



## A heartfelt Welcome back and Hello to our Frank Panabaker Families!

We are excited to welcome students back to school on Tuesday, September 2nd, with the hopes that everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break! We know that beginning another school year holds questions and maybe some anxiety around change and what is to come in the days ahead. Please know, that we will do our best to make sure that students feel comfortable and supported as classes begin this September.

### Your Child's Teacher

Please be advised that the parent portal is now open. Once in the portal you will be able to see the teacher that is assigned to your child. Please note that much work and preparation has been put into developing our classes. All parents were invited back in the spring to make placement requests for their child. These were all taken into consideration during class building. Until we have a better understanding of our classroom numbers we are unable to make and further changes at this time.

A complete list of our school staff will be posted on our school website in the next week.

### School Day Details

The first day of school for all Grade 1-8 students will be on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

Students are asked to be on the playground no earlier than 8:00 am. This is when supervision begins. At this point, staff will be outside to welcome students. Staff will have a sign with their name and grade so that students will be able to identify their teacher. Once teachers have their class, students will proceed inside, at which point parents and caregivers will be asked to leave the playground. Parents will not be able to accompany their child to their classroom.

We also ask that parents **do not** block parking spots in our staff parking lot.

School hours will continue to be 8:15AM – 2:35PM.

At the end of the day, parents are welcome to enter the back playground and wait on the blacktop for their child to be dismissed by their teacher if they are not taking the school bus.

### Nutrition Breaks

Students will continue to go outside for the first 20 minutes, and then will be inside for the last 20 minutes of the nutrition break.

Nutrition Break #1 : 9:55-10:35

Nutrition Break #2 : 12:15-12:55

### **Kindergarten Students**

Parents were notified of JK visits which will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd. All kindergarten students (JK and SK) begin their full day on Wednesday, September 3rd.

### **Buses**

Families who are eligible for busing will receive a message to declare their intention to use transportation.

School buses will load and unload at the front of the school. Please be sure to register with the HWSTS to be notified of late buses.

Requests for Courtesy transportation will not be available until the end of October. Parents can apply for courtesy transportation but there is no guarantee that there will be available spots.

Please find 2025-2026 Transportation information here: [Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Services](#)

### **Other Important Information**

For information about HWDSB's Code of Conduct and Reducing Distractions in classrooms, please click here: [Reducing Distractions in Classrooms and Schools | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board](#)

To see the 2025-2026 school year calendar, please visit [School Year Calendar | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board](#)

Please reach out to the office if you have any questions, but please also note that the first few days are extremely busy with new student registrations. We will return your call or email as soon as we can. Thank you in advance for your patience!

We continue to focus on ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff, as we prepare to welcome our Frank Panabaker families in September.

Sincerely,

Mr. D. Fede & Mrs. T. Baggio  
Principal Vice-Principal