

Jack Chambers Charge Ahead

September 10, 2021

Dear Jack Chambers Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for a great first week!

It is so nice to see everyone and their excitement to be able to be back in the Jack Chambers building. The school is alive with children as it should be!

The first week has gone very well, and the school has had a very calm start. The teachers have spent a lot of their attention this week to creating the routines of washing hands, masking, and staying distanced that will keep everyone safe. We appreciate all the support you are giving at home to ensuring the students know the importance of all of our new safety procedures.

We are welcoming a few new staff to our team this year. Mrs. Tsioros and Ms. McAuley are coming back to our Kindergarten team, Ms. Wira is joining in Grade 3, Ms. Noddle will teach grades 1 and 2 Phys Ed, and Mrs. VanLanen has come back to teach some Phys Ed, Arts, and grade 8. Our Virtual Class teachers include Mrs. Uryadova-grade 3, Ms. Bianchi-grade 4, Ms. D'Oria-grade 8. We are also so lucky to have Mrs. McArthur, Ms. Wanyou, and Mrs. Stafford make up the Educational Assistant team. For the full staff list, please check out our website at <http://jackchambers.tvdsb.ca/en/our-school/our-staff.aspx> Welcome also to all of our new students and families to Jack Chambers. We know you are going to love this school!!

Attendance

All in-person and virtual students have their attendance taken three times a day. At 9, 11:20, 2:10 we need to account for all students registered to our school. If the student is not in class or on-line, and have not been recorded with an absent reason, we need to make a call to parents and guardians until we can confirm the student is safe. Please make sure your child joining their class on time to help with safety and ensure they are not missing any learning opportunities.

Virtual Classroom Platforms – Each classroom will have a virtual platform that will be regularly updated. You will be provided with class specific information in the first few weeks of September. Please make sure to access the program so that we are all prepared in case of a pivot to online.

Building Access

As many of you have encountered all of the doors to the school are now locked during the instructional time for the safety of everyone. During this time you will need to use our doorbell or call the office to have a staff member greet you...please be patient as someone will come as soon as they can. Please try to minimize the number of drops offs during the

day - if you are dropping off a lunch or personal item for your child please have it labelled with their name for us to deliver.

Public access continues to be very limited. All visitors who are approved for access with an appointment, must wear a mask/face covering, complete self-screening and sign-in at the school office.

Updated Information

The information for each student must be updated at the beginning of each year. Please access the [Parent Portal](#) to confirm:

- **contact information,**
- **update medical information and IPOC's (Individual Plan of Care),**
- **student permissions**

We still have a number of students that do not have this information completed. The access in the portal will close Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Contact Information-current contact information is extremely important in case of accident or injury as well as communication with teachers. They will be reaching out as through School Messenger as they set up Brightspace and Google Classroom for their students.

Medical Information-Prescription Medication cannot legally be administered without your written consent including the physician's signature, and a new 'Individual Plan of Care' form is required for each school year.

Schools are required to have a signed form on record for any student who requires any form of medication to be administered at school, including epi-pens. The form is available, upon request, from the office and completion by the physician is the responsibility of the parent.

If your child has Asthma and carries an inhaler that they may use, you will also need to have medical information on file with the school.

All forms are required so that staff are informed of symptoms and triggers for your child, as well as the medical plan if they exhibit symptoms. Complete this information in the Parent Portal medical forms as soon as you can to make sure that Jack Chambers staff are all aware of your child's needs.

Planners

We have student planners again this year for students and families to use for communication and to teach students organizational skills. Please help to support this program with a donation of \$5 through Cash Online or by sending in the donation. Thank you!

Online Payments

Register for the school Cash program by setting up an account. You will be able to use this program to pay online for student needs and events.

[Cash Online](#)

Masks

While at the school we wear masks when we cannot socially distance - in classrooms, in line, when playing sports that may involve contact. We are so pleased to share that all of our students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 are wearing masks. Thank you to all our families who have helped support this endeavour and are supporting us to keep everyone safe by having your children wear a mask.

Covid 19 Screening Tool

Please make sure to complete the Covid 19 Screening Tool for Students and Children in a School and Child Care Setting" each day before sending your child to school.

https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid19-cms-assets/2021-06/COVID-19_printable%20school%20and%20child%20care%20screening_ENG.pdf

[COVID-19 school and child care screening](#)

School Council

If you would like to be involved in Jack Chambers, think about joining the School Council. See the attachment for a description of the School Council role. Complete the [online form](#) with your information if you wish to join the council. Applications are due to the office by September 21st. [Microsoft Forms](#)

Nut and Latex Allergy

Although no environment can be totally nut, or latex free, we ask that students refrain from bringing nut and latex (i.e. balloons) products to our school due to the number of students who have anaphylactic reactions. This includes Wow Butter. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making Jack Chambers safe for all our students.

Student Insurance Information

For the 2021-22 school year we are pleased to offer families the option of two student accident insurance providers to choose from if they wish to purchase insurance for their children.

<https://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/>

<https://insuremykids.com>

International Languages - Elementary Program - Please see the attached flyer if you are interested in the program for your child.

Please take the time to read the important information in each weekly Change Ahead email and check out our updated school web-site @ www.tvdsb.ca/jackchambers . Refer the website throughout the school year as it outlines many of the routines, procedures and event information.

Today was a big day for us as we have all of our students together. We have been doing , very well but rest assured we continue to evaluate the effectiveness of our safety procedures and to make adjustments when necessary. We will continue to do so as we journey on with our return to school.

Coming up:

- **September 14th - North parking and access will be closed to remove portable 1 from our school yard.**
- **September 21st - Terry Fox Run Day**
- **September 30: [Orange Shirt Day](#)**
- **October 10: [World Mental Health Day](#)**

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Young, Mr. Ratter

and the Charger Staff

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