



KING CITY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to all our new and returning families. I hope you all had a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer. Our caring, professional and dedicated school team has been working hard to prepare to welcome your children back to school. We recognize that the pandemic and school closures affected students and families in different ways, and will prioritize the health, safety and well-being of your child as we support them in transitioning back to school.

- The attached start-up package includes important information about our school, and I encourage you to review it.
- Families will also receive the [Guide to the School Year](#) which includes important Board information.
- If you have not had an opportunity to review the [school reopening information](#) on the Board website, I encourage you to do so.

We know many families have questions about what to expect this school year, and information and resources, including frequently asked questions are available and continue to be updated at www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening.

Each year we ask families to complete some **important forms** to indicate they have reviewed and understand school and Board policies, and to indicate permissions. We are pleased to let you know that families will be able to complete this information online this year. You will receive an email from the school board. Please take the time to review and complete the forms. If you prefer to receive and complete a paper copy, please let us know.

Timetables will be available for all students one week prior to the start of classes. We will be distributing these electronically.

Lockers will be available this year for student use. Assignments and combinations will be shared with student timetables.

It is important to note that our timetable and school bell times for the coming year have changed. We will be working on a Week One/Week Two schedule that is indicated by Day 1, Day 2 on student timetables. Please see sample calendar below for September.

Block 1 (including homeroom)	8:25-10:55
Lunch	11:00-11:50
Block 2	11:55-2:25

September 2021 - [Regular Start Schools](#)

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
...			1 PA Day	2 PA Day	3 PA Day
2	6 Holiday	7 Holiday	8 Holiday	9 Grade 9's (only)	10 All Grades 9 -12
1	13	14 Grade 9 Information Evening, 7pm	15	16 ◇ Yom Kippur	17
2	20 School Council, 7pm	21	22	23	24
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There are a few upcoming dates I would like to highlight, including:

September 9 – first day of school for Grade 9 students only

September 10 – all grades in attendance

September 29 – first School Council meeting

Aramark will not be providing lunch services until further notice in our cafeteria. Students must ensure that they bring a lunch or make arrangements to leave and return within the allotted lunch hour. The cafeteria and library are available throughout the lunch period for students. We will be monitoring the cafeteria and library capacities and usage so that all students are able to access these spaces during the lunch hour as needed. When either of these spaces become filled to capacity, and students are waiting, we will be utilizing a maximum time (20 minutes) for eating to ensure all students have access.

If your child takes a bus to and from school, information on pick up and drop off times can be found at schoolbuscity.com.

The use of technology will continue to be a valuable collaboration and working tool in classrooms. Although not required, students are encouraged if they have individual laptops or other devices, to bring them to school to use in the classroom. We have a very limited amount of Chromebooks that we will utilize as needed throughout the school to support access for all.

We have a dedicated staff with a strong commitment to student well-being and achievement, and to promoting positive, inclusive and supportive relationships with students, families, staff and community members. We are committed to supporting our students' transition back to school and to providing a learning environment where everyone feels safe, valued, welcome and respected.

We value the relationship we have with families, and look forward to speaking and working with you in the months ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions. We welcome the opportunity to connect with you.

There are many ways to stay connected with what's happening in our school. Visit our school website for up-to-date information about events. Look for our weekly school newsletters and follow us on Twitter @KCSS_YRDSB or Instagram @kingcity_ss. You can also find updated information about the Board at www.yrdsb.ca and Twitter @YRDSB.

We wish you all a happy, safe and successful school year.

Sincerely,

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