

September 1, 2020

Dear Windebank families,

Thank you so much for your patience during this time. As you are aware the new guidelines and options are constantly changing. Last week the Ministry of Education approved the school district's plan for Safe Return to School. This morning we received final approval on our Windebank Safe Return to School plan. ***Please find it attached.***

Grades 1 – 6 Orientation

The orientation days for grades 1-6 will take place on Thursday, September 10 and Friday, September 11. In order to encourage a safe return, we will be staggering our orientation. Students are expected to only attend one day of orientation. Please see the schedule below for your orientation day.

Thursday, September 10- **Students with last names beginning A – L** will attend all day (8:30 am - 2:23 pm)

Friday, September 11- **Students with last names beginning M – Z** will attend all day (8:30 am – 2:23 pm)

All students in grades 1 - 6 will attend full-time beginning Monday, September 14 at 8:30 am. If you would like a more gradual return to school for September, please contact myself or the office.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry

Kindergarten Gradual Entry has been pushed back by two days. Please see the detailed schedule on page 5 of the Safe Return to School plan. The office is currently scheduling the groups and the interviews for families. Parents will be notified of their confirmed times in a separate email. If you have not scheduled your times or have a conflict, please contact Ms. Stefanek at the office.

Class Placements

This fall, students will not be returning to their previous year's classroom. We are working on our constantly changing class placements. We hope to confirm these on Tuesday, September 8 when the teachers return. On Wednesday, September 9, you should receive an email outlining where your student can meet their new teacher. Please note your orientation day above. We will also have the information posted around the school on both Thursday and Friday morning.

Holding Seats

The district is looking at options for holding seats in catchment and schools of choice. Thank you for your patience and we anticipate an announcement shortly.

Thank you again for your patience during this time. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office or myself.

Sincerely,

Lisa Clarke Ed.D.
Principal
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