



West St. Paul School

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Dear Parents,

Friday, September 17, 2021

As we complete our first full week of school, everyone is beginning to learn and remember the regular routines at West St. Paul School. The school bus arrivals, transfers and departures are working, and students and teachers are getting back in the groove of school. Everyone is happy and grateful to have students back at school as we continue to live through this COVID pandemic.

All COVID protocols we practiced last year continue to exist – masking indoors, washing and sanitizing hands often, classroom cohorts, increased school ventilation, teaching outdoors and social distancing. Teachers continue to speak to students about personal safety as well as the safety of their friends, family and public. We all need to work together to prevent a wave of illness like last year.

More students can take the school bus this year which has reduced some of the traffic dropping students off in the loop beside the school. We strongly discourage parents from dropping and picking their children on the shoulder of the highway. Hiawatha and Minnehaha Avenues remain as options for parents to drop off, pick up or park and walk to get their children. We have an adult crossing children and families at the traffic light both before and after school.

Please take a moment to log on to Parent Connect and review your responses to the 2021-2022 consent forms. Responses to the consent forms now roll over yearly. This means that the responses you entered last year have carried forward to this year. If you have transferred to West St. Paul School from another school within the Seven Oaks School Division, you will need to respond to the Responsible Use of Technology form as this is one form that does not carry forward. If you would like to change your response to any of the forms, please contact the office.

To view the school calendar and see what is happening in our school, check this link:

<https://www.7oaks.org/school/weststpaul/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Some upcoming important dates:

Picture Day is on Thursday, September 23.

Terry Fox Day will be on Friday September 24.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on September 30. There will be no classes.

October 8 is Divisional Day – No classes.

October 11 is Thanksgiving – No classes.

October 22 is MTS PD Day – No Classes.

Our middle years students can attend TAS classes at other schools again. All TAS classes remain as cohorts on the bus and at the hosting school and do not mix with students of other schools. Classes are also speaking about the upcoming election and taking library books home. Please read to your children daily and continue the discussions started at school. Soon, some of our grade 1/2 classes will begin their Learn to Skate classes while some of the grade 3/4 classes will begin their Learn to Swim classes.

If you have not yet paid your student fees, payments can be made online under the Fees tab in Parent Connect, or with exact cash or cheque payable to West St. Paul School. If your child will be away from school for any reason, please contact the office. We have 24 hour voicemail where you can leave us a message about your child's absence.

Thank you for you continued support.

Administrators

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