



ICES Weekly Update

August 26, 2024



ICES OPEN HOUSE

This year we are excited to align our Open House with the first week of school! On Wednesday, August 28, families will receive an email from the homeroom teachers welcoming their child to the teacher's class. Families will then have opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers on the mornings of **September 3 and 4, from 8:30 – 10:00.**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

As we shared in the spring, a change has been made to school supplies at ICES for the 2024-25 school year, which is why there are no school supply lists on our website. Given that school supplies were purchased in advance by the school at a lower cost and provided to classrooms for the 2024-25 school year, families will pay a standard fee of \$55 per child. These fees will open in School Cash Online after September 1.

Gym shoes, headphones, lunch kits and backpacks are not purchased by the school which still provides opportunity for back-to-school shopping!

We intend to pilot this for the 2024-25 school year as a way for supporting families and gather feedback regarding preference.

SCHOOL START UP

We are anticipating the 2024-25 school year! For students in Grades 1 – 3, families with N – Z surnames will begin on **Tuesday, September 3** while families with A – M surnames will begin on **Wednesday, September 4.**

Our Grade 4 and 5 students will attend both days. For the younger grades, a staggered start provides opportunity for the teacher to connect with a smaller group of students and introduce classroom routines. For our older students, the familiarity the back-to-school routine makes a staggered entry unnecessary.

SCHOOL ENTRANCES

You will notice our entrances are now numbered! Please note what entrances your children will be accessing this year.

- Entrance 1 (front) – Kindergarten
- Entrance 2 (east) – Grade 1 & 2A
- Entrance 3 (south) – Grade 3 & 2B
- Entrance 4 (courtyard) – Grades 4 & 5

OPENING CHAPEL

We invite you to join us for our opening chapel on September 5 at 9:00.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

On Monday, September 23 at 7:30 pm we will hold our first School Council Meeting. We will be seeking to fill 2 positions on the School Council Executive during this time.

ICES STAFF 2024-25

School Administrators:

Principal – Mrs. Wall

Vice Principal & Learning Support Teacher – Mrs. Loveridge

Support Staff for 2022-23:

Administrative Assistant – Mrs. Schellenberg

Learning Commons Facilitator – Mrs. Konynenbelt

Student Support Worker – Mrs. Trepner

Teaching Staff

Kindergarten – Mrs. Ferrie

Grade One – Mrs. Krusselbrink (1A) & Mrs. Heshka (1B)

Grade Two – Mr. Hazell (2A) & Mrs. VandenHeuvel (2B)

Grade Three – Mrs. Middel (3A/Music), Mrs. Winkelaar (3A) & Mrs. Postman (3B)

Grade Four – Mr. Greeno (4A) & Mrs. Alaric (4B)

Grade Five – Mr. Riewe (5A) & Mrs. Shenton (5B)

French – Mrs. Peters (Grades 4 & 5)

Educational Assistants: Mrs. Anderson, Miss Bouwsema, Mr. Hoard, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Molenaar, Mrs. MacCrimmon

ICES HANDBOOK

Please see the attached ICES Handbook. This is also posted on the school website under the "About" tab.

LOOKING AHEAD IN SEPTEMBER

12 – Hotdog Day

13 – Pastor Appreciation Pancake Breakfast & Theme Day: *Western*

14 – Bits and Bytes Golf Tournament

18 – Chapel @ 12:30
Early Dismissal @ 2:00

20 – Terry Fox Walk
Hot Lunch: Burgers

23 – School Council Town Hall Meeting @ 7:30 pm in Wellness Space

27 – Orange Shirt Day
Hot Lunch: Frozen Yogurt

30 – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)

DAILY SCHEDULE

The school day officially starts at **8:38**. A warning bell will ring at 8:35 will serve as reminder that classes begin shortly. Students should be in their homerooms for 8:38. The school entrance doors will be accessible at 8:25.

8:35	Warning Bell
8:38 - 9:20	Block One
9:20 - 10:00	Block Two
10:00 - 10:10	Recess
10:10 - 10:50	Block Three
10:50 - 11:30	Block Four
11:30- 12:00	Recess
12:00 - 12:20	Lunch
12:20 - 1:00	Block Five
1:00 - 1:40	Block Six
1:40 - 1:50	Recess
1:50 - 2:30	Block Seven
2:30 - 3:10	Block Eight
3:10	Dismissal