



WELCOME BACK MUSTANGS!!!

We are looking forward to seeing so many of our Mustangs back the week of September 8th! I know that there are many emotions attached to returning to school. Some may be feeling excited, thinking about seeing our friends and teachers, some may also be feeling nervous about the first day, but I am sure all of us are wondering just what this school year will look like?

Please take some time to carefully read through the following “return to school” information. Much of this information is included in the [“DSBN Return to School Parent Guide”](#), but also includes more specific information pertaining to James Morden.

WHEN IS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?

As stated in the DSBN Parent Guide, we will be using a staggered entry to help ease your child’s return to the school year.

	MON September 7	TUE September 8	WED September 9	THU September 10	FRI September 11
When does my child attend school?	Labour Day - No School	Kindergarten Grade 1	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8
		Low Enrollment Classes	Low Enrollment Classes	Low Enrollment Classes	Low Enrollment Classes

Even if your child is in a split class, they will follow the start date for their specific grade.

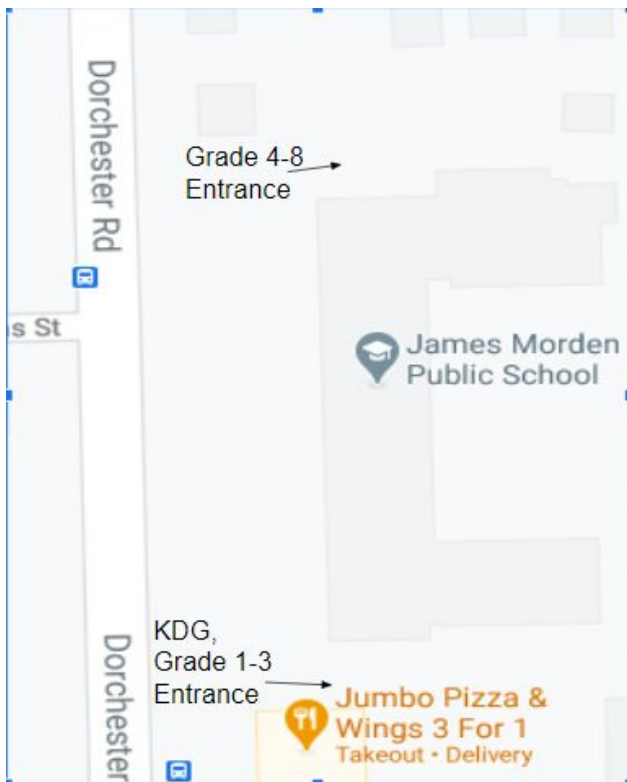
It is the responsibility of parents and caregivers to assess their children on a daily basis before sending them to school. More information on this will be coming shortly. It is very important that the school has your most up-to-date email address in order for you to receive School Cash Online and other notifications.

PARENT ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL

One of our DSBN goals is to maintain a school environment that minimizes the number of potential contacts for students and staff. Pick-up and drop-off of students will only happen outside of the school. If your child is late, please ring the buzzer and a staff member will come and take your child in for a late slip and walk them to class.

GRADE 1 TO 8 ARRIVAL

Please remember that parents should walk their children through the parking lot until they are at the sidewalk directly in front of the school, then say good-bye, there will be staff there to guide students back to their designated meeting area in the yard. No students will enter through the main front doors. Students in grades 1-3 will say goodbye to their parents at the edge of the sidewalk of the plaza side (when facing the school, this laneway is to the right), students in grades 4-8 will do the same but use the laneway to the left of the main entrance (when facing the school).



AFTER MY CHILD LEAVES ME, WHERE WILL THEY GO?

Each class community will have its own outdoor area which they will use for arrival, outdoor learning, and daily physical activity. All teachers will be greeting their class communities outside at their class' designated area every morning all year long (yes, even in the snow and light rain so please dress appropriately). Bus students will be greeted upon arrival by a staff member. Students will disembark and make their way to their class community area with guidance from staff. After greeting, class communities will enter the school in a staggered manner to ensure physical distancing. Please do not plan to arrive before 8:35am as there is no supervision prior to that time. In addition, there will not be a Breakfast Club to start the year.

