



Cathcart Boulevard Public School

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WELCOME BACK! BIENVENUE!

September 2020

On behalf of the entire Cathcart Boulevard Public School Staff, we would like to extend to all of you a very warm welcome back to our new school year. The new school year always brings excitement and gives us much to celebrate. We celebrate and offer a warm welcome to the new students and families of our community. We also welcome some new faces to our staff: Mme Emily Kirk FSL-FI prep, Mme Chelsea Gillespie FSL-FI Prep, Mlle Kim Montpellier FSL-FI prep, Mr. Warren Donner FDK, Ms. Leanna Verge Gr. 2/3, Mrs. Swithenbank Gr. 3/4, Ms. Langille Gr. 5/6, Miss Daniella D'Andrea Gr. 7, Ms. Sijtske Kingma 0.5 Prep, and Mrs. Kristen Marr, Educational Assistant. We wish Mrs. Sarah Freer and Mrs. Robyn Vanderberg the very best at their new schools and to our Virtual School teachers for the 2020-21 school year, Mrs. Paine, Mrs. Evans-Taylor, Mrs. Melanson, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Kershaw and lastly to Mrs. Leanne Barnes on her well-deserved retirement.

As we put the finishing touches on being back to school ready and providing an excellent education, our priority is the health, safety and well-being of students and staff. Our goal is to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 as much as possible. LKDSB continues to follow the guidance provided by the Ministry of Education and provincial and local Medical Officers of Health. Please visit the LKDSB website at www.lkdsb.net for the Reopening Our Schools plan, including school year entry dates, health and safety procedures and risk mitigation strategies for the return to school.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. The Cathcart Blvd. Staff is committed to ensuring that all students are safe and have the best educational experience possible. Go Cougars!

Sincerely,

Ms. Anita Sabatini, Principal & Mme Randi McDonald, Vice-Principal

CATHCART STAFF 2020-21

We have many new staff members and some returning staff members in new roles:

CATHCART STAFF LIST 2020-2021

Ms. Anita Sabatini	Principal
Mme Randi McDonald	Vice-Principal
Mrs. Deanna McLaughlin	Secretary
Mrs. Karly Watson	Receptionist
Mrs. Heather Jackson	Daytime Custodian
Mrs. Julie Munday	Evening Custodian
Mr. Chris Morton	Evening Custodian
Mr. Mark O'Grady	Occasional Custodian
Mrs. Karen Davies	Resource
Mrs. Carmen Haagsma	Resource/Guidance/Prep
Mme Emily Kirk	FSL/Prep



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Mlle Kim Montpellier	FSL & Eng./FI Prep
Mme Rachael Carr	FSL & Eng./FI Prep
Ms. Sijtske Kingma	Prep –The Arts (0.5 p.m.)
Mme Allison Preiss	FI Prep (0.5 p.m.)
Mrs. Carilyn Piquette	Gr. 7/8 FI English to FI
M. Marc Hillier	Gr. 7/8 FI
Mme Meghan Kelly	Gr. 5/6 FI & Gr. 6/7 FI
Mrs. Lisa McNaught	Gr. 6/7 FI English & Gr. 5/6 FI English
Mrs. Karin Zottl	Gr. 3/4 FI English & Gr. 4/5 FI English
Mme Tricia Babin	Gr. 3/4 FI & Gr. 4/5 FI
Mme Elise Boyle	Gr. 1 FI
Mme Helene Garant	Gr. 1/2 FI
Mme Kelli Forbes	Gr. 2/3 FI
Mme Kate Kirkland/Mme Laura Larocque	FDK FI
Mme Carrie Torti/Mme Ethel Kawamura	FDK FI
Mrs. Erika Lopes/Mrs. Judy Bachus	FDK English
Mr. Warren Donner/Ms. Dawn Zinkie	FDK English
Mrs. Terra Bakker	Gr. 1
Mrs. Margaret Hughes	Gr. 2
Ms. Leanna Verge	Gr. 2/3
Mrs. Tori Swithenbank	Gr. 3/4
Mrs. Jennifer Fazio	Gr. 4
Mr. Trevor Bouck	Gr. 4/5
Ms. Janine Langille	Gr. 5/6
Mrs. Amy Young	Gr. 6/7
Miss Daniella D’Andrea	Gr. 7
Mr. James Edgar	Gr. 7/8
Mr. Joel Ainsworth	Gr. 7/8
Mrs. Katie Benoit	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Kristen Marr	Educational Assistant

BALANCED DAY SCHEDULE

Supervised Indoor Entry:	(15 mins)	8:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Entry Bell:		9:00 a.m.	
First Instructional Block	(120 mins)	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Nutritional/Recess Break	(40 mins)	11:00 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
Second Instructional Block	(100 mins)	11:40 a.m.	1:20 p.m.
Nutritional/Recess Break	(40 mins)	1:20 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Third Instructional Block	(80 mins)	2:00 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
Dismissal		3:20 p.m.	

