

The Weekly Banner



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September

- 5 Labour Day – No School
- 6 PA Day – No School
- 7 1st Day of School! (Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8) (JKs received an email)
- 12 Welcome and Safe Schools Assemblies for students
- 23 PA Day – No School for Students
- 26 Rosh Hashanah – Diamond Day
- 27 Rosh Hashanah – Diamond Day
- 29 Curriculum Night! (Stay tuned for info in the coming weeks...)
- 30 **Orange Shirt Day!** Wear Orange to honour residential school victims.

October

- 3 Picture Day
- 3 School Council Mtg 7pm – In Person/School Library

Welcome Back to the 2022-2023 School Year

Welcome back! We are very excited to greet your children next week on **Wednesday, September 7, 2022** for the first day of school!

Over the summer our staff have been planning for an exciting year ahead. Some updates over the summer include the addition of two portables on the southeast end of the property. With 12 homeroom classes to start the year, this will allow us to reclaim the use of the music room, and one smaller classroom that will be used for some rotary subjects, like art.



Take a look at the steps for planning and building our new portables!

First Day of School

The first day of school is exciting for students and parents, but may also cause a bit of uncertainty for children as they begin a new school year. We appreciate your support in ensuring that our entry goes smoothly as we focus on supporting each student in settling in for their first day. Please trust us when we tell you, that when parents stand and wait/watch, it creates more anxiety for the children. Sometimes a quick hug and wave goodbye is the best way to go! We will warmly support those students who are upset and we promise that after a day or two, the tears will turn to happy smiles!

Grades 1-8, please meet us on the back tarmac beginning at 8:45 a.m., where staff will be on hand to direct students to their new classes. Grade signs will be posted along the back wall of the field. Please check in with the teachers at the appropriate grade level signs to confirm your child's class placement. Additional staff will be on hand with master class lists and will be circulating the tarmac to assist students in finding their classes. We appreciate your support in ensuring that only students enter the building once classes are lined up and ready. In the case of rain, students only will enter the building and will be supported in finding their teachers in the gym. Kindergarten students will enter

via the gate surrounding the Kindergarten play area. Only students and staff may enter this Kindergarten area.

If you have any questions or immediate concerns on the first day (e.g. epi-pen/medication drop off, student end-of-day pick-up information), please come around through the front doors, ring the buzzer and we will do our best to assist you in the office. For all other inquiries please feel free to call or drop by a bit later in the day or week, once students and classes are settled.

COVID-19 Measures

Staff and students should continue to self-screen every day before attending school using the [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#), but are not required to complete the screening confirmation form.

- Mask use is optional for students, staff and visitors in schools, school board offices and on student transportation,
- Students will no longer be required to remain in cohorts or to practice physical distancing in classrooms, hallways, music or gym.
- We will continue to sanitize hands, wipe down surfaces daily.

School Buses

To check if you are eligible for bussing, you can enter your address at schoolbuscity.com. For those students who are eligible for the school bus, you can view your school bus information, including the morning pick-up time/location, and the afternoon drop-off time/location. Always plan to be at the bus stop about 5-10 minutes early. It will take a week or two until the driver gets the route memorized and on time. **An adult must meet younger students up to grade 3 at drop-off.** If no one is there to meet your child, s/he will be brought back to school. Please read the [important list of responsibilities for parents](#) on the school bus city website as well.

If you are eligible for bussing, but are **not planning to use the bus**, or plan on using it only one way, **please call the office to let us know so that we can update our lists.** Otherwise, we will expect to put your child on the bus at the end of the day. If there are particular days when you will be picking up your child, instead of using the bus, please call the office to let us know. At the end of the school day, we collect the K-3 students and escort them daily to the bus, while 4-8 students meet us at the bus line ups. Attendance on the bus is taken as students board the bus.

Drop-off and Pick-up

We encourage all families who can, to **walk to school**. For those who drive, there are about 10 spots for parent parking at the entry of the lot. Cars must back into these spots. Or, cars must park legally on the road.

- **Never park in the bus drop zone along Bayview Fairways Dr** – this must remain clear in the morning and after school for the buses
- **Never park in front of the fire hydrant on Bayview Fairways Dr** (near the parking lot entrance)
- **Never park or idle within the drop-off/pick-up loop**

We encourage those driving to use the Kiss n' Ride to drop off and pick up your child. For safety, remember:

- Pull all the way around the loop **as far up as you can** before stopping to drop/pick up your child (don't stop in the middle of the loop)
- Have your child ready with their bag on their lap, and **sitting on the passenger side/curb side** for exiting and entering the vehicle; never let your child exit on the driver's side as cars sometimes may be passing by!
- Never let your child exit the car in the middle of the parking lot!
- Never walk through the parking lot with your child, only cross the lot using the sidewalk at the entrance to the lot, or the pathway that runs around the perimeter of the school

Student Agenda Planners for Primary Students

Students in grades 1-3 will be given their Student Agenda Planner on the first day of school. Agendas are an excellent tool for helping your child keep organized, and can be used as an effective communication tool for parents and teachers. We urge you to help us support the cost of printing agendas, by submitting your payment of \$6.25 on [school cash online](#) at your earliest convenience and by the end of September.

