

Welcome to the 2019 – 2020 School Year!

Students, Parents and Caregivers,

We hope that you've had a restful summer and are ready for a great year of learning together! We've had an exciting first week here at Templemead as we've had the opportunity to reconnect with students, parents, and caregivers.

Fast facts about Templemead School:

- We are a Kindergarten to Grade 8 School
- On any given school day, we have approximately 580 students, over 50 staff members, and numerous volunteers
- Our school day begins at 8:55 am and ends at 3:15 pm and features a Balanced Day schedule
 - There are two nutrition breaks. First nutrition break is 10:35 am – 11:15 am and second nutrition break is 12:55 pm – 1:35 pm. Lunches are eaten in classrooms.

Transportation

For the 2019-2020 school year, Templemead has been reduced to one bus. This is due, in part, to the fact that almost all of our students fall within walking distance to the school. Although Templemead has had the good fortune of offering courtesy bussing in the past, we are unable to offer any courtesy bussing at this time.

All students who are eligible for transportation should have received notification from Transportation in August, giving you a bus number, pick up and drop off times and bus stop location. If you believe you are eligible but didn't receive notification, please contact Transportation at hamiltonschoolbus.ca or at 905.523.2318. We encourage you to ensure your child knows their bus number information. Transportation updates our lists throughout the first week of school, but you are the first to know specific busing information for your child. Please note that there may be transportation delays during start-up, your co-operation and understanding is greatly appreciated during this transition time. To stay up to date with any delays or changes, bus student families are encouraged to create an account to receive updates:
<https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/parents/default.aspx>

What to Bring

To make your child's school experience the best it can be, please plan to have your child bring:

- a nutritious, **nut-free** lunch that can be easily divided between our two nutrition break times. Please note that students do not have access to a microwave.
- indoor shoes that can be used for students for phys-ed and classroom activities

Pro Tip: For parents of our younger students, label foods with a “1” and “2” so students learn how to manage their food across two Nutrition Breaks.

Recommendation: Label all of your child’s possessions and clothing clearly to avoid items being lost forever.

Check your child’s backpack!

Look for communication from your child’s homeroom teacher! Students in Grades 1 to 8 have been given an agenda. Check it regularly for information, events, and updates.

You would have received a start-up package at the end of the first day of school. We had asked for those forms to be returned **by Friday September 6th**. If you have not yet completed those forms, please do so and return them to your child’s homeroom teacher. This will help us ensure the safety of all of our students. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their forms!

Find the forms for review, completion, and return:

- Media Consent Form
- Emergency School Closure Arrangements – Read, select option for emergency closure and sign.
- Lunch Routines
- Walking Excursion Forms
- Medical Information

These forms are very important as they ensure parental consents and provide direction to us re: emergency closure procedures. We appreciate your time in completing and returning them to your child’s homeroom teacher.

The First Month at Templemead, