Hello Sansome Families,

Welcome to the **2025–2026 School Year!** We're so excited to start another wonderful year of learning, laughter, and growth with your child(ren). At Sansome, we truly believe that working together with families helps every child thrive. Please know that you can always reach out to your child's classroom teacher or to us in the Office with any questions or concerns—we're here to support you.

Welcome to New Staff

We are thrilled to welcome **Ms. Janice Matthewman** as our new Vice Principal! Ms. Matthewman joins us from Buchanan School, where she also served as Vice Principal. She is looking forward to getting to know our students, families, and staff, and can't wait to be part of the Sansome community. We also welcome **Mrs. Brittany Braun (50%)** to our staff this year. Mrs. Braun will be working alongside **Mrs. Vieira (Grade 4/5)** in Room 29, as well as supporting literacy throughout the school. We're so glad to have her join our team!

Important September Dates

- Monday, Sept. 2 Divisional Inservice (no school)
- Tuesday, Sept. 3 & Wednesday, Sept. 4 Back to School Conferences (Booking details have been emailed out. Conferences run 2:00–6:30 p.m. on Sept. 3, and 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. on Sept. 4.)
- Friday, Sept. 5 First day of regular classes we can't wait to see everyone back!

New School Hours

This year brings a new daily schedule. Please see the attached time schedule for our updated start and dismissal times.

Playground Renewal Project

Our Playground Renewal Project is well underway, and the new features include a swing set, stage, climbing berm, and communication board. Later in September, trees and shrubs will be planted to add even more life to our outdoor space. A big thank-you to our amazing Parent Council for their dedication and hard work on this project.

Parent Council AGM

Mark your calendars! Our Parent Council Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday, Sept. 15 at 6:00** p.m. We'd love to see many families join us to help elect our Executive for the 2025–2026 school year.

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

To help keep all of our students safe, please use the **East Lot** for drop-off and pick-up. The **West Lot** is reserved for bus traffic and is very busy at the start and end of the day. Thank you so much for your cooperation and care.

We can't wait to see the smiles, energy, and excitement that your children will bring as we begin this school year together. Here's to a fantastic year ahead at Sansome!

Warmly,

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Our next Early Dismissal Day is Tuesday, September 16th, 2025, Students will be dismissed at 3:18 pm to allow for ongoing staff professional development. Early dismissals happen on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Buses run approximately 30 minutes earlier.

Just a friendly reminder that dismissal is at 3:50 pm and there is no supervision. Please kindly make alternate arrangements with friends or family, if you are unable to pick up your child at this time.

WEST PARKING LOT:

Just a reminder that student drop offs and pick ups are not permitted on the west side of the building due to safety concerns. All students can be dropped off in the east side parking. Please note the west side parking lot will be inaccessible to vehicles other than for staff parking during drop offs (8:45 a.m -9:15a.m.) and pick ups (3:40 p.m- 4:05 p.m.).

Please have a conversation with your child as to where you will meet them at then of the day if they exit through the Grade 4/5 doors.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important safety matter.

Transportation:

Sansome bus in the AM is #17 Sansome bus in the PM is #8

If your child is not going to be on the bus **at the end of the day**, call the office to let us know. If we cannot pick up the phone, please leave us a message.

A friendly reminder from the transportation department that mini hockey sticks and umbrella's that cannot be secured within a backpack are not allowed on the bus.

Absence Reporting: A reminder that during the school year, absences are no longer phoned in or emailed to the school/teacher. Please do not email the teacher if your child is going to be absent. If teachers are away, they are not checking their email.

Please use the School Messenger App or call **1-844-434-8116** School Messenger Instructions

Milk Store: White and chocolate milk can be purchased for \$1.50 each. Tickets are available in the office. If you have tickets left from last year, they can still be used.

Please bookmark our school website for all current and future news and the upcoming events calendar: https://www.sjasd.ca/school/sansome

If you have any questions about this or any other school information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.