

PRINCE PHILIP PUBLIC SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2020

Welcome Back!

Our staff extends a warm welcome back to our school community. We are so happy to see you all! We hope that everyone enjoyed a healthy and relaxing summer! Thank you to Mr. Beaupit and the caretaking team for making our school spic and span for our first day back! Thank you to Mrs. Maybee and Mrs. Neufeld for all of their efforts helping staff and students get ready for our new school year!

We know that the school year is beginning differently this year but our goal for the first few weeks will be to make our students feel comfortable coming back to school after being away for over 5 months. We will focus on safety and well being as well as establishing routines in the classroom, procedures to maintain safety and expectations of student behaviour.

NEW RETURN TO SCHOOL PROTOCOLS


This year the return to school will look very different for our students and staff. We will have fewer students in our classes as some will be learning online. We are required to follow certain pathways in our hallways and our classrooms will be set up differently. Many of the changes that have been made are based on advice and protocols that have been communicated to us by the Niagara Regional Public Health Department as well as the Ministry of Education. Please take some time to read through this newsletter so you and your child(ren) will know what to expect when you return to school.

STAGGERED START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

As announced by the DSBN, we will be having a staggered start to our school year.

There are many benefits of a staggered entry such as:

- ~Provide a calm environment to introduce our organized entry and dismissal procedures
- ~Allow students a gradual and thorough introduction to the enhanced health and safety guidelines within the school, and helping them learn new routines
- ~Allow staff to adapt their practices to meet the new safety standards with students

	Students attending in School learning				
	MON September 7	TUE September 8	WED September 9	THU September 10	FRI September 11
 When does my child attend school?	Labour Day - No School	Kindergarten Grade 1	Kindergarten Grade 2 Grade 3	Kindergarten Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8
		Designated Special Education classes will all return on Tuesday September 8			

Please note: Your child's bus ride to school will not be affected during the staggered entry return. Students requiring transportation will have it on their start date. Parents do not need to notify NSTS.

Our goal is to return to school with safety, well-being and learning in mind. We appreciate your support and understanding as we work to achieve this goal.

MASKS

All students in grades 4-8 will be expected to wear a mask while they are in the classroom as well as in the hallways and washrooms. Students may take off their masks to eat as well as when they are outdoors for fitness/nutritional breaks. Please ensure your child has their mask when they arrive at school each day.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are not required to wear a mask but it is recommended.



MORNING ENTRY PROCEDURES

Teachers will greet students outside on the yard in the morning and will be carrying signs. They will walk their students into the school using specific doors to avoid congestion. Parents are not able to enter the playground area at this time to help limit the number of people and support our social distancing measures. We ask that parents stand outside the fenced in areas only.

END OF DAY PROCEDURES

Teachers will walk their students back outside to the appropriate and designated areas at the end of the day. Please do not enter the school playground or tarmac areas to collect your children. They will be dismissed by their teachers to either walk home or meet an adult/guardian.

The playground will be out of bounds for students and families after school from 3:05 - 4pm. This will allow for all students to vacate the building in a timely manner without congestion on the yard.

**SORRY,
NO
VISITORS**

PARENTS / VISITORS ENTERING THE BUILDING

At this time the Public Health Department has mandated that parents and visitors not enter the school building. Please contact the office to set up an appointment.

LATE ARRIVAL PROCESS

We know that there are some mornings that despite best efforts being made students occasionally arrive late. In the past parents would walk students into the office to get an admit class slip. To ensure the health and safety of students, staff and parents, students who arrive late will buzz the office and wait for an admin assistant to let the student into the building. Parents/guardians will not be permitted to enter the building with the student(s). Please be aware that entry may take some time depending on the number of students who require entry. We appreciate your patience as we work through this new process.

LUNCH DROP OFF

We know that some parents like to drop student lunches off at the office before our nutritional breaks. We request that students arrive at school with their lunch and snacks. To limit contact with our staff we ask that parents/guardians not drop off lunches throughout the day.