KINDERGARTEN ARRIVAL

If driving or walking to school, parents should drop students off to the south side of the school (near Avondale). A staff member will be there to greet you and welcome your child. Please respect physical distancing guidelines, wait for any parents who may have arrived before you to leave. Parents should promptly say good-bye as their children join their class communities, escorted by staff.

Students arriving by bus will be met by school staff, who will help them disembark and guide them to the Kindergarten gate for direct supervision. Kindly remember that there should be a minimum 2-meter physical distance between adults, including educators and parents, after drop-off please avoid gathering, and leave room for the next family arriving.

GRADE 1 TO 8 DISMISSAL

Dismissal is at 3:10pm. In a staggered manner, all students will be escorted by their teacher to their classroom meeting area outside for dismissal, and or to be picked up by parents and caregivers. Parents picking up students in grades 1-3 should wait for their child (remembering physical distancing), in the laneway along the plaza side of the school, parents with children in grades 4-8 should meet their child on the laneway on the left hand side of the school (remembering physical distancing). If you have multiple children please pick up starting with the youngest.

Bus students will be organized into bus groups and guided to their waiting location by school staff.

KINDERGARTEN DISMISSAL

Kindergarten students will be dismissed out the FRONT KINDERGARTEN DOORS (staff will point these out at arrival time). Please arrive shortly before 3:10pm and wait (remembering physical distancing) while staff dismiss one student at a time. In an effort to adhere to

guidelines regarding gathering, we ask that you exit promptly to allow for the next family in line for pick up. Bus students will be organized into bus groups and guided to their waiting location by school staff.

WHAT IF MY CHILD FORGOT SOMETHING OR IS LATE?

If your child has forgotten something that they cannot do without, we will have you leave it at a designated space at the school entry. Staff will take care of delivery for you. We will see that your child receives it. As stated earlier, if your child is late, please ring the doorbell and a staff member will come to the door and greet them.

WHAT IF MY CHILD GOES HOME FOR LUNCH?

You may decide to have your child go home for lunch, this will be during their second Fitness/Nutrition break (your child's teacher will communicate this time to you). Parents will be asked to complete a consent form if they wish their children to do so. Due to staggered lunches, we cannot guarantee that crossing guards will be available during lunch hours so please keep this in mind if you are planning to have your child go home for a lunch break. Students in grades 1-3 must be picked up by a parent and school staff will escort them to the front door, where they can meet parents. Staff will sign the student out. Older students (grades 4 and up) are required to sign out at the office and then sign in upon return.

HOW DO I COMMUNICATE WITH MY CHILD'S TEACHER?

To minimize the amount of materials travelling between home and school, electronic communication through email is encouraged. Your child's teacher will communicate their preferred form of electronic communication. As noted in the DSNB Return to School Guide, if you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please understand that this will take place over the phone or through a virtual meeting until further notice. Parents are welcome to call the school or email to request a phone meeting time.

ANAPHYLAXIS, ASTHMA AND PREVALENT MEDICAL NEEDS

All students with prevalent medical needs (e.g. anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, seizures) must have a renewed plan of care in place at the start of each year.

[PLAN OF CARE - GENERAL](#)

[PLAN OF CARE ASTHMA](#)

[PLAN OF CARE ANAPHYLAXIS](#)

[PLAN OF CARE DIABETES](#)

[PLAN OF CARE EPILEPSY](#)

Please contact the office to make an appointment to discuss plans of care. Students with asthma or who have anaphylaxis are required to have an asthma puffer or EpiPen with a current, valid expiry date submitted to the school office BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER. To ensure student safety, students with anaphylaxis who do not have an EpiPen will not be permitted to attend.

WE CAN DO THIS MUSTANGS!

We understand that there are many changes to routine, and that change can sometimes be hard. But, we have experienced change in the way we grocery shop, bank and visit friends already, and it has been ok. There are also many, many things that remain the same! This is our safe return to school - and we can't wait to return! We are ***MUSTANG STRONG - STRONG MINDS, STRONG HEARTS, STRONG COMMUNITY!***