



St. John Fisher Junior Elementary School
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Dear SJF Junior Families,

I hope that this letter is finding you and your families well and healthy.

School starts for all students on August 30th and that is certain.

As in the past year the safety and well-being of our students and staff is of utmost priority. We understand that although most restrictions have been lifted there is still some uncertainty and anxiety surrounding the start of the school year. Rest assured that we are working diligently at preparing our school for it to be safe for everyone.

As per the letter sent to you yesterday from the LBPSB, there are unresolved issues with school buses and contract talks. At this point, not all agreements have been signed and we may not have bus services for the first day of school. In the meantime, I suggest you do the following if possible: drive your child to and from school or possibly carpool to reduce the pressure on each family, as well as reduce the number of vehicles at pick up/drop off. Also, parking on a nearby street and walking with your child would be very helpful. Another option is to have a friend or family member drive your child. Lastly, if you are really in a bind, we will be offering Extended Supervision **as of Thursday, September 1st** at school from 8:20 am to 9:05 am. and also 30 minutes after school. This is **not** a daycare service and we ask that you send your child with a book to read. If you are interested in registering for Extended Supervision, we ask that you do so as soon as possible as we must make arrangements to hire the personnel required. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

With regards to COVID measures, we are still functioning as we did in June. There have not yet been any new protocols or mandates. Masks are optional and I ask that you remind your children that we are all to respect one another and our choices. Water bottles are necessary as the fountains are not to be used to drink from, rather the students must use the bottle filling station. They should bring a water bottle to school daily.

Please note, that we will no longer be testing students at school for COVID, you will instead receive kits to use at home as you did last year. If your child tests positive for COVID, please let us know right away, keep them home and isolate them for 5 days and then retest. If they are negative they can return with a mask for 5 days and if they are positive they can only return after a total of 10 days. If your child is ill, they should not be coming to school.



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If you do send them to school ill, we will be calling you to pick them up. Please follow these guidelines and help us keep everyone healthy.

Please be advised that you will be receiving a Welcome Letter with information pertaining to which group your child will be in. We want to welcome you and we hope that this will help alleviate some of the stress felt by all before school starts. Instructions on where to meet and much more will be included in the letter. Parents are welcome (one parent per family), on the 1st day only, to join us in the schoolyard as students find their new teachers. This is not the time though for an interview, if you need to speak with the teacher, please send them a quick email or leave a message at the office and we will be happy to get back to you. On that note, I am, as is our school board, a strong advocate of work/life balance. What this means is that given how busy we all are, a reasonable delay of response to an email or call is 48 hours. Staff will make themselves available between 8 am and 4 pm, Monday to Friday. Thank you for helping us take care of ourselves so that we in turn can take care of your children.

For those registered in Daycare, if you plan on not attending on a specific day, as per your registration, please advise Ms. Sandi Hammock asap at shammock@lbpearson.ca

I am really looking forward to meeting you all, in person, on Curriculum Night, Thursday, September 8th. Please mark your calendars. More information to come.

Should you have any questions or concerns please reach out to your child's teacher, to our fabulous Administrative Assistant Ms. Shannon McNulty, our wonderful Daycare Technician, Ms. Sandi Hammock or to me.

Sincerely,

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