CELL PHONES

Students will not be using lockers this year. Therefore, cell phones will need to be turned OFF and will be kept in student backpacks during instructional and break times.. Students may bring a cell phone to school knowing it cannot be locked in a locker. The school will not be responsible for damages, misplaced or stolen cell phones.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Back to school shopping is always a fun activity that students and parents alike enjoy. Students will not be sharing personal materials in their classrooms. Below is a list of suggested supplies should you wish to purchase items. Rest assured that we will supply students with all necessary materials.

Suggested items:

~pencil

~eraser

~crayons (K-Gr 3)



- ~pencil crayons and/or markers (Gr 4-8)
- ~glue stick
- ~scissors
- ~ruler (Gr 1-8)
- ~calculator (Gr 3-8)
- reusable water bottle (please send filled)

COMMUNICATION

Due to COVID-19 and our desire to not share items, student agendas will not be used this year. Each classroom teacher will be sending home a newsletter during the first week of school indicating how they will prefer to communicate with parents.

TECHNOLOGY AND LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

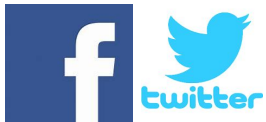
*Please return all technology that was borrowed from the school in the Spring as soon as possible so we can begin disinfecting and deploying to student classrooms again. All library books should be returned to your child's teacher upon return as well.

WATER FOUNTAINS

Water fountains are available to fill reusable water bottles only. All drinking spouts have been covered at this time.

BELL TIMES

8:30	Supervision begins
8:45	Entry bell
8:45	Period 1
9:30	Period 2
10:25	Period 3
11:05	Period 4
11:45	Period 5
12:25	Period 6
1:05	Period 7
1:45	Period 8
2:25	Period 9
3:05	Dismissal



WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Our school website, princephilipn@dshn.org, will answer most of your frequently asked questions.

Here you will also find our TWITTER feed, if you don't have a smartphone.

You can also "like" or "follow" us on our Facebook page.

Go to Twitter and check out the amazing things happening DAILY at our school via [@princephilipstc](https://twitter.com/princephilipstc). Some of our staff also have accounts so you can get a glimpse into our classes each day.



COLLECTION OF FUNDS & PERMISSION FORMS

School Cash Online enables you to use your debit or credit card to make quick and easy payments. We also use School Cash Online to obtain permission for school events. To access the system, click on the “School Cash” button on our school website. Parents that do not bank online are always welcome to come into the office to pay for items. **PLEASE NOTE: The usual Welcome Back to School package that contains important forms to complete including a Student Verification Form along with Board forms that must be completed by all families will be completed through School Cash Online this year. We will email you when the forms will be sent to you through School Cash Online,**



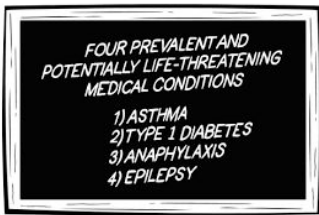
DSBN DRESS CODE

Everyone has their own unique style and aesthetic. We celebrate students’ individuality and respect their ability to express themselves.

Our only expectation is that all students come to school dressed appropriately for a learning environment.

When deciding on what clothes your child will wear, we ask that all members of our school community are mindful of:

- Health and safety considerations
- The dignity and well-being of all students and staff (i.e. clothing that is free of inappropriate or discriminatory imagery or wording)



PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If you have a child with a prevalent medical condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy or others) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child.

