

# École Seven Oaks Middle School



## We Welcome the Return of our Students!

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Sept. 14, 2020

Dear families,

Our first few days have seen many excited students return to our school, and new grade 6's join us. It was a busy start! We appreciate everyone's patience as we work together to adapt to new routines and new bus schedules.

As we begin the first full week of school, we will continue to remind students to adhere to the Covid-19 guidelines that are in place. Students are generally wearing masks with very few reminders, however ongoing attention to physical distancing is still in progress. We are asking students to practice physical distancing of one meter, preferably two, when in school but also on school grounds. This includes lunch time and while waiting to board the bus. Bus drivers also continue to remind students that masks need to be worn at all times while on the bus. Many students are regularly sanitizing and washing their hands. Please be assured that we are also paying increased attention to sanitizing high touch areas in the school and student bathrooms throughout the day, and have added a second day custodian to cover these priority tasks.

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It is important that we all take care of ourselves and each other by staying home when we are feeling unwell. Students can stay connected to their classes by Google Classroom if they are sick and isolating at home. We have attached the electronic copy of the screening tool that was shared with families at orientation appointments.

Finally, a few reminders for parents and guardians;

- ★ Please send in payment for student fees of \$35 if you have not already done so.
- ★ Microwaves are not available, please do not send lunches that require heating.
- ★ For the time being, students will not have access to change rooms for phys.ed, however appropriate footwear is required for active participation.
- ★ Classes will be outdoors for phys.ed. whenever possible.
- ★ We ask that you continue to use side streets for student drop off and pick up. This is working well and keeps traffic flow moving.
- ★ Please review important dates attached. We are postponing our Community BBQ with hopes of a spring date. Other large gatherings such as concerts and assemblies will be put on hold for now.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns. We look forward to a successful week at school!

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