



We welcome our new and returning families to a new school year at Poplar Bank.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Poplar Bank Community. As you know, Mme Baage is now officially retired and it is my good fortune to be the new Principal at Poplar Bank. I know that the staff at this school is extremely hard-working and caring and I am looking forward to working with them in our teaching and learning journey this year.

I also know that the Poplar Bank community is very actively involved in the school. Your partnership is valued and I am looking forward to meeting many of you, if not in the first few weeks of school then, hopefully, on Meet the Teacher evening. I believe that the parent-school relationship is a key support for student success. If you have questions about your child's learning and progress, please do not hesitate to reach out to the teachers. I would also like to invite you to be involved in the school through participation in school council meetings, volunteering opportunities, and attending school events, to name a few.

Though this is not our official September Newsletter, there are a number of important information items we would like to share for our first week back. Please take the time to read the information on the next few pages.

Sincerely,

Anita McQuarrie

### Day Only School Procedures - 8:05 a.m. Entry

- Grade 1** Students report to the tables just outside the gym. There will be two volunteers/teachers there to direct and provide each student with a tag that has the teacher's name on it; at that point students may enter the gym and find that teacher who will be holding up her sign. There will be a teacher directing grade 1 students off of the bus and taking them to the gym on the first day.
- Grades 2 & 3** Students report to the east pavement/field (by the bus loop).
- Grades 4 & 5** Students proceed to the table directly in front of the Library and will be directed to the appropriate homeroom teacher before entering the Library.
- Grades 6-8** South pavement (By the portables)

### Rainy Day Procedures

<b>Grades 1, 2 &amp; 3</b>	Gym	<b>Grade 7</b>	Room 222 (Music Room)
<b>Grades 4 &amp; 5</b>	Library	<b>Grade 8</b>	Room 224
<b>Grade 6</b>	Room 216		

◆ **Students who take the bus:** During the first week, there are sometimes difficulties with the bus time arrivals and departures. The transportation department works closely with us to sort out the problems we are experiencing . For help and information, feel free to call Mrs. Hogan or Mrs. Grigorovich in the office or you may seek assistance at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com). Your child's safety is our top priority. September is a time for parents to discuss bus safety, and stranger danger. These rules will also be reviewed and reinforced in September and throughout the year by school staff. Please note that we do not grant permission for students to change buses. Students must ride on the bus assigned to them by the Transportation Department.

If you plan to pick your child up at the end of the day, please inform your child's teacher well before the end of the day or if you plan to change transportation plans for a period of time.

◆ **Parking in the Emergency Loop**

Our top priority is student safety. We ask that you do not enter the emergency loop directly in front of the school between 7:45 and 8:20 a.m. or between 2:15 and 2:50 p.m. As this is an emergency route, parking is not permitted in the loop. Your cooperation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

◆ **NUT Alert! We are a Peanut (Nut-Free School):** Please do not send Peanut, Peanut products or other foods that contain nut products to school. We have students and staff members who are anaphylactic. This means that exposure to even the smell of peanuts can result in a severe allergic reaction that can be life threatening. Some safe snack foods are: fruit, veggies, cheese and crackers, fruit roll-ups, mini-bagels with cream cheese, milk puddings and yogurt. Because of the risk we ask that you do not send in food with your child for the whole class (i.e. for special occasions such as birthdays). Birthdays will be recognized on the morning announcements this year.

◆ **Red Cross Babysitting program** in your area is coming up very quickly.

**This course will be held on Monday September 24th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rogers Public School, 256 Rogers Rd, Newmarket.**

More about our Babysitting course:

Caregiver and first aid skills for youth 11 to 15 years old. Participants learn how to manage difficult behaviour, gain essential leadership skills, and discover professional conduct for babysitters. Babysitting promises to deepen and enhance the responsibility that older youth feel when caring for younger children. The curriculum is complete with new science about giving appropriate care in the event of an emergency.

Please see the attached the flyer for more information.

## **Poplar Bank Daily Schedule 2018/2019**

7:50 am to 8:05 am	Supervision Provided on Pavement
7:55 am	Entry Bell
8:05 am	School Begins
8:05 am to 9:45 am	Classes

9:45 am to 10:15 am	Recess
10:15 am to 11:55 am	Classes
11:55 am to 12:15 pm	Lunch
12:15 pm to 12:55 pm	Lunch Recess
12:55 pm to 2:35 pm	Classes Dismissal
2:35 pm	Dismissal

**Upcoming Dates:**

Sept. 3: Labour Day Holiday

Sept. 4: First Day of School

Sept. 20: School Council Meeting @ 6:45 p.m.

Sept. 24: PA Day (no school for students)

Sept 27: Meet the Teacher Night (6 – 7:30 p.m.)

Sept. 25 - 28: English Book Fair

Oct. 2: Photo Day