All parents of children with prevalent medical conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school. You can download the forms at dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions For more information, please contact the school



CONCUSSIONS

The DSBN has a concussion policy and procedures to support proper prevention, identification, management, and return to learn strategies. The DSBN engages in concussion education in a variety of ways, including recognizing Rowan’s Law Day commemorated on the last Wednesday in September to raise awareness about concussions. If your child has sustained a suspected or actual concussion while not at school, please contact the school.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Mental health and well-being is an important factor in student success. Learning to form healthy relationships, maintain physical health, academic engagement, and educational achievement are all impacted by mental health and well-being. Students mental health and well-being is supported in a variety of ways:

- Helping students feel safe and included
- Instilling a sense of belonging and connectedness
- Working with them to feel confident in their identity

To learn more visit: <https://www.dsbm.org/well-being/home>



SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special education supports and programs are responsive to the strengths and needs of each student ensuring a successful learning environment for all. Working together and collaborating with parents as a team to support our students is essential to achieving success. For more information please contact your child's homeroom teacher.



FIRE DRILLS/EMERGENCY EVACUATION/LOCKDOWN

We're committed to maintaining our school as a safe place for your child(ren). To create and maintain a culture of safety, we practice both fire and lockdown procedures several times during the school year. School staff work with students to ensure they understand these procedures and feel comfortable so we can all respond to an unpredictable situation in a predictable way.



USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR LEARNING

To enhance the learning and empowerment of our students and maintain an effective and safe electronic learning environment, the DSBN requires that all students follow the rules and responsible use of technology as stated in the Digital Citizenship Agreement signed by both parents and students at the beginning of the school year. Students who choose to bring a device to school do so at their own risk and must accept responsibility for its care. We will not be held responsible for damage, loss or theft. ****Devices are to be placed in backpacks upon arrival on school property and kept in backpacks during the day. If parents need to contact their child throughout the day, please contact the office.***



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR

Our monthly newsletter and calendar will be published monthly and posted on our website. Many classroom teachers also provide a monthly newsletter at the beginning of each month to share classroom news.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

All learning supplies needed for school will be provided.

For school, students will need:

- nut free snack
- nut free lunch
- refillable water bottle
- indoor shoes
- headphones

We know students like to buy special school supplies. They are still welcome to do so! Please send them in a labelled pencil case or ziplock bag. They will not be shared with other students.

TRANSPORTATION

We strongly encourage all students to get into their routine right from the first day of school.

In August, Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) posted specific back to school transportation arrangements for each student enrolled at the school.

Please visit www.nsts.ca and sign-in to the secure parent portal to get your child's student transportation information. To sign-in to the portal you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card

Changes to home, pick-up and/or drop-off addresses must be made through your child's school. During the summer you may notify NSTS of address changes so a bus stop is available for your child to start the school year; however, NSTS is not authorized to change student address information.

Please contact your school or NSTS if you have questions regarding your child's transportation.





REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

Whether it's an illness, a medical appointment or other important event, there are times when students may need to be away from school.

The District School Board of Niagara is introducing a new method for parents to report their child(ren)'s absences.

Using the Safe Arrival system, parents will be able to report daily absences, and even schedule absences in one of three ways:



Call toll-free before bell time:

1-866-606-5567



Logging on to the web portal by **clicking here**. Using this website, you can set up your account to report and schedule absences.

LOGIN



Using your smart phone or tablet. Simply download the SchoolMessenger app. The app is compatible with both Apple and Android devices.

IPHONE

ANDROID

**INCLEMENT
WEATHER
INFORMATION**



INCLEMENT WEATHER

We will be spending more time outdoors this year with the new Covid-19 protocols so we ask that you send rain boots and a rain jacket with your child(ren). It is our hope to remain outside as often as possible.

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available through the following channels:

- REMIND! The fastest way to find out!
- www.dsbni.org or www.nsts.ca
- DSBNI Facebook or Twitter
- NSTS Message
- Local radio and television stations.

We look forward to working with students, families and the community to ensure the success of all of our students. Together, we can accomplish great things! Looking forward to a great 2020-21 school year!

**We Look Forward to Seeing You All The Week
of September 8th, 2020!**

Mr. Baranoski and Ms. Robinson