Crossing Guards will be at the Cathcart and Murphy intersection during the follow times:

Before School – 8:10 a.m. to 9:05 a.m.

Dismissal – 3:10 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.



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SCHOOL COUNCIL

The purpose of the School Council is to improve pupil achievement and to employ a variety of strategies to engage parents and the community in strengthening student achievement. Great traditions, strong leadership and creative ideas will be what propels our School Council to be an EXEMPLARY parent engagement group! ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS are welcome to attend ALL School Council Meetings regardless of whether they are "official" voting members. All voices are heard; all ideas will be greeted with respect and energy. School Council will be one of the many mechanisms we have to ensure that the school future is bright! Our first School Council Meeting will be through a Virtual Google Meet on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Meetings usually last about 1 – 1.5 hours in length. New members are welcome. Elections for School Council positions will be held at the September meeting. YOU ARE WELCOME. YOU ARE RESPECTED. COME AND JOIN US! Please email Chair, Shanane Eady at Shanane Eady (shishay99@yahoo.ca) to include you in our virtual meeting.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

What is School Cash Online? School Cash Online is a web-based solution that gives parents the ability to pay for student items online (i.e. field trips, spirit wear, hot lunch orders). Parents can make payments using eCheck (direct withdrawal from a bank account) or "MyWallet" (virtually add funds and reload like a gift card), as well as print or view their receipts and their current account history in real-time. For additional user security, banking information is not saved in School Cash Online and must be re-entered for every transaction. **We kindly ask our school families to register online** as soon as possible. Should you require any assistance, feel free to contact our secretary, Mrs. Deanna McLaughlin at 519-542-5651.

ALLERGIES – NUTS and PERFUME

Many children and staff members have severe allergies to peanuts, peanut butter and other nuts. In some cases, these allergies can be fatal. We are asking for your help as a member of our caring and responsible school community. Please do not send your child with any nuts (including nut milks) or peanut butter for either lunches or snacks. While we realize that this may be an inconvenience, we are asking that you put yourself in the place of the parents of children with severe allergies. We want our school environment to be safe and healthy for all our students. Thank you for your understanding.

We have several staff and students who have severe allergies to perfume. This can trigger nausea, migraines and other intense physical reactions. To make the learning and teaching environment comfortable for all, we would ask that students, parents and staff limit their application of scented products while in the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

NORTH PARKING LOT – STUDENT SAFETY WHILE LOADING AND UNLOADING BUSES

ATTENTION: Movement of vehicles or vehicle parking is not permitted in the NORTH PARKING LOT bus circle:

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

There are four remaining dates set aside as Professional Development Days: November 20, February 2, June 4 and June 30. ***On these days there is no school for students and parents must make alternate arrangements.***



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SAFE ARRIVAL POLICY

We have a process in place to ensure the safe arrival of all students. Parents must do their best to see that their children are regularly at school and that they arrive on time. Please call or email the school if your child is absent in the morning or the afternoon (unless a note has already been sent). Our phone number is 519-542-5651 and parents can email Deanna.mclaughlin@lkdsb.net. **Texting the office is no longer a feature that is available for the 2020-2021 school year.** Our office staff will be available from 8:30 a.m. to take your calls. We also have a 24-hour answering machine so you may call any time, day or night. Calls home are made for all unexplained absences. If there is no answer, calls will be made to a parent's/ guardian's workplace or emergency numbers. Please help us by contacting the school before our morning or afternoon bell rings. **Notes from home are needed to excuse a child from class and for any early dismissal.**

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All electronic devices, such as cell phones, digital game devices, computers are not to be used while the student is on school property before, during, or after school without the permission of school personnel and only for educational purposes. If a student carries a cell phone, he/she is responsible for the cell phone at all times. At no time will students use electronic devices for digital, audio or video recording without permission from the teacher. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen property.

