



Aug. 28, 2019

On behalf of the entire team at Cilaire, welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We hope you've all enjoyed a wonderful summer surrounded by family and friends. We look forward to a fantastic year together!

The Week Ahead

Monday Sept. 2	Labour Day - No School
Tues. 3	First Day Back to School for grades 1-7, 11:00am – 12:00pm - Students will enter gym from lower back patio at 11am and sit with last year's teacher and class.
Wed. 4	First full day of school 8:30am – 2:22pm
Thurs. 5	Full day of school
Fri. 6	Full day of school

Kindergarten families, please note that your Kindergarten student does not attend on Tues. Sept. 3rd. During the first two weeks of school, Kindergarten students are on a gradual entry schedule. Each schedule varies. Your gradual entry schedule has been sent in the mail. Please contact the school if you haven't received your package yet. The first full day of Kindergarten is Thursday, Sept. 12th.

NLPS Elementary Classroom Planning - Due to the continued increase in registrations, the process to finalize classroom organizations is expected to take a few days once school is in session. Rather than going into new classes on the first day of school, students will spend the first week of school in the classroom with last year's teacher. For example, if your child had Mr. Hocker for a teacher last year, they will line up with Mr. Hocker in the gym on the first day back and stay with him until divisions are formed. We will most likely be moving into divisions the week of Sept. 9th^h. We will be sure to keep you informed throughout the process. As a staff, we are excited to continue this process for start-up as we feel it alleviates some of those anxious feelings around coming back to school.

School Supplies / Planners– Please refrain from sending in school supplies until we move into assigned divisions. Teachers will let students know when it's time bring in their supplies. Also, we encourage all students K-7 to use a Planner. Once students move into divisions, we will begin to collect \$8 and distribute.

Nude Food – In an effort to support the NLPS goal and objective around environmental stewardship, we are moving to Nude Food snacks outside. We are asking that all snacks taken outside for recess are package free. I.e. Granola bars would be taken out of wrapper before going outside. Please keep this in mind when packing snacks for your child. Thank you for your support!

Side Gate – After consulting with our NLPS Safety and Wellness Manager, and with the safety and well-being of our students in mind, we will begin locking the side gate during school hours (8:15am – 1:37pm on Mondays and 2:37pm from Tuesday through Friday). Thank you for your support as we continue to do our best to keep our students safe.

Saying Good-bye to your child at school – This can be difficult for some kids and even their grown ups. We want to support you and your child through this process as best we can. When a child is encouraged to work through separations, they build new connections and confidence in themselves. It will encourage independence as they step out into a supportive environment here at Cilaire.

- Tips**
- Establish routine of arriving to school on time and saying goodbye at the **line up outside**. If you are late, sign your child in at the office and say goodbye at the **office**. Saying goodbye in the line up or at the office is the least disruptive for everyone, including all of our students who have already said goodbye and for our classes that are in session.

- If your child has difficulty with goodbyes, we suggest you keep the goodbye quick and positive ie. "I can't wait to hear all about your fun day at school." Staying on and extending goodbye in the hopes of things being easier for your child, often makes things more difficult and anxiety can grow.
- From K-7, trust that as a staff at Cilaire, we are ready to support your child with a lot of love and have many great tricks of the trade to help your child work through 'goodbye' to the other side of having an awesome day at school!

Seismic Upgrade for Cilaire – The process for a seismic upgrade for Cilaire is underway. At this point in time, information will be submitted to the Ministry in September and we hope to get approval and plans in the spring of 2020. I will be sure to share updates as they become available.

2019-2020 School Year Calendar - attached

Thank you so much for your support as we begin the 2019-2020 school year together. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Enjoy your long weekend. Looking forward to seeing everyone next week!

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