We encourage litter-less lunches at Johnson St.
- We strive to be a peanut-free environment

Please return the Permissions and Acknowledgements form to your child's teacher ASAP.

Donations

Our classrooms are always happy to receive donations of the following:

Kleenex Paper Towel Plastic Spoons Wipes

Supplies

If you would like, your child may wish to bring a personal supply of essential learning tools (they are also available in the classroom).

Suggestions:

Pencils	Pens
Rulers	Colouring Utensils
Erasers	Personal Ear-buds
Pencil Case	Duo-tangs
Lined Paper	Highlighters
Calculator	Scissors
Glue	Math Sets
Sticky Notes	Correction Tape

** binders are discouraged**

BYOD (bring your own device)

At parent's discretion, students are welcome to bring personal devices to school (tablets, laptops, Chromebooks, SMART phones). They can be very helpful throughout the curriculum. In the coming days, you will find consent forms and further information about our policies and procedures. The school cannot assume responsibility for lost or damaged equipment.

Save the Date

Our annual **Family Pizza Night** will take place on Wednesday October 4th, 2017. Please plan to join us, meet our staff, visit your child's classroom and purchase dinner for the family!

Lunch Programs

This year, we will again offer a Lunch program, provided by Pizza Plus on Grove Street. We will offer **Pizza, Wraps and Pasta**, starting in October. Please stay tuned for further information.

A reminder that Student Insurance is required for students to participate in extra-curricular activities.

School Council

Please consider joining our School Council!

School Council includes parents, guardians, community members, teaching and non-teaching employees, and the school administration. Up to eleven voting members are elected in September and 3-4 of those members form the executive Chairs, Treasurer, Secretary). The voting positions are open to all parents and guardians. **An unlimited number of non-voting members are welcome.**

School Council works with administration and teaching staff supporting student learning, making recommendations, organizing and running fundraisers and promoting school community spirit.

If you would like to become a voting member, please complete the **Nomination Form** (available in the office or on our website) before Friday September 15th, 2017, and submit it at the school office.

We hope to see many parents (voting and non-voting members) at our first meeting:

Monday September 18th, 2017

@ 6:30 in the library!

Volunteers - We need you!

Can you offer some time to our school? Even an hour a weeks is a great benefit.

We need:

- Reading Buddies
- Snack Program Assistance
- Assistance with Special Events
- Help with Athletic Teams
- Assistance in the Library and Office
- Classroom Helpers

If you would like to get involved, please email slaybolt@scdsb.on.ca or drop by the school office!

Please subscribe to our website:

www.jon.scdsb.on.ca

