

Thornhill PS Email Information: Tuesday, September 5, 2023

We look forward to welcoming our students back next week!

Our first day of school procedures were outlined in our memo sent to families on Wednesday, August 30th (and is available [on our website](#)).

This email also indicates the name of your child's teacher.

Your child's homeroom teacher is:

Class code:

Room: Number

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, September 4

- *Labour Day – No School/School Closed*

Tuesday, September 5

- *First day of school Grades SK-8*
- *First visit of school for Year 1 (JK) students with last names A-L (10:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m.) and students with last names M-Z (1:10-2:50 p.m.)*
- Please [visit our website](#) for more information about our first day procedures and additional Start Up information

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday, September 11

- *Please complete the online Start Up Packages (available in your child's GAPPS account)*

Wednesday, September 13

- *Caring and Safe Schools assemblies Primary 9:30-10:00a.m., Junior/Intermediate 11:00-11:30 a.m.*

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Please ensure you are very familiar with our Board's Health and Safety policies to promote the prevention of contracting and spreading COVID-19.

The policies and procedures were outlined in our August Back to School email (found on our [website](#)).

DISMISSAL ON THE FIRST DAY

Please ensure your child knows how s/he will go home at the end of the day (parent pick up or bus). If your child is taking the bus, please ensure s/he knows the bus number and route. More information about bus routes and times can be found at www.schoolbuscity.com.

AGENDA BOOKS

We encourage the use of our agenda books for students in grades 1 – 3 and are pleased to offer them free of charge to our students. They will be distributed during the first week of school.

2023 – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR – print and digital

You can print a copy of the elementary calendar from:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>

DROP OFF AND PICK UP SAFETY

Please be mindful that our bus loop is for buses only and that it is also closed to pedestrian traffic. If you are walking your children to school, please use designated walking paths to ensure the safety of you and your children.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

FORMS: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornhill.ps/info/Pages/FAQs.aspx> (scroll down to “Medical Forms”)

Don’t forget to send in epi-pens and complete medical forms at the office as needed. Blank forms can be picked up from the office or printed from our website.

FIRST SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING is Wednesday, September 27th, 2023

All parents/guardians/community members are welcome to attend our first school council meeting. It is held from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in our school library. Elections for executive positions will be held that evening – nomination forms will

be shared by the Board in the new electronic Start-Up package (information to come).

BOOKMARK OUR WEBSITE!

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornhill.ps/info/Pages/default.aspx?SchoolID=381>

contains lots of great information – our Google Calendar has details about events, and don't forget to check under the Principal's Message and School News areas to find current information. If there is something you can't find, let us know.

INDIGENOUS AND INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CLASSES OFFERED BY OUR BOARD

The York Region District School Board offers language learning to elementary students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 and language credit courses to secondary students in Grades 9 to 12. Please see [this flyer](#) from our Board for more information about Indigenous and International Language Classes.

MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

September 2023

Dear families,

It is my pleasure to welcome all new and returning families to school for the 2023-2024 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and wish you a positive start to the new school year. I know it can be a time of transition for many, and am grateful for the dedication and professionalism of our school staff for all that they do to support students as they start the new school year, and create a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment in our schools.

The education of your children is a partnership, and we recognize that you are our most important partner when it comes to your child's education. As a family member, there are many ways you can engage in your child's learning, from speaking with your child about school and connecting with school staff to volunteering or becoming involved with the school council. You know your child best and we place great value on the relationship we have with families. I look forward to connecting with you throughout the school year.

As your school trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees has many [responsibilities](#), including making [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicating with the public. Please feel free to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns, and I will continue to keep you updated throughout the year on what is happening in the board. You can also visit our [newsroom](#), listen to our [podcast](#) and connect with us on social media to stay up-to-date on what's happening in the board.

This year, we are pleased to welcome our [new Director of Education Bill Cober](#), who took on the role on August 1 this year. He brings nearly 30 years of experience in public education in York Region, a commitment to student achievement and well-being, and a strategic and collaborative approach.

Later in the year, we will be undertaking a comprehensive strategic plan review. One of our roles as a board is to set the [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) that establishes our priorities and guides our direction as a school board. We will be reviewing that plan this year, and engaging with communities is a priority for us. Your input will be important and I look forward to sharing more information with you on this in the future.

I wish you all a great start to the school year and a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

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