



FOREST PARK SCHOOL

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

September 2, 2026

Dear Forest Park School Families,

Welcome back to the start of another school year! We have many new students joining our Forest Park family this year; we are excited to meet new students and reconnect with returning students. At the beginning of each school year our division provides orientation days that allow you and your child to meet with their teacher for some one-on-one time. This valuable opportunity helps reduce the "beginning of the school year" butterflies that are completely normal for children and to share important information with one another. Please go to Parent Connect to book your child's appointment.

This summer all of our student washrooms got a fresh update with new stalls and our staff parking lot finally got repaved. We are always grateful when the division approves these extra requests.

Our classroom communities and staff teams are as follows:

Kindergarten	Mrs. Cheris Yakiwchuk
Grade 1	Mrs. Genny Norberg
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Kerianne Stone
Grade 1/2	Mr. Noel Mantaring
Grade 3	Mrs. Maria Cordova
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Bonnie Judge
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Stephanie Petrachek
Grade 3/4	Ms. Janet Lee
Grade 5	Mr. Derek Gebhardt
Grade 5	Mrs. Cindy Shields
Physical Education/ LST	Mr. Rob Ens
Music Specialist	Ms. Erin Risbey
Learning Support	Mrs. Diana Tabor
Learning Support	Mrs. Charlotte Uskalo

Educational Assistant	Maria Cullum
Educational Assistant	Cierra Crouch
Educational Assistant	Marcy Hubel
Educational Assistant	Mike Manalili
Educational Assistant	Angelo Domingo
Educational Assistant	Cheryl Mirus
Educational Assistant	Angelica Garcia
Educational Assistant	Marina Tedone
Educational Assistant	Oksana Nakonechna
Admin Assistant	Barb Visca
Custodian	Vince Peadson
Custodian	Roger Schick
Library Tech	Christine Ulrich
Community Coordinator	Dave Mathers

A reminder to families that supervision does not begin until 8:30am each day. **Please do not drop your child off before 8:30.** Street patrols on duty need to be at the front of the school at 8:35. If your child walks to school, please call me personally if they have to cross the four-way intersection at Sinclair and Forest Park Drive without an adult. We currently do not have patrols there, as it is a safety concern for our patrols. The parking lot is for staff only. Please do not park in any of the stalls or along the fence at any time during the school day. For the safety of our children, we teach them to use the sidewalk along the parking lot and grass. School pick-up is 3:30. Please do not park or stop in the front of school, as this area is reserved for our busses.

Our side and back exterior doors are locked daily and reopened for the start of school and recess. All students and families should be entering through the front doors between 9:00-3:30. Should you drop



your child off after the start of the day, please send them through the front doors and have them let the staff in the office know they are here. If you need to pick your child up during the school day, please call the office or email their teacher the time you will be picking your child up. When you arrive, call the office and we will send your child out with adult supervision. Any visitors in the school need to sign in and wear a visitor badge.

We do not have a school daycare, however we do rent space to Aleph-bet Daycare for Before and After programs. Please contact them directly for inquiries (info can be found on our school website under Kindergarten tab). We do offer a Preschool Program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the school year for babies-preschoolers with a caregiver in attendance. Please contact Teacher Dave at david.mathers@7oaks.org for more information.

Our school division has a Divisional Cell Phone Guideline. Students should not be bringing a cell phone to school. In the event a child does bring a phone to school, they will be asked to leave it for the day in the office. It will be their responsibility to pick it up on their way home. We appreciate your ongoing support with this. If you need to get a message to your child, call the school and we will make sure they get it.

Once again, we will be throwing a Whole School Birthday Party in February. On this day, we invite families to bring whatever celebratory foods and/or treats you would have dropped off for your child's birthday. We appreciate your cooperation. We believe every child deserves to be celebrated. And we will do it in a BIG way!

We recognize the financial burden our student fees (includes school supplies and field trips) might cause. If you prefer, you can pay the \$45 student fees (\$40 for kinders) in increments throughout the school year. Student fees can be paid in-person with cash or on Parent Connect with debit/credit card. A receipt will be issued upon payment.

We offer breakfast to all our students free of charge daily from 8:30-8:55am. Breakfast is prepared and served in our library by our creative and talented EA's. Remind your child to come have breakfast as soon as they arrive at school.

Did you know Forest Park School is on Instagram? Please request to follow our private account (@forest_park_school) and watch for a message asking who your child is in our school. Enjoy staying up-to-date with what is going on around this place. The platform is meant for Forest Park caregivers only.

Our school website has important dates, as well as past newsletters. This is a handy reference during the year!

See you all next week at orientation!

Sincerely,

Tanya Kohut
Principal



Notable Dates:

September 8 & 9: Orientation (appointment needed)
September 10: First day of classes
September 30: National Truth and Reconciliation Day (no classes)
October 1: School photos
October 23: MTS PD Day (no classes)
November 3: Divisional Day (no classes)
November 11: Remembrance Day (no classes)
November 13: Photo retakes
November 27: Parent/Teacher/Student conferences (no classes)
December 21-January 1: Winter Break (no classes)
January 22: School PD (no classes)
February 5: School PD (no classes)
March 5: School PD (no classes)
March 19: Parent/Teacher/Student conferences (no classes)
March 26: Good Friday (no classes)
March 29-April 2: Spring Break (no classes)
April 15: Family Night
April 16: School PD (no classes)
April 19: Class photos
May 7: School PD (no classes)
June 4: School PD (no classes)
June 24: School BBQ & Grade 5 Farewell
June 28: Whole school field trip
June 30: Last day of school