



West St. Paul School

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Dear Parents,

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We find ourselves at the beginning of October enjoying summer-like conditions. Kids are playing tag, football and soccer and we are bringing back the BEST Bike program for our grade 5-8 students. These students will be out on the roads of our community learning the skills they need to bike in our community. Let's hope the weather remains pleasant!

We said goodbye to Vice Principal Melissa Harder this week as she moves on to Elwick Community School to fill the vacant vice principal job there.

Proper mask use is very important. Whenever I have a COVID conversation with public health, the first question they ask is about proper mask use. When masks are worn properly, other students may not be considered close contacts and can stay at school. If we have poor mask usage, the likelihood of more children being considered close contacts increases. Therefore, we continue to encourage children to wear their masks everywhere in the school, including the gym. The division has also had children sent home as close contacts from children being unmasked and close together outdoors. Therefore, children should also be encouraged to wear their masks outdoors when playing closely with their friends.

As we continue to work towards limiting potential exposure to COVID, we remind parents that we will not be allowing cake, cookies or candy sharing in classes for birthdays and celebrations. Thank you to families for respecting this decision.

If your child is ever late arriving for school, please have them check in at the office before heading to their classroom. Also, if you are picking your child up during the school day for an appointment, please call the school office when you arrive in the parking lot and we will send your child out to meet you.

A reminder that there is no school on Friday as it is a divisional in-service day and there is no school on Monday because it is Thanksgiving.

Everyone, and I mean everyone, is happy to have kids back at school full time. We are glad to be able to allow some of our grade seven and eight students to begin playing extracurricular volleyball and experiencing band and sectional periods. School is starting to feel and sound more like it did a few years ago. The COVID-19 vaccines have helped to make things better. Watch for upcoming vaccine clinics and make sure all eligible family members get vaccinated.

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