

Parent Message - Friday, September 10, 2021

Re: First Week of School Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's been a busy week of activities during our return to classes this week. We're so happy the weather held off and the students were able to enjoy their Welcome Week BBQ. While there was some shyness on Tuesday from the students, we're glad to have met and socialized with many of them as the days unfolded. Many of our students have explored our school facilities, met new friends and helped to propose clubs and activities. It's a tight race for who will win the class pizza lunch from the homeroom welcome week games.

#### Student Schedule Changes

- I wanted to let you know that the number of students that were registered with us have not all materialized at the school.
- This means that we will have to redeploy 2 staff to another school and change some student & teacher schedules
- Our class size average will still remain below 20 students per class
- The two classes directly affected will be Mrs. Korczak's afternoon English class, and Mr. Petitti's Music class. Students will be placed in other english and music classes. There might also be a handful of students whose schedules might be affected as classes in quadmester 2, 3, and 4 get reviewed to match up their electives.
- We have spoken to students that will have their schedules changed
- Students can also check online if they want to double check their schedule - If there are any difficulties with this, we'll available Monday morning to assist

#### Picture Day

- Picture day will occur on Friday, September 17th.
- Picture retake day will occur on Thursday, October 7th
- These will be used for our inaugural school yearbook
- For those families that are doing virtual learning, you can submit a portrait picture of your child [here](#). Please take a photo on a plain backdrop with your child wearing their school uniform top.

#### School Activities

- If any students missed the school sign up for activities, clubs and sports during the lunchtime on Friday, please have your child come down to the main office and we'll help connect them with the coach or supervisor.

#### School Mascot

- On Monday, September 13th, we'll be coming around to each class to get their vote on what our school mascot will be.

Please continue to check our school website (<https://secondary.hcdsb.org/stkateri>) as more updates become available.

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