



Sir William Osler Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: Class Reorganization

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board reviews its student enrolment numbers in each school at this time of year. The enrolment numbers are compared to the projected enrolment numbers determined at the end of the previous school year, which initiates the staffing process.

As we look to meet the provincial class size requirements and finalize the enrolment numbers for this school year, it's typical for student enrolment to fluctuate.

There is a need to make some adjustments to our school classroom organizations based on our confirmed enrolment. Specifically, at our school we have:

- Closed a Kindergarten class due to lower than projected Kindergarten enrollment
- Opened a Grade 5 class due to an increase in our school enrolment

These changes have initiated a few other changes:

- 4 Kindergarten classes has changed to 2 Kindergarten classes (with a teacher and an early childhood educator) and 1 Kindergarten class capped at 15 students (no early childhood educator)
- Closed: Kindergarten – JSD (Ms. Reistma/Ms. Crockett)
Gr. 4/5 (Ms. Montesi)
Gr. 5/6 (Mr. Widdup)
- Opened: Gr. 5B (Ms. Montesi)
Gr. 6C (Mr. Widdup)
Gr. 4A (Mr. Kerman)
- Assignment Change Gr. 2/3A (Ms. Reistma)
Kindergarten (Ms. Roberts) – no early childhood educator
Kindergarten (Ms. Dunsiger/Ms. Crockett)

Due to a reduction in Kindergarten, Ms. Grundy and Ms. Kavanagh will be leaving Sir William Osler. We wish them both well in their new schools!

With the above classroom changes, and a requirement to comply with class size requirements, we anticipate up to 150 student moves as we build and balance classes. Each class from Kindergarten to Gr. 6/7A (English stream only) will experience *some degree of student change*. If your child will experience a change in teacher, and/or classroom assignment, you will **receive an additional sheet** – a half page **yellow** sheet indicating your child's new class and/or new teacher. This information will be sent home on **Thursday, September 19th**.

Our new school wide organization will begin on **Monday, September 30th** with students visiting their new class/teacher for transition purposes on **Friday, September 27th**. As we anticipated a change, we scheduled our *Meet the Teacher* event so parents will be able to interact with, where applicable, their child's new teacher on October 2nd, 5:30 – 7pm.

We apologize in advance for any disruption this may cause and appreciate your understanding as we finalize class organizations for this school year. As always, our team of dedicated professional educators will partner with you to ensure students are well cared for and experience educational success. Teachers have been in conversation about student placements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Seo or Mr. Smith.

Sincerely,

G. Smith
Principal

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Vice Principal