

Jack Chambers Charge Ahead

Happy Friday!!

- Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee (TVPIC) in collaboration with the TVDSB Mental Health portfolio, is excited to share a **virtual family engagement** event on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every family in different ways. To support families and caregivers, this virtual session will aim to provide an opportunity for families and staff to learn about the impacts on children, adolescents and families and share resources and strategies. More information (including the link to the LIVE event) is available on the TVPIC website at www.tvdsb.ca/tvpic
- The Thames Valley Board of Trustees passed a motion at a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, requiring all staff, students, and visitors to wear a mask inside any TVDSB school or TVDSB building. On March 9th, the Ministry of Education, based on the advice from the Chief Medical Officer of Health, distributed a memo to school boards entitled Lifting of Health and Safety Measures in Schools which included the following statement:

“...masking will no longer be required. As some students and staff may choose to continue to wear masks or eye protection, the government will continue to provide free masks and eye protection. In addition, we know that many students and staff may choose to continue to wear masks at times, or consistently for the remainder of the school year. We encourage school boards and schools to promote respectful, welcoming and inclusive practices and communications within their school communities.”

What does this mean?

Wearing a mask is an added layer of prevention and protection against COVID-19 and is strongly recommended, especially for individuals at higher risk of COVID-19. Staff, students, and visitors that elect not to wear a mask will be granted an automatic exemption with no action required. TVDSB Administration recognizes the efforts of the Board of Trustees and is supportive of masking in schools and TVDSB office buildings. We recognize that there are varying perspectives and opinions around mask requirements in our communities. TVDSB encourages kind and supportive conversations about masking, and we ask for your help in respecting each other as we continue to focus on creating inclusive learning environments.

- A friendly reminder that the updated COVID screener can be found at [COVID-19 school and child care screening](#)
- Jack Chambers T-Shirts are available for purchase through School CashOnline for \$5. Get yours before the May 6 purple spirit day.

Coming up:

Hot lunch - each Thursday during first break

April 22: Secretary Appreciation Day

May 2-6: Education Week

May 3: Teacher Appreciation Day

May 6: Purple Spirit Day

May 11: Educational Assistant Day

May 17-19: Track and Field
May 23: Victoria Day
May 25: School Council

Have a great weekend!!
Mrs. Young & Mr. Ratter