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We are so excited to be welcoming back our students beginning with our littlest Greyhounds!

First, thank-you to all of our families who have been so patient, understanding and cooperative through the last weeks and months. You have illustrated for us how important these relationships between home and school are and we are so appreciative.

We'd also like to express gratitude and appreciation to our facilities, office and teaching and support staff who have been working tirelessly to prepare the school and classrooms to be ready to safely welcome our students to positive and calm learning environments!

This September is unique but we really believe that with every challenge comes opportunity. We will get through this with careful attention, new learning, and strong relationships! Please read the information below for important updates about entry and exit, transportation, day to day procedures and how to access information and provide information to the school.

With greatest gratitude and sincerity,

Katie Racey, Principal

## Schedule for Return

We are following the DSBN staggered entry plan for the first week of school.

	<b>MON</b> September <b>7</b>	<b>TUE</b> September <b>8</b>	<b>WED</b> September <b>9</b>	<b>THU</b> September <b>10</b>	<b>FRI</b> September <b>11</b>
When does my child attend school?	Labour Day - No School	Kindergarten Grade 1	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8
		Low Enrollment Classes	Low Enrollment Classes	Low Enrollment Classes	Low Enrollment Classes

## Our School Team

We have had two last-minute changes to our staffing compliment. Ms. Boucher and Ms. Biernacki have moved to other jobs within the system. As such, Ms. Marks will be in Kindergarten and Ms. Whitford will start the year in Grade 2/3.

Lisa	McAlpine	KDG1
Jane	Tumillo	KDG2
Aimee	Beteau	KDG3
Stephanie	McPhee	1-1
Kelly	Vigna	1-2
Kelly	Vanihelvert	1/2
Pam	Renshaw	2-1
Sue	Thomas	3-1
Sarah	Thomas	3-2
Melissa	Brewster	4-1
Casey	Jones	4-2 (LTO)
Jessica	Belaire	5-1
Jen	Brown	5-2
Dacia	O'Sullivan	6-1
Shannon	Seguin	6-2
Chris	Bouchard	7-1
Shelley	Cooper	7-2
Dean	Warkentin	8-1
Rachel	Gracey	8-2
Jason	Rossi	BRIDGE
Marian	Pelles	SEF1/2
Dawn	Garvey	SEF2/3
Karly	Turnbull	SEFS (LTO)
Megan	Henning	SESP
Alicia	Cowal	Core French (LTO)
Cassy	Cassidy	Teacher Librarian
Nikole	Amato	Core French/Rotary Subjects
Troy	Garrah	Rotary Subjects
Emily	Marks	Rotary Subjects (0.25)
Franca	Beifuss	LRT
Stef	Traves	LRT
Amelia	Foresi	EA
Sandy	Severin	EA
Jared	Bervoets	EA
Laura	Fretz	EA
Carly	Dumoulin	EA
Rebecca	Wolbert	EA (LTO)
Sonia	Thompson	EA
Kim	Garrels	EA
Angela	Marko	EA
Bev	Naundorff	EA BRIDGE
Julie	Tisi-Strohak	DECE
Tammy	Hill	DECE (LTO)
Kim	Reinhardt	DECE
TBD	TBD	Head Caretaker
TBD	TBD	Assistant Caretaker
Hermira	Fisko	Assistant Caretaker
Kerry	Brisbois	Secretary
Annette	Wright	Secretary
Katie	Racey	Principal
Janice	Rice	Vice Principal
Cathy	Hartzema	Noon Hour Supervisor
Helen	Pollard	Noon Hour Supervisor
Joanne	Pollard	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mallory	Milton	Instructional Coach
Jennifer	Grundy	Youth Counsellor
Sarah	Lichter	Social Worker

## Transportation

Please visit the Niagara Student Transportation website and login for the latest updates to your child's bus route.

<http://nsts.ca/>

## Prevalent Medical Conditions

If you have a child with a Prevalent Medical Condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child.

The *Plan of Care* form is the document that we use to record the important information to keep your child safe. All parents of children with Prevalent Medical Conditions are asked to fill out a new *Plan of Care* and submit to the school. This information is also shared with the Niagara Student Transportation System.

Please fill out and complete the forms here:

<https://www.dsbm.org/prevalent-medical-conditions/>

For Further information, please contact our school office.

## School Forms Online

We will be having families complete most forms online this year through the School Cash Online. You may be familiar with this web site for purchasing items for your child at the school. It will also be the platform for completing information and permission forms so it is important that you sign up if you are able and that you keep your information up-to-date.

<https://www.dsbm.org/schoolcash/>

## **Masks**

All adults and students in Grade 4 and up will be required to wear a mask when entering the school yard and in the school. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 are encouraged to wear masks. We have implemented staggered fitness and nutrition breaks so that only a few classes are on break at a time. This will allow us to build in mask "breaks" during the fitness and nutrition breaks. We are encouraging all students to wear a mask and bring a spare so they are able to change it if needed during the day. If you are unable to access masks, please let us know. We can help!

## **Changes to break times**

As part of our ongoing efforts to reduce congestion within the school, we have implemented staggered break times. This means that if you have more than one child at Garrison Road, they will not necessarily have breaks at the same time. It also means that your child(ren) may have breaks at earlier or later times. Of course, if a child is hungry or needs to move around, we will provide opportunity for them to eat and move around.

## **Nutrition Break Routines**

Another switch this year that is reflective of heightened health and safety protocols, is that parents will no longer be able to drop lunches during the school day for their children. If a child is for some reason without a lunch, we will provide some nutritious options to satisfy their hunger until such time that they can eat at home after school. No Garrison Road student will leave for lunch unless they are picked up by a parent. In this case, a student must sign out at the office and parents must await their child(ren) outside. Students will not be permitted to

leave school property to purchase their lunch at the local businesses, unless picked up by their parent. It is understood that those students being picked up during the nutrition break are under the supervision of their parent. The decision to stop the practice of grade 7 and 8 students having the option to leave school property to purchase their lunches was made to ensure the safety of our students. This decision is supported by our School Council.

### **Returning Technology and Books**

We will be collecting Chromebooks and chargers lent in the spring, library books, and home reading books. We have a process in place to safely return them to circulation/for use at the school. Your child should give these items to his/her homeroom teacher.

## **Bell Times**

8:20 a.m. Supervision begins, students may arrive

8:35 a.m. First (warning) bell

8:40 a.m. Start of instructional day

8:40 a.m. Entry

9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. Period 1

9:40 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Period 2/Group 1 First Break

10:20 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Period 3/Group 2 First Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. Period 4/Group 3 First Break

11:40 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Period 5/Group 1 Second Break

12:20 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Period 6/Group 2 Second Break

1:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. Period 7/Group 3 Second Break

1:40 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Period 8

2:20 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Period 9

3:00 p.m. Dismissal

## **Accessing School Office**

Please remember that appointments are necessary for parents to access the school for any reason. Please remember to call ahead to make such arrangements.