BUS INFORMATION/MySBI - BUS STATUS APP

Getting information about school bus cancellations and delays is easy! CLASS has a mobile app that will provide subscribers with real-time notifications whenever buses are delayed by ten minutes or greater. The notifications will come in the form of alerts, which will also include service cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. The app allows subscribers to quickly select the morning and afternoon buses for which they wish to receive details about. For additional information about mobile app, please visit: www.mysbi.ca

For bussing and weather information, Cathcart Public School is located in **Zone 2**. Bussing information is available on the website www.schoolbusinfo.com. Buses cancelled due to **snow do not** pick up students at the end of the day. Buses cancelled due to **fog will** return to the school to take students home. **Only regular eligible riders or courtesy seat students have permission to ride the bus that they are assigned to. Due to insurance and safety issues, permission is not extended to students who are not listed on the bus lists.**

STUDENT SAFETY

Students' safety is a priority at Cathcart Public School. We want to ensure that each student arrives at and gets home safely from school. One of the ways in which we can do this is through an orderly entrance and exit from the building. Once again, we are asking for your cooperation. **If your child is in Grades 1-8, for the month of September, we ask that all parents refrain from using the tarmac area during our 8:45-9:00 entry into the school to reduce congestion.**

STUDENT PLANNERS

Teachers who elect to use student planners with their respective classes will be distributing the new planners to their students this week. The use of planners as an organizational tool meets the expectations of the Ministry of Education curriculum. Students will be made aware of their responsibilities and daily use of their planners during classes. Please check your child(ren)'s planner(s) and/or Google accounts daily for teacher's notes and/or



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homework assignments. There is no cost for the planner as these are paid for through our School Council funds. If it becomes lost or damaged, replacement costs will be the responsibility of the student.

SCHOOL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

During this month we will start practicing our emergency procedures drills for fire, tornadoes, as well as procedures for lockdown, hold and secure and shelter in place. If we need to evacuate our building, Gregory Hogan School is our alternate emergency location.

PREVALENT MEDICAL ALERTS

Please notify the office immediately if your child has a prevalent medical condition (Asthma, Epilepsy, Anaphylactic to nuts or bees, Diabetes).

CONSENT FOR AUTHORIZATION OF MEDICATION

If it is necessary for a student to take medication at school, Board policy requires us to have a Medical Physician complete a consent form. Please request the blank form from our school secretary. Students should place any medication in the teacher's hands as soon as they arrive at school with it.

PICTURE DAY

Postponed until further notice.

VISITORS-PARENTS-GUARDIANS

In compliance with the Ministry of Education regulations, Cathcart will be joining all other schools in LKDSB and will be securing all doors and entrances into the school. Effective on our first day of school, Thursday, September 10, 2020 all doors will be locked, including the front door of the school. Students who are arriving late to school will ring the intercom (front entry) to gain entrance into the school.

In the interest of everyone's safety visitors who have an appointment will be permitted in the building.

Parents/Guardians are asked to wait outside the school at the end of the school day. Students will be dismissed by staff from the classrooms. For security reasons we ask that you please take the time to discuss with your child which fence gate (outside of Cathcart's fence school yard) you plan to meet at the end of the day.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

As we continue to work with students on appropriate behaviour and character development, our focus is based on the four agreements of TRIBES and the LKDSB Character Attributes. September is "Resilience" month at Cathcart. Resilience means, "We face obstacles with perseverance and a strong belief in ourselves." In lieu of a general assembly this year each classroom will honour the award recipients.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Holidays

Monday, October 12, 2020

THANKSGIVING

Monday, December 21, 2020

WINTER HOLIDAY BREAK BEGINS

Monday, January 4, 2021

RETURN TO SCHOOL



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Monday, February 15, 2021	FAMILY DAY
March 15-19, 2021	MARCH BREAK
Friday, April 2, 2021	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday, April 5, 2021	EASTER MONDAY
Monday, May 24, 2021	VICTORIA DAY

P. A. Days

Friday, November 20, 2020
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
Friday, June 4, 2021
Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Cathcart Grade 8 Recognition Night: Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more information closer to the date.

TERRY FOX WALK

Our annual Terry Fox Walk will be held this year by classrooms socially distancing themselves during the week of September 28. All students will be participating in the walk. Your support of the Terry Fox Walk is very much valued and appreciated. More details coming.

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Cancelled for the 2020-21 school year.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS and CATHCART WEBSITE

Continue to check our Cathcart School Website for our newsletters. Don't forget to register your family for our School Cash Online Program.

Forms to be returned in addition to any forms requested from your child's classroom teacher(s), you are asked to please return the following forms to the school as soon as possible – 1) Appendix B: Notification and Permission for The Use of Student Personal Information 2) the Registration Verification Report 3) the School Council Nomination Form (if interested).

Looking forward to another fantastic year at Cathcart School,

Ms. Anita Sabatini	Mme Randi McDonald
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