

## Sansome School Notes from the Office

September is now here and we are all anxious to get back in to school and learning next week! We look forward to seeing everyone coming back to us this fall and to meeting our new families as well.

Many thanks to **Mr. C** (Custodian) and his team for all their work cleaning and preparing Sansome for “Back to School”. Everything is so clean and shiny!

Many thanks to **Mrs. King** in the Office for all her work in getting us (Staff and Families) all ready for “Back to School”.

Lastly, thank you to all **Staff** for their work in setting up our classrooms and preparing for the learning about to happen next week.

We are all ready and set to Learn!

Welcome to the 2021- 2022 School Year!

Doctors Manitoba hosted a “**Back to School**” **Covid-19 Town Hall** on August 31st which was recorded. A panel of 6 Manitoba Doctors answered questions and addressed concerns shared by many families around the return to school during Covid-19. It was most informative and reassuring. The link to this session is: [tinyurl.com/DRMBschool](https://tinyurl.com/DRMBschool)

Please remember to book your “**Back to School**” **Conference** using Conference Manager. Conferences can be in-person following all Covid Protocols (masks required, physical distancing of 2m., hand sanitizing etc) Conferences will be 15 minutes in length. Annual Forms that need to be filled out will be done in our school gym where we will have physically distanced tables set up. Virtual Conferences can also be arranged by contacting your classroom teacher.

**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.

**Orange Shirt Day** is also coming up on September 29th. Class discussions around Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation will be occurring in our classrooms prior to September 29th.

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As mentioned above, Conference Manager is up and running for families to book their “Back to School” Conference times. Conferences will be held on Wednesday, September 8 (1:00 – 7:00) and Thursday, September 9 (11:00 – 4:00).

Please use this link to book your conference online.

<https://sansome.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf>

**Conference Manager will close to bookings on September 8 at 9:00 PM.**

Friday, September 10 will be our first full day of school, 8:55 to 3:55.

We plan on holding our Sansome Parent Council AGM this fall. This meeting will be held virtually on Teams. The date and time will be announced and invites sent to all interested in learning more about Parent Council and becoming involved (tentative date: September 20 at 6:00). We certainly anticipate having the necessary quorum (5% of the school population) in order to establish a Parent Council for the year.

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

Classroom supplies have been purchased and School Cash is now ready to accept your payments. The cost is \$45.00 and must be paid online. This is our preferred method of payment and greatly reduces the amount of cash, cheques and NSF cheques the office has to deal with.

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