



Ridgemount Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Community,

Welcome back to an exciting year!! My name is Mr. Michael Castellani (he, him) and I am honoured to be the new Principal at Ridgemount. We would like to thank the entire community for making the first day of school as seamless and organized as we could. We really appreciate your patience while we sorted students into their classes safely. The next few days will solidify the routines of entering and exiting the school.

Please log into the parent portal found at www.hwdsb.on.ca This portal has all the forms that need to be filled in to start the year. This includes the media consent, and Nutrition Break form. The latter lets us know if you child has permission to leave during second break for lunch.

Bell times have changed this year. We start at 9:15 and end at 3:35. Nutrition Break One starts at 10:55 and ends 11:35, Nutrition Break Two starts at 1:15 and ends at 1:55.

Courtesy Transportation – we are allowed to offer courtesy transportation once again this year. Forms can be obtained from the office. We will make decisions no earlier than Sept 17. We will add students up to the safe number on a bus. We will consider siblings already riding, distance, and special circumstances. Forms are due to the office Sept 16.

Daily screening is required. Please use the ministry tool at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> A calendar will be sent home for K-6 students. Please initial each day that you completed the screening. For gr 7 and 8 studnets Public Health has said they can screen themelves at the school. They can show the teacher each day that they have passed. Please email me or call the school if you have questions.

Please continue to use the Ridgemount website for information. We will also email important information. Please ensure your email is correct in our system.

Thanks for now,

Mr. M. Castellani
Principal