

To our Grade 6 families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our school. I understand that in particular our grade 6 students may be facing additional anxiety with returning to school with also starting in a new school. We want to reassure you that we want to do everything we can to make this a successful transition for your child amidst a pandemic. A lot of pre-planning and communication has taken place in providing our parents with as much up to date information as possible. Your role in a successful return to in-class learning is vital.

We are pleased to let you know that we will offer the opportunity to purchase books through the Scholastic Book flyers. There have been some changes to the program this year. The paper copies of the Scholastic flyer will feature books for all reading levels. There will be digital flyers available online with more choices for all grade levels. This year, parents can order books directly through the Scholastic website and have them shipped right to their homes. The school code for ordering books is **RC239164**. For parents/students who would prefer to pay cash, orders can be submitted to the drop box in front of the office by the 15th of each month. Orders will be placed after that, and should arrive at the school by the end of the month. For more information, please contact Ms. Blair. (tricia.blair@sjasd.ca). This is another option for students to bring books to school as part of our EVERY GATOR READS.

As we have had many changes with new registrations and updated information, I wanted to ensure that all parents/guardians are current of what to expect on your child's first day of school on September 8th. Please take the time to review the following information with your child. Grade 6's will have their own grade level wing and entrance doors based on classroom and cohort.

- 6E1 Homeroom 19 (6-19)
- 6E2 Homeroom 17 (6-17)
- 6E3 Homeroom 15 (6-15)
- 6E4 Homeroom 13 (6-13)
- **Cohort 1 – 6E1 & 6E2**
- **Cohort 2 – 6E3 & 6E4**
- **Cohorts will enter the building at the following times:**
 - Cohort 1 at 8:50 a.m.
 - Cohort 2 at 8:55 a.m.
 - Students should arrive at school no earlier than 5 minutes prior to their entry.
 - No students should be in the front of the school as required to go directly to the back as location of all entrance doors.
 - Students within a classroom will line up while physically distancing 2 m.
 - Students within the cohort will be spaced 2 m.
 - Please see attached photo for visual for where students will line up.
- **End of day dismissal will be as follows:**
 - Cohort 1 at 3:38 p.m.
 - Cohort 2 at 3:43 p.m.

- Lunch program
 - Cohort 1 students eat in homerooms from 11:45 a.m. – 12:10 p.m., then go outside from 12:15-12:40.
 - Cohort 2 students are outside from 11:45-12:10; then they eat in homerooms from 12:15 p.m. – 12: 40 p.m.
 - Please see photo of the designated play area on the South-East side of the school for our grade 6 students. There is no mixing of cohorts and students must remain in their assigned area.
 - Non-lunch students are dismissed at 11:42 and must exit school through their assigned doors. These students must return to school between 12:35-12:40 and go directly to their assigned line for re-entry.

Masks must be worn prior to entering the school, and worn at all times within the school when physical distancing of 2 m is not possible, which would include the classroom, hallways and bathroom. If a student refuses to wear a mask, they will be expected to go home. We have a collective shared responsibility in ensuring the safety of all students and staff. Cleaning instructions for the mask are found in the masks' ziploc bag

We look forward to seeing our grade 6 students Tuesday, September 8th. What we realized during the remote learning is how much we missed our students, and how much the students missed being at school learning and being with their friends and teachers. We look forward to building our community with the safe return to school. This is also a very exciting time, and we would like to celebrate that your child is coming into Middle Years for the next chapter of their educational journey!

Enjoy your long weekend.

Mr. D. Kalynchuk
Principal