

Sansome School Notes from the Office

Hello Sansome Families:

This week has seen us now officially Back to School!

Thank you for attending the **“Back to School” Conferences**. We hope you found our learning environments inviting in spite of the Covid protocols in place. Teachers will be reviewing the “Yellow” level protocols with their classes on an on-going basis. We certainly appreciate you continuing the conversations at home as well. We hope to provide a safe, positive, in-class **learning** experience for all students and staff.

All Families should have received a revised 2021 – 2022 School Day Calendar via School Messenger this week. **Thursday, September 30th** is now a **Federal Day of Truth and Reconciliation** and all SJASD schools will be **closed**. **Wednesday, September 29th** will be **“Orange Shirt Day”** at Sansome School. Classes will be discussing Residential Schools and Truth and Reconciliation prior to these dates. Conversations will be geared to the age group and their level of understanding of the issues. All flags outside of SJASD schools will be at half-mast for the month of September, in recognition of those who perished in Canadian Residential Schools.

Just a reminder of our **entry and dismissal procedures**. Teachers will continue to meet their classes outdoors at their designated entry time and bring the students in one class at a time to avoid congestion. Teachers will bring the class outdoors at their designated dismissal time to meet their parents or to walk home.

Sansome School is open to Parents and the General Public for school business with scheduled appointments. **Medical masks** are required by all adults visiting the building.

We value your involvement in your child’s education and hope you will stay connected with us. Teachers and Administrators can be reached by e-mail, telephone, or virtually on Teams.

We wish your children all the best as they go forward in the new school year!

Our **Parent Council AGM** is scheduled for **Monday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m.**

This meeting will be held **virtually via Teams**. Please send either henrietta.hoch@sjasd.ca or robert.bell@sjasd.ca an e-mail to request your invite to this meeting. The purpose of this AGM is to form a new Parent Council for the 2021- 2022 school year and to elect a new Executive (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). Please consider if you might wish to have your name stand for one of these positions. In order to form a Parent Council and elect an Executive, we need to have a 5% quorum (16 Parents in attendance). Our Parent Council has been so valuable to our school in terms of organizing special school events such the Fun Lunches and for organizing fundraising events in support of our school.

The \$45.00 classroom supply fee is due. School Cash is ready to accept your payments. This is our preferred method of payment and greatly reduces the amount of cash, cheques and NSF cheques the office has to deal with.

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.

Lunch Supervisors Needed - We have a tremendous group of Lunch Supervisors and we are always looking to add more to our team. Lunch Supervisors work from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM each day that school is in session to supervise students while they eat lunch and then outside on the playground. This is a paid position (\$14.57 per hour). If you are interested, please call the school at 204-889-6000 or email us at sansome@sjasd.ca for further information about joining our team.

Lifetouch will be at Sansome School on **Wednesday, September 22nd** to take this year's individual student photos. There will be no class pictures taken at this time. All Covid protocols will be followed by the photographers.

A reminder that during the school year absences are no longer phoned in or emailed to the school/teacher. Information about the absence reporting system called Safe Arrival is found attached. Please read through the information and download the smart phone and online app.

Our first Early Dismissal day is **Tuesday, September 21st**. 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.

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.