



2020 Dates to Remember:

January 29 – PD - No school



School Day

8:50 - First Bell

8:55 - Classes Begin

10:30 - 10:45 – Recess

(K/2/4/6)

10:45 – 11:00 - Recess

(1/3/5)

11:45-12:30 - K/2/4/6 - Lunch

12:15 -1:00 – Lunch (1/3/5)

3:07 - Dismissal

Hello Dundurn School families,

I hope time spent at home with family was enjoyable. I think the best part of the holidays was helping my daughter put together a LEGO set that she received for Christmas. I also realized why my parents often got us LEGO when we were children – it is fun for child and parent alike! Despite a football game being on, I still found myself completely engaged with the pieces my daughter and I were putting together, and she had to remind me that this was her gift and not mine. As teachers, this level of engagement is what we want for our students. We want our students to find that “Goldilocks” zone where they don’t want to put their book down, they want to keep going on a math concept, or they want to keep working on a science experiment. Our side by side learning goal has helped us learn about individual students as we make time to sit and work with each student. Staff members then find resources or adapt lessons so that each student can find that “Goldilocks” zone. I’m thankful for our Dundurn School staff who take the time to do so, and I’m thankful for the student progress I am seeing because of the work that is being done.



-Brent Guenther

Parent Portal Demographics

It is extremely important this information be updated and current within our school system, not only during this current situation with COVID and needing to have current emails and texting available, but also because all the consents are invalid unless they are agreed to by a parent every year. If you could login to your Parent Portal Accounts and update the demographics and consents that would be wonderful. If you do not have a Parent Portal Account please email Stefanie.arcand@spiritsd.ca and she will get you the information you need.

Health forms

For students with a serious life-threatening health condition (i.e. allergies, heart conditions, diabetes, medications, or other medical concerns) health forms must be updated each year. If you are a new family needing these forms, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Bus Information



A few friendly reminders regarding bussing:

1. Please contact your bus driver directly if your child will not be riding to or from school on a particular day.
2. Please do not drop off or pick up your child in the bus lane before or after school.

Bus drivers need the space so that students are safe.

3. Please do not walk between the busses when they are parked. Please walk in front of the first bus or behind the last bus. We are trying to remind students to do this, so it would be helpful if parents were modelling that behaviour as well.



Lunch

Students will eat in their classroom and encouraged to go home for lunch if possible.

- Students will sanitize their hands and eating area prior to and post lunch and snacks.
- Students will be encouraged to bring each day their necessary food/water.
- No food or drink sharing between students.
- Everyone will be required to pack in and pack out all unused or leftover food each day.
- Parents/guardians will be asked to have student food provided in clean containers with their own utensils.
- Students must not share utensils, dishes, or water bottles and drink containers.
- There cannot be lunch monitors at this time, only food that can be opened by the child should be sent for lunch.

Cold Weather Policy

Starting this school year, a bus route that is cancelled in the morning due to extreme cold **will run in the afternoon, if conditions have improved**. In the past, if a bus route was cancelled in the morning due to cold weather, it was automatically cancelled for the entire day. Bus routes cancelled at 6 a.m. due to cold weather will operate on their regular routes at the end of the school day, if temperatures reported at **12 noon** are warmer than -40 degrees Celsius (combined temperature/windchill).

COVID-19 Protocols

Parents and caregivers should monitor and assess their children daily for any signs or symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. Anyone exhibiting any [symptoms](#) must remain home and call 811 for direction. For those who are unsure if they present symptoms or need to be tested for COVID-19, they should call 811 for direction or refer to the [Saskatchewan COVID-19 Self-Assessment tool](#).

