



King George VI Public School

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On behalf of the entire King George staff I would like to welcome back our new and returning King George VI School families. I trust that everyone had a restful summer and that we are all ready to begin a new school year. The King George staff have been working diligently to get things ready and the building is looking wonderful to welcome our Knights.

As we look ahead to the school year before us, we will continue to build on many of the initiatives that have been established at King George. We will continue to focus our studious work on Literacy and Numeracy development and as we return from a long break and adjust to new routines we will focus on the Well-Being of all Knights!

While we can expect some changes, we are excited to be back and look forward to a wonderful school year. In the office we look forward to moving to electronic newsletters and having 100% participation with School Cash Online! Newsletters will only be available through the school website and on your child's virtual learning platform (Seesaw or Google Classroom) beginning in October. More information to follow.

There is a lot to look forward to as we gear up for a great year at King George. Welcome back to school everyone!

Tracy Pereira

Principal

Welcome to our 2020-2021 King George Staff!

FDK Ms. Kilbreath & Ms. Pavey

Grade SK/1 Mrs. Holmes

Grade 2/3 Mrs. Davison

Grade 4/5 Mrs. Sprenger

Grade 6 Mr. Raiger

Grade 7/8 Mr. Janssens

Resource Mrs. Clarke

Prep Mrs. Carruthers, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Murray

EAs Ms. Guizi, Ms. Hyde, Ms. Yarkovsky, Ms. Burden & Mrs. Doucet

Secretary Mrs. Moran

Custodians Mr. Foster, Ms. Aguirre & Ms. Planetta

FDK Mrs. Bartelen & Mrs. Clarke

Grade ½ Mrs. Hirtle & Mrs. Menheere

Grade 3/4 Mrs. Randall

Grade 5/6 Mr. Bouma

Grade 7/8 Mrs. Latta

FSL Mme Petrucci

BALANCED DAY SCHEDULE

Supervised Indoor Entry: (15 mins) 8:55 a.m. 9:10 a.m.

Entry Bell: 9:10 a.m.

First Instructional Block (120 mins) 9:10 a.m. 11:10 a.m.

Nutritional/Recess Break (40 mins) 11:10 a.m. 11:50 a.m.

Second Instructional Block (100 mins) 11:50 a.m. 1:30 p.m.

Nutritional/Recess Break (40 mins) 1:30 p.m. 2:10 p.m.

Third Instructional Block (80 mins) 2:10 p.m. 3:30 p.m.

Dismissal 3:30 p.m.

SCHOOL COUNCIL The School Council will be back up and running this school year. The first meeting will be held by Google Meet on **Wednesday September 23 at 6:30 pm**. The school council nomination form is attached to this newsletter should you or someone you know be interested in a position. We will be voting on Chair/Co-Chair and secretary positions. If you wish to be included in the first meeting please send your email to Mrs. Pereira at tracy.pereira@lkdsb.net. 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. We appreciate all ideas and value all voices in the meeting.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT/COLOUR HOUSES 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 "Respect" month at King George. Respect means, "We treat ourselves, others and our world with high regard and dignity."

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 the school if your child is absent in the morning or the afternoon (unless a note has already been sent). 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 early from class.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Students should not arrive before **8:55 am** (15 minutes before the morning bell) and students will proceed to their entrance door directly and enter their classroom. Students will move to their entrance door regardless of transportation, bus, drop-off, before-school programming, or walking. **As students are expected to proceed directly to their classroom, staff supervision will not be available on the playground.** Staff will be available in the school to assist students with finding their homeroom.

Students in Grades 4-8 must be wearing masks to enter the school, unless otherwise exempted.

Each student will be designated a location for their materials (coat, backpack, etc.) that will be consistent.

Parents/Guardians: Please share school arrival information with emergency contacts for the student.

Please note: To maintain cohorts and contact tracing, parents/guardians will not be allowed to enter schools at this time, except in case of emergency.

Students will be dismissed out the same door they enter in upon arrival. Bus students will be called to their bus upon its arrival to limit student movement in the hallways at dismissal time. Walkers will wait in their classrooms until the dismissal bell rings. They will exit out their door and continue to the North gate in the North Parking Lot. Parents are encouraged to wait for their children outside the front of the school. FDK students who walk will be dismissed out the FDK Yard gate. Parents are encouraged to wait outside the gate until their child exits.

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, King George 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.

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES All electronic devices, such as cell phones, media players, digital game devices, computers and cameras 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 cellphone, he/she is responsible for the cell phone at all times.** It is recommended students leave their cell phones at home or in their backpacks. 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. If your child's teacher wishes for them to have a personal device, they will send home a Bring Your Own Device Contract for you to sign.

BORROWED DEVICES If you have a device that was borrowed during the school closure you are encouraged to return the device to the school. Your child will be able to use the device in the classroom and at home for schoolwork completion. Further information on the collection of these devices will be announced later this school year.

SCHOOL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES During this month we will start practising our emergency procedures drills for fire, tornadoes, as well as procedures for lockdown, hold and secure, and shelter in place. If we had to evacuate our building, Sacred Heart School is our alternate emergency location.

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. New forms need to be filled in every school year, please see the office for these forms.

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

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. Please do not send your child with any nuts or peanut butter for either lunches or snacks. We want our school environment to be safe and healthy for all our students. We have staff and students who have severe allergies to perfume. 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.

SCREENING Parents/guardians are required to assess their children daily and report whether they are experiencing any signs of illness and are expected to keep them home if they are. Parents/guardians should refer to the *Daily Screening Questionnaire for Parents/Guardians/Students Before Attending School* to perform daily screening of their children before arriving at school.

All students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should seek appropriate medical attention as required, including getting tested at a COVID-19 testing centre. The closest testing centre to our school is **Twin Bridges Nurse Practitioner Clinic**

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE In order to support physical distancing and minimize the handling of cash, families are encouraged to use SchoolCash Online. Visit the school website to learn more about SchoolCashOnline (click on the orange School Cash Online button). If you require assistance with this, please contact the school secretary at 519-344-2942 (Mrs. Moran).

PICTURE DAY Postponed until further notice.

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.

EQAO Cancelled for the 2020-21 school year.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS and KING GEORGE WEBSITE Continue to check our King George 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).

September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 PD Day	3 PD Day	4 PD Day	5
6	7	8	9	10 SK-Grade 8 Group 1 First Day	11 SK-Grade 8 Group 2 First Day	12
13	14 SK-Grade 8 Both Groups	15 JK Group 1	16 JK Group 2	17 JK Group Both Groups	18	19
20	21	22	23 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 6:30	24	25	26
27	28 TERRY FOX	29 TERRY FOX	30 TERRY FOX	31 TERRY FOX		

Dates to Remember:

Upcoming 2020-2021 PD Days

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

Upcoming 2020-2021 School Holidays

Monday, October 12, 2020 THANKSGIVING
Monday, December 21, 2020 WINTER HOLIDAY BREAK BEGINS
Monday, January 4, 2021 RETURN TO SCHOOL
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

Sincerely,

Tracy Pereira
Principal