

## Sept 8th Weekly Message for Families

Good evening, this is Mrs. Myatt with this week's weekly message.

This has been a fantastic first week of school!! We want to thank you, our families, for making the first week back such a positive one!

**Arrival time** – Walking students arrive between 8:10 and 8:20. These students will enter the school through our main doors. Teachers are on duty starting at 8:10 so please do not drop your child off earlier than that as they will be unsupervised, and this is a safety concern.

**Dismissal Time** – Our dismissal time is 2:40pm. All of our K-2 students who walk or who are picked up by a grown-up will be dismissed at the main entrance to the school with our Grades 3-5 students who walk or who are picked up by a grown-up being dismissed from the custodial doors. As a reminder we have a few students and staff who are either allergic to dogs or who are scared of dogs. We ask that you do not bring your dog to any of the pick-up doors at the end of the day to ensure a feeling of safety for everyone.

**Instructional Time:** Our instruction time begins at 8:25. Students who arrive after 8:45 are considered Tardy, students who are not in attendance by 9:00 are considered Absent.

**Staff Parking lot** – just a reminder that the parking lot in the main area is reserved specifically for Seaside Park staff. We have over 75 staff members who utilize this space. If you need to park to walk your child to the door – please use any one of the side streets adjacent to the school. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Kindergarten students** – This week our Kindergarten students are to be dropped off at the front door and we will have staff in the school ready to walk them to their classrooms. Grown-ups will not follow their child in the school. Please review this new routine with your children ahead of them arriving at school so that they know that this is a change in their routine! This will be the routine for the remainder of the year.

**Morning drop-off** – Morning drop-off starts at 8:10am. If you are driving your child to school you will enter the school driveway next to the staff parking lot. This is a one-way driving zone and please ensure that you are driving slowly and looking out for students. Please stay in a single file lane and DO NOT pass other cars in the drop-off lane and please do not pull over to the side. This is a quick drop off – drive up as far as you can to the end of the school near the playground and let your child out of the car. We have staff outside to help direct you and to help

you get your child out of your car quickly. Please have your child get out of the car on the right-hand side closest to the school. Once you come to the stop sign at the end of the driveway, please ensure that you only turn right. In order for this to be a seamless transition we need all families to be supportive and patient while waiting to drop your child off.

**Cafeteria service** – Chartwell's is our cafeteria provider. All ordering must be done online and must be done in advance. The cut-off time to order is 8am. Students are not able to order day of with cash. We are happy to report that our cafeteria will be open tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> for the school year. The next two weeks they will be offering a simplified menu. I have included the link for ordering below

[How to Access Your Nutrislice Menus - Chartwells K-12 Canada \(chartwellsk12.ca\)](http://chartwellsk12.ca)

**Peanut/Nut Free** – Peanut and nut products are not permitted at school. Wow Butter is permitted as long as it is clearly marked with a Wow butter sticker.

**Scent reduced** – We have a scent reduced policy at our school. Please ensure that students do not come to school with any type of fragrance sprays or hand sanitizers that are scented.

**School supply lists** were sent home with all students at the end of June. If you need a new school supply list, please visit our school website and school facebook page as we have all grade level supply lists posted. Grown-ups are responsible for the purchase of school supplies. We do have a \$10 student fee that can be paid by cash at the main office of the school or on our School Cashonline.

[SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](http://SchoolCashOnline.com)

**PSSC** – Parent School Support Committee – We have a great group of grown-ups who sit on our PSSC. We have two spots available for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in being part of our PSSC – which supports school initiatives and policies and also meets me one evening each month – please email me directly.

**Transportation** - We recognize that there have been issues with busing and transportation. The school does not have any control over transportation along with no control over routes and stops. We understand your frustration. The first step is to attempt to login to the Bus Planner Parent Portal on the ASD-South website. If you are unable to access the Parent Portal you will have to reach out to the transportation department at District Office.

**Choir** - Choir "try it" days begin on Tuesday, September 10. Any grade 4 or 5 student who would like to try choir can come on Tuesday after lunch to the music room (12:50-1:25pm). Students should let their homeroom teacher know they'll be trying choir that day. Grade 3 students who would like to try choir are invited to come Wednesday, September 11 during lunch recess (12:30-12:50pm). There will be another week of "try it" days. On Tuesday, September 17, grade 3 students, with their teachers' permission may come try choir from 12:50-1:25pm and on Wednesday, September 18, grades 4&5 students can try choir from 12:30-12:50pm. Choir commitment forms will be due by September 20, and we will have all choir students attend practice on Tuesday, September 24, from 12:50-1:25pm.

Please don't forget to check your child's bookbag regularly for information coming home from the school. There will be many pieces of information coming home with your children within the first month of school. Please review our school handbook and our school code of conduct with your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the school at 658-2729 or through email at [Jocelyn.myatt@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:Jocelyn.myatt@nbed.nb.ca).

Thank you and have a great week!