



Couchiching Heights Public School

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Come Learn With Us!

From the Office

A big thank you to the staff and community for supporting our efforts as we have planned and prepared to start what we know will be an exceptional year. Patience and a willingness to adapt have been key to our success over the past couple of months and these efforts have been so appreciated! Our custodial staff have worked tirelessly to prepare our building and make it look and feel like home. Although renovations and updates to student washrooms are continuing in the building, we expect the project will wrap up shortly after school begins.

As we move forward, please understand that our number one priority is the safety of our stu-

dents, staff, families and our community. We have implemented the recommendations from SCDSB, and Simcoe Muskoka District Health, to ensure a safe environment. We will continue to update and adapt to recommendations and mandates as they arise. Things will look, feel and ultimately be different for all of us, but we will adapt knowing that changes are needed to ensure the safety and well being of our school community.

Some changes to note:

The parking lot will close from 8:30 -9:00 and again from 3:00—3:30.

Visitors will not be permitted to enter the building. If you need to come to the school; please ring

the bell and someone will attend to you through the microphone.

Students will not be permitted to leave the school for lunch and are expected to remain with their cohort for the entire day.

We are not permitted to provide a breakfast club or have a food order program until further notice.

YMCA Drop Off and Pick Up will be at the Kindergarten Door off the primary yard. Parents and caregivers are not permitted in the school.

In an attempt to limit personal items coming to and from school, agendas will not be used this year. Teachers will establish preferred means of communication.

Communication from the office will come from School Messenger that is directly linked to Power School. Please ensure your email address is up to date.

Alternate Entry and Exit Doors will be used to ensure cohorts have additional space and fewer touch points. See Map attached.

Questions? Please ask by calling or emailing!



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Welcome to New Staff

There will be some new faces at Couch! We welcome these staff members to our dynamic team!

Mr. Hawkins grade 1Ms.
McMillian grade 6/7 Ms.
Mulholand P/T Mrs.
Dickie V.P and P/T

We would like to wish all the best to Ms. Hender-

son, Ms. deVeth, and Mrs. Lamon-din, who are taking on new roles within the board.

You will be missed!

Tuesday September 8th, 2020

Wednesday September 9th, 2020

Thursday September 10th, 2020

Thursday September 10th, 2020

Friday September 11th, 2020

Important Dates

*Surname
A-G and County Classes*

*Surnames
H-O Join A-G*

*Surnames
P-Z Join A-O*

*Year 1 Students
Join All Students*

All Students

Playground Equipment and Recess Cohorts

Playground equipment will be closed to student use at recess, but will be used by classroom cohorts for gym and daily physical activities throughout the instructional day.

Students will remain with their

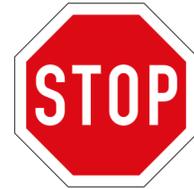


class cohort throughout the day and while on the yard at recess.

Each class will have a designated space on the yard where they are expected to remain. Please discuss with your child the importance of abiding

by boundaries.

See the attached map to find your designated area on the yard.



Parents, Caregivers and Guardians: Please drop off and pick up students at one of three gates.

Do not enter the yard.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

MASKING and Health and Safety

Students in Grade 4 to 8 will be required to wear a face mask while inside the school building. Masks are not required for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3, but are encouraged. Families are encouraged to provide cloth masks for their children that cover the nose and mouth. The SCDSB will provide cloth masks to students who do not have them.

Each morning, students are required to complete a self-

screening assessment prior to attending school. The self-screening tool can be found here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>.

Students who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home. We ask that parents/guardians report their child's absence as part of our Safe Arrival program.

Lunch

Students will remain with their class and eat lunch in the classroom. When possible, lunch may take place outdoors. Students will not

be able to leave the school property, so please remember to pack a lunch and a refillable water bottle.

We are striving to limit to compost, and recy-

cling at school; bringing a Boomerang Lunch is appreciated!

Couchiching Heights School Council 2020—2021

Although we are not sure what school council will look like this year, we are excited to welcome parents and guardians to our team! If you are interested in participating in school council please complete the nomination form by **September 23rd**.

Some roles of council could include:

Chair/Co-Chair: communicate with the school principal, prepare the agenda for school council meetings in consultation with the school principal, chair school council meetings, ensure that the minutes of school council meetings and records of all financial transactions are recorded and maintained, participate in information and training programs, ensure that there is regular communication with the school community, consult with senior board staff and trustees, when request-

ed.

Council Members: participate in council meetings, participate in information and training programs, act as a link between the school council and the community, participate in establishing and following by-laws.

Nomination Forms can be found at cou.scdsb.on.ca under School Council, and on the back of this newsletter.

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask

yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that ap-



Caption describing picture or graphic.

pear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and im-

Business Name

Primary Business Address
Address Line 2
Address Line 3
Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

Email: someone@example.com



Business Tagline or Motto



Organization

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names

and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to

mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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