

Fall Welcome Back – Tuesday, September 5th

Dear Families:

Our first (half) day of school for the 2017 / 2018 school year is Tuesday, September 5. This is a very important day; we welcome students and parents back to another school year and confirm the students who will be attending École College Park School. Please note that students in Grade 1-8 should be prepared to stay for the entire morning. Kindergarten students will only stay for an hour.

►Tuesday Attendance Information:

- Kindergarten students/parents go to their regular classroom (downstairs, on left) **for one hour only. Parents please stay for the full hour.**
- Grade 1 – 8 students will meet outside (weather permitting) or in the gym to find their grade signs then will move to classrooms. Classrooms will not be finalized the first week as students register or leave our school. Please be patient and we will do our best to set classrooms as quickly as possible.

►Bussing Information:

- Changes to the 2017-2018 school year bus service will begin on September 5. Please see opposite page.
- Students who are newly registered for bus service **must** be contacted with bus stop location and time information by the bus company before service begins.
- Bussing starts for Kindergarten students on September 11 and continues regularly from September 11 onward.
- It sometimes takes up to 2 weeks until bus routes are established and wrinkles are ironed out. We thank you for your anticipated patience!
- Please do not park in our school bus zone as parking tickets are issued.

►School Hours - Monday to Friday:

8:35	Supervision begins (students do not arrive before this time)
8:50	Warning bell
8:55	Classes start
10:40-10:55	Recess
11:48-12:35	Lunch
12:35	Warning bell
12:38	Classes start
2:22-2:37	Recess
3:30	Dismissal
3:40	Busses depart



►Fees to be paid in office area first week of school:

- Saskatoon Public Schools covers the \$28 cost of all student fees. Additional requests for money may be needed to support field trips or special projects.
- Grade 1 – 8 students pay a **\$6** Student Planner fee.
- Band Fee is **\$25** and is paid to the band teacher.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE NOT NEEDED ON THE FIRST DAY BACK - PLEASE BRING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

~THANK YOU~

On Wednesday, September 6, students should be at school by 8:50 a.m. and meet in the classroom they were in on Tuesday. This will be a full day of classes for students.

Have a great summer—see you in the fall.



NEW BUS SERVICE INFORMATION

As you know, there will be several changes to the bus service provided to our school in 2017-2018. We have communicated with families about each of these changes individually. However, in the interest of clear communication, would like to provide a summary of all the bus changes for next year.

None of the following changes are new information; however, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about how these changes may affect your family in the coming year:

French Immersion:

No more bus available to College Park from East neighborhoods:

- Aspen Ridge, Evergreen, Silverspring, Willowgrove, University Heights, Forest Grove, Sutherland, Erindale, Arbor Creek, Brighton.
- French Immersion bussing in 2017-2018 will be provided to **École Forest Grove School** from these neighborhoods.

French Immersion bus service **will continue** to College Park from:

- Greystone Heights, Brevoort Park, Wildwood, College Park & and East College Park (outside the 1.2 km bus radius).

College Park Bus Route:

Bussing will be provided to students who live in the College Park area, and who are 1.2 km from the school or beyond (change from 800m this year). All families received a letter regarding this change earlier in June. A separate letter was sent to specific families who will be affected by this change in bussing radius as well.

Kindergarten:

No lunchtime bus will be provided for Kindergarten students. Kindergarten students who are eligible for bus service will receive either morning drop off bus service for AM classes, or after school take-home service for PM classes. As an additional support to Kindergarten families, the school will be offering a Kindercare program in the school next year.

Kindercare will operate from 8:45 – 11:45 for students who attend PM Kindergarten, and from 12:35 – 3:35 for students who attend AM Kindergarten. The school will provide supervision for students from 8:35 – 8:50 before school as well as supervision at lunchtime. School staff will also help with the transition to and from Kindercare and the Kindercare classroom. When combined with the Boys & Girls Club Before and After School Program, kindergarten students can be cared for safely at the school between 7:30 am– 6:00 pm each day.

There are still some Kindercare spaces available. Please contact the school for further information if you are interested in accessing this service.

Thanks again for your patience as we work through these changes. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any further questions or concerns regarding transportation for the coming school year.