

SEPTEMBER
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Orchard Park Public School

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KINDNESS IS FREE, SPRINKLE THAT STUFF EVERYWHERE.



WELCOME BACK!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a restful and joyful summer. As we begin this exciting year together, I want to extend a warm welcome to our returning students and families, and a special greeting to those who are joining our school community for the first time.

September is a time of fresh starts and renewed energy. Our staff have been working hard to prepare engaging learning environments, and we are committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and inspiring space for every student. This year, we will continue to focus on academic excellence, student well-being, and building strong relationships across our school community.

We are also excited to welcome several new staff members to our team this year:

- **Ms. Sellers**, teaching our Grade 1 class
- **Mrs. Stanlake**, teaching our Grade 2/3 class
- **Mrs. Atack**, teaching Grade 4/5
- **Mrs. MacDonald**, teaching the Grade 5/6 Gifted class
- **Mr. Allison**, our new Charge Custodian

Each of them brings a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and a deep commitment to student success. We're thrilled to have them as part of our school family.

Please mark your calendars for **Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, October 2nd** (more details to follow soon). This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your child's educators, learn more about classroom routines, and build strong partnerships that support student learning.

As always, we value your involvement and open communication. Thank you for your continued support and trust. Let's make this school year one of connection, growth, and learning.

Warm regards,

Jennifer Tait
Principal

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 30th

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as **Orange Shirt Day**. It is a time to honour Residential School survivors and to remember those who did not make it home.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY
SEPT. 30

It is a time to learn about the impacts that Residential Schools have had and continue to have on Indigenous People.

TERRY FOX RUN

FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Friday Sept. 26th

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday September 2nd - PA Day

Wednesday September 3rd - First Day of School

Monday September 15th - School Picture Day

Wednesday September 24th - Intermediate Soccer Tournament

Thursday September 25th - Rowan's Law - **Wear PURPLE**



Learn about Concussion Safety and what to look for.

ROWAN'S LAW

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/rowans-law-concussion-safety>

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SCHOOL SCHEDULE

School Starts	9:00 a.m.
Morning Recess	10:20-10:35 a.m.
Lunch	11:55 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.
Afternoon Recess	2:15- 2:30 p.m.
Dismissal	3:30 p.m.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

**HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSFOOD ORDERS:
GO TO SCHOOL CASH ONLINE, LUNCHBOXORDERS.NET**

Home & School is selling the following food items on the days specified.
We offer Subway Tuesdays, Dominos Pizza Wednesdays and Marble Slab Thursdays.

Upcoming:

- Wednesdays starting September 17th** - Dominos Pizza Lunch
- Thursday September 18th** - Marble Slab
- Tuesday September 23rd** - Subway Lunch

Please note: orders NEED to be placed by noon the Sunday before the delivery date.



How to Order

1. Login to your SchoolCash Online account using your existing credentials. If you don't currently have an account, contact the School to set one up.
2. Go to the Items Page in your child's SchoolCash Online account, scroll to the Lunchbox banner, and click 'Order Now'.
3. Confirm your phone number and student allergy information then click 'Update'.
4. Press the 'Order Now' button beside your child's name.
5. Place your child's lunch order(s) on your school's ordering calendar by clicking the blue date for the scheduled vendors.

The following credit cards are accepted: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Debit MasterCard, or Visa Debit. Visa and MasterCard prepaid cards are also accepted.

PARENT PORTAL

The **Parent Portal** will be available the first couple weeks of September to update any student information. Please login to ensure the information is correct.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

Attendance Reporting
When reporting student absences, please use the **School Messenger App**. or call 1-844-305-3756. Please follow the link for further information: <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/attendance-reporting.aspx>

MILK PROGRAM

Our milk program starts Wednesday, September 3rd for purchase. It operates on a ticket basis. Children bring their ticket to the office, put it in the container, and take a white or chocolate milk. Tickets are \$25.00 for a sheet of 20 tickets.

<https://tvdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO THE OFFICE TO PICK UP THEIR MILK TICKETS.



Student Insurance

We'd like to share information about two optional insurance providers that offer coverage for certain medical expenses not included under OHIP. These services may be helpful for families seeking additional protection for their children. Please note: this insurance is entirely optional and not required for school attendance. Sharing this information is simply intended to support families who may find it useful.

For details about the providers and coverage options, please refer to the following:

- <https://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/>
- <https://insuremykids.com>

YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

September 15, 2025

Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!