Medication/Epipens

If your child requires access to the use of an epipen, or any other medication, at school, please make sure to send in the epipen/medication, and sign/send in the required forms as soon as possible. If you didn't receive the forms, please email pat.lioukras@yrdsb.ca and we will be sure to provide you with the appropriate forms.

Online Start-Up Permission Forms for Students

Online Start-Up Forms will be sent to all families at all schools at the start of the school year. Translations will also be available. The school board will send a central email to all families with a link to a Google Form to complete the start-up forms at the start of the school year. Student GAPPS login information will be required for families to complete the forms. The form will include:

- The Start-Up Permission Form (mandatory)
- Student Information Consent Form (mandatory)
- Request for Faith Accommodations Form
- School Council Nomination Form

It is imperative that you fill in these permissions during the first two weeks of school so that classes have permission to go on outdoor walks, etc.

If you require your GAPPS login information, please email anne.kaufmann@yrdsb.ca

School Year Calendars - Link: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>

There are a few school board calendars available at the link above. We recommend that you print or save and refer to these:

- **Elementary Calendar:** Outlines all of the school holidays and PA Days when school is closed.
- **Elementary 5- Day Cycle Calendar:** provides the "Day" schedule. For example, the first day of school is a Day 1, and this continues Day 1-5 for the duration of the school year.
- **Significant Faith Days:** Provides a calendar with all faith days. Significant Faith Days are called "Diamond Days" and are of particular significance to members of the major faith communities in our Board. We are committed to affirm and value equally the faith diversity in our schools, therefore, events such as field trips, school concerts, conferences, meetings, workshops, other professional events, co-curricular activities, and exams/tests will not be scheduled on these dates.

Ministry of Education Class Size Compliance

We will be monitoring our student registrations closely this month. If any student class changes are to be made, to align with Ministry of Education class size compliance, we will communicate these changes with families near the end of September.

Curriculum Night – Save the Date!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our **Curriculum Night on the evening of Thursday, September 29th, 2022**. Stay tuned for further information.

BFPS School Council – Join Us!

Our School Council is made up of BFPS parents/guardians. We meet approximately 4-6 times throughout the school year to share updates, and provide input towards our school improvement plan.

Our first school council meeting for the 2022-2023 school year will be held on **October 3rd, 2022 at 7:00 pm in person in our school library. Following the initial meeting we will select a combination of online and in person meetings for the remainder of the year.** Any parent is welcome to join us.

If you are interested in running for an elected school council position (chair, secretary, treasurer...) please fill in and return the nomination form included in the email with your School Start-Up Forms, or email orlie.soroka@yrdsb.ca and I can forward the school council nomination form to you. Please send in your intent to participate in council prior to our October 3rd meeting.

All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

Student Safe Arrival - Absences or Lates

Letting us know of lates and absences greatly reduces the time our office staff have to spend calling parents in the morning and after lunch daily. If you do not report your child as absent:

- You will receive an absence notification call and email.
- If you do not reply, we will call your emergency contact.
- If we can't reach you or your emergency contact after a set amount of time, and your child is not at school, we will contact police.

To help us ensure all students are accounted for quickly each morning and after lunch, please:

- report all absences, late arrivals and/or changes to departure plans to the school in a timely manner by entering the absence/late through **School Attendance Reporting** (yrdsb.edsby.com) or by calling the school at **(905) 889-1858**
- ensure we have your complete and current contact information and your emergency contact information on file (remember to update us with any changes through the year)

Parents of **new students will receive an invitation** to set up your Edsby account. **It is very important that you do so right away.**

Lunch and Snacks

Please be sure to pack and send daily

- a refillable water bottle
- a wholesome morning snack
- a lunch with an additional snack

Please keep lunch “drop offs” to a minimum, as it disrupts classes when students need to be called down throughout the day.

We will be running Hot Lunch Programs this year, as well as Pizza Days! Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

If you would like to volunteer to help distribute hot lunches (such as pizza), please email anne.kaufmann@yrdsb.ca and we will reach out to you!

Mrs. Soroka

Principal
BFPS