



St. John Fisher Senior Elementary School
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Dear St. John Fisher Senior Community,

I am thrilled to be writing to you today to welcome you back to SJFS! I am happy to introduce myself as the new principal of SJFS. I come to you with over 10 years of experience as a principal and lots of enthusiasm! We are going to have a great school year.

It seems that as of now the issues with contract negotiations have been resolved and bussing service will resume at the beginning of the school year, however we are still awaiting final confirmation. Unless I message you again, you can assume that bus service will be available Tuesday, August 30th for those who are eligible. Pickup and drop-off of students at the beginning and end of the school day is done on Summerhill Avenue (see map). We ask that you be patient and exercise caution for our students' safety.

As many of you know the school has been under construction and still is. We currently have two exits that are being rebuilt for a better and safer traffic flow into and out of the school building. We hope this will all be completed by November. In the meantime, all precautions for safety have been taken and/or will be in place.

Please know that you will be receiving a Welcome Letter from your child's classroom teacher Monday, August 29th at 5 pm. 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, 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.

Please keep an eye out for a student package which contains important information and forms you may need to complete. As well, you will receive a Statement of Account for school fees to be paid online as soon as possible. If you are new to LBPSB you will need to request the GAFE permission form in order for your child to use Google Apps for Education which is an important tool used by all on a regular basis. Please email ahenein@lbpsb.qc.ca for a copy of this form.

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.



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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 is ill, they should not be coming to school. If you do send them to school ill, we will be calling you to pick them up.

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. Please follow these guidelines and help us keep everyone healthy.

Despite construction, our caretakers have done an excellent job getting the school up to speed and clean. With this in mind, I would strongly recommend that you have two pairs of shoes for your child (this is not mandatory but would be appreciated). This would allow us to have one pair to wear indoors and one pair to wear outdoors, keeping the dirt and sand in the building to a minimum and allowing us to keep the building clean.

For attendance, we ask that you enter your child's absences into the Parent Portal (Mozaik system) with the reason as well. This will reduce the amount of time required to take attendance and in turn, will increase the amount of teaching time. More importantly, this would allow us to account for each student as quickly as possible. Attendance and communication are essential for safety

Please remember to dress your children for the weather, as we will rarely have indoor recess. For now, sunscreen and hats should be considered. In a few weeks, you may want to consider dressing them in layers as it will be cool when we arrive, but warmer by lunch. On rainy days, a raincoat and rain boots are a good idea as if there is only a mist outside we will be going out for recess. In the winter, unless we are in frostbite conditions, we will be outside, therefore, snowsuits, mitts, and scarves are all required.

For those registered in Daycare, if you plan on not attending on a specific day, as per your registration, please advise Mrs. Laura Sulano asap at lsulano@lbpearson.ca

I am really looking forward to meeting you all, in person, on Curriculum Night, Wednesday, September 7th. 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 Mrs. Aimee Henein, our wonderful Daycare Technician, Mrs. Laura Sulano or to me, Principal, Mme Stephanie Héroult.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Héroult
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