

Dear École Ness Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year! Bonne Rentrée à l'année scolaire, 2023-2024!

It has been a joy to see families and students during the parent conferences and today, our first full day back to school. I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to learning alongside staff and students, to building relationships and partnerships between home and school, so that, together, we can support our students' success. I value your questions, thoughts, and feedback and welcome the chance to connect with you in person! Please call or drop by the school anytime.

On behalf of both Mme Boychuk, Vice-Principal, and our entire staff, we would first like to extend a welcome back to our Grade 7 and 8 students along with a special Bienvenue to our new Grade 6 students. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are now ready to embark on an exciting year of learning and growing together. We look forward to supporting our students' academic and social and emotional growth. While at school, they will engage in learning that stimulates their curiosity while also exposed to an extensive range of extra-curricular activities. Students are encouraged to become involved as much as possible as they navigate their Middle Year's experience. Students are also encouraged to share ideas for clubs and activities as their voice is an integral part of our school community.

Please read on and note the important information below:

Student Drop-off/Pick-up: To help keep our students and staff safe, please be mindful of the congestion around the school during drop-off and pick-up. Please park on a side street around the school and allow your student to exit and walk safely to their entry door. Do not double park and refrain from entering the staff parking lot and bus loop.

Student entry and exit doors are the same as last year as follows:

Gr. 6 – Main doors

Gr. 7 – South doors

Gr. 8 - North doors

Bell Schedules

The bell schedule remains the same and you can find it at: [Ness Bell Schedule](#)

Student Handbook

Please follow this link to more information, including cell phone use, lunch hour, etc... in our [Student Handbook](#).

Quick Fact Sheet:

Please refer to the separate document attached created to serve as a quick reference sheet for families.

23-24 School Day Calendar:

Please [follow this link](#) to access this year’s school day calendar and note the important dates below: **(please mark your calendars)**

Early Dismissal at 3:10 p.m.	September 19, 2023
Cross Country Race – George Waters	September 21, 2023
Cross Country Race – George Waters	September 25, 2023
Cross Country Race – Beaudry Park	September 28, 2023
École Ness recognizes Orange Shirt Day	September 29, 2023
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Saturday, September 30, 2022
In-Service – No School	October 3, 2023
AGM to establish Parent Advisory Group	October 5, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Thanksgiving – No School	October 9, 2023
Picture Day	October 13, 2023
Early Dismissal	October 17, 2023
In-Service – No School	October 20, 2023

WRHA School-Based Immunization Campaign 2022-2023

The WRHA will be offering school age immunization beginning this Fall. Please watch your email for more information about this when it is sent on behalf of the WRHA.

Please note that information in this format will be sent home once per month, on the last Friday of each month by Mme Boychuk going forward. Any important information throughout the month will be sent separately. Please watch your emails and visit our website frequently.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to another exciting year ahead!

Sincerely,

Mme Boyko, Principal

Mme Boychuk, Vice-Principal

Important Dates:

Labour Day- No School	September 5, 2022
Inservice Day – No School	September 6, 2022
Triad Meetings 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.	September 7, 2022
Triad Meetings 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.	September 8, 2022
First day of regular classes	September 9, 2022

At École Ness, the staff care deeply about our students, value each of them as unique, are committed to providing a meaningful and engaging middle years experience, and look forward to the exciting year ahead.

Sincerely,

Mme R. Boyko

Directrice/Principal

Mme A. Eyjolfson

Directrice-Adjointe/Vice-Principal