

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.

#### 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 new 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.

#### 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
- Student Health Agreement

We still have a number of students that do not have this information completed. The access in the portal will close Sunday, Sept. 20.

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.

Student Health Agreement-must be filled out by each child attending Jack Chambers. Access additional information regarding the agreement at <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/our-board/student-health-agreement.aspx> and complete the agreement in the parent portal.

#### Hand Hygiene

We can accept donations of alcohol based hand sanitizer for your child's classroom. The sanitizer has to be listed on the Health Canada Approved list of Hand Sanitizers, be a minimum of 60% alcohol, unscented and in its original packaging with a visible label. Classrooms will gladly accept these donations to assist with our hand cleaning protocol. [Hand Sanitizer List](#)

#### 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 nearly 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.

#### 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 Accident Insurance

The Thames Valley District School Boards' has a provider of student accident insurance. Please see this link for more information and to sign up for accident insurance for your student. <https://insuremykids.com/>

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](http://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.

Be Safe and Wash your hands!

S. Young - Principal

S. Ratter - Vice-Principal

L. Carmichael – Admin. Secretary

J. Martin – Office Assistant

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