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"Soaring to Success"

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ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM'S MESSAGE

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With the upcoming 2019/2020 year we will be having a few staff changes. We wish all the best to the following staff who are off to new adventures next year. We are so happy for the time that we have had together:

> Mrs. Asquith - Grade 2 Ms. Goc - Grade 2 Ms. Stirling - Grade 3/4 Mrs. Polley - Grade 6

We would also like to wish best wishes to all of our students who are transitioning to high school and elsewhere.



Remember once a Falcon, always a Falcon. Keep soaring to success!





We would like to welcome the following teachers who will be joining Dr. S.J. Phillips for the 2019-2020 school year.

Susan Henderson Megan Staples Brenna Suddons Andrew Peart

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

Please remember there is **NO early dismissal**.

School will start at 8:40 am and will end at the regular time of 3:20 PM.



CLASS LISTS

As of September 2016, elementary schools in the Durham District School Board no longer display class lists in the schools. Privacy concerns no longer allow schools to provide these lists to community members.

Parents may find their child's teacher's name and homeroom by checking online on their Safe Arrival Account. This will enable you to access the name of your child's teacher and homeroom number. You will be able to view this information online beginning on the Thursday before school starts.



Thank You To Our SCC!

Thank you so much to our SCC for all of your hard work this year! The Dr. S.J. Phillips Community really appreciates all of the time and effort you put into making our school the best it can be!

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

On behalf of staff and students and our School Community Council, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of you who have given the gift of time to our students and programs at Dr. S.J. Phillips Public School. Your service is greatly appreciated.

Thank You To Our Lunch Supervisors!

As well, thank you to our lunchroom supervisors. We appreciate the work you do each day supervising and caring for our students.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- June 24th Ms. Barraball AM Ormiston Park
- June 25th Ms. Barraball AM Alexandra Park
- June 25th Kindie Playday
- June 26th Awards Assembly
- June 26th Report Cards / IEPs go home
- June 27th Clap Out 3:00 PM
- June 28th PA Day no school for students



Safe Arrival for the 2019-2020 School Year

At the Durham District School Board, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each day. In 2016, Safe Arrival was implemented with our parent community. The system allowed parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently.

Durham District School Board uses the online SchoolMessenger service for reporting absences.

Report a student absence

You can report an absence by:

- Calling 1-844-350-2646
- Online or on your smartphone through the SchoolMessenger app

Create a SchoolMessenger account

To create your account:

- Go to the SchoolMessenger website;
- Use the same email address we have on record for you (use the Parent Portal if you're not sure what contact information we have or to update it);
- Create a password; and
- Check your email and verify your account.

If you have more than one child enrolled through the app, use the options menu to select which child. This menu is at the top of the screen (top left for the mobile app).

Do not share your login information with your children and keep your information protected.

If you don't want to create an online account, you can continue to call the number above.



RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

This summer the DDSB will again be emailing parents/guardians to request that they visit the DDSB Parent Portal to review and submit the Returning Student Registration Form. This annual information review and update ensures that your student's school has the most up to date contact and consent information.

- For students in Grade 7-12, the Returning Student Registration Form includes the 1:1 Chromebook Program Informed Consent (CPIC) which permits your student to receive or retain a Chromebook during the first week of school.
- Without a completed Informed Consent, students will not be given a Chromebook.
- If your student has SEA Technology, you will see the SEA Technology Consent instead of the CPIC this applies to students in all grades who have SEA Technology.

Elementary Student Homeroom Teacher names will be displayed to parents/ guardians on the Parent Portal starting August 29 if the 2019/2020 Returning Student Registration form has been submitted.