

September 5, 2025

Dear Forest Park School Families,

Welcome back to a fresh new school year! It feels good to be back into a routine feeling rested and rejuvenated for another exciting year of learning opportunities, friendships and unique experiences. We have a long-awaited new addition to our school: a new kitchen! We are now equipped to prepare, cook and store a more robust array of nutritional foods for our daily breakfast program. Breakfast is served at 8:30-8:55 daily free of charge. When students arrive in the morning (by bus, vehicle or walking), they can enter from the front doors of the school and go straight to the library. Classrooms are also invited to share the space and work on their culinary skills throughout the school year.

Our classroom communities and staff teams are as follows:

Kindergarten	Mrs. Cheris Yakiwchuk	Educational Assistant	Maria Cullum
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Diana Tabor	Educational Assistant	Cierra Grocholski
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Genny Norberg	Educational Assistant	Marcy Hubel
Grade 2	Mr. Noel Mantaring	Educational Assistant	Mike Manalili
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Bonnie Judge	Educational Assistant	Deb McLaren
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Stephanie Petrachek	Educational Assistant	Cheryl Mirus
Grade 3/4	Ms. Janet Lee	Educational Assistant	Angelica Garcia
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Maria Cordova	Educational Assistant	Angelo Domingo
Grade 5	Mr. Derek Gebhardt	Educational Assistant	Jill Westin
Grade 5	Mrs. Cindy Shields	Admin Assistant	Barb Visca
Physical Education	Mr. Rob Ens	Custodian	Vince Peadson
Music Specialist	Ms. Erin Risbey	Custodian	Roger Schick
Learning Support	Bela Ferreira	Library Tech	Lisanne Wood
Learning Support	Charlotte Uskalo	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. The parking lot is for staff only. Please do not park in any of the stalls or along the fence. For the safety of our children, we teach them to use the sidewalk along the parking lot and grass.

Last year all of Seven Oaks families were sent our new Divisional Cell Phone Guidelines. We typically don't have any students with cell phones at our 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. Consider that one less distraction and expensive replacement for you and your child.

Thank you for trusting us each day with your child. Should you need to share information with your child's teacher or seek clarification, please do not hesitate to call or email them. During the school day,

teachers do not always check their email; they are teaching your kiddos! But they do respond in a timely fashion. Teachers have families and lives outside of our school, therefore do not expect a response during holidays or a weekend. A reminder that Barb Visca is on her break between 11:30-12:30. Leave a message on the school answering machine and she will respond to it when she returns.

Once again, we will be throwing a Whole School Birthday Party later this year. 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 might cause. If you prefer, you can pay the \$40 student fees (\$35 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.

Did you know Forest Park School is on Instagram? Please request to follow our private account 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.

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

Take care of yourself, each other and this place.

Sincerely,

Tanya Kohut
Principal

Notable Dates:

September 15: Photo Day
September 19: School PD (no school)
September 30: National Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)
October 24: MTS PD Day (no school)
October 29: School Concert
November 11: Remembrance Day (no school)
November 21: Parent/Teacher/Student conferences (no school)
December 2: Divisional Day (no school)
December 22-January 2: Winter Break (no school)
January 16: School PD (no school)
February 2: Divisional PD (no school)
March 20: Parent/Teacher/Student conferences (no school)
April 9: Family Night
April 10: Divisional PD (no school)
May 8: School PD (no school)
June 5: Divisional PD (no school)
June 30: Last day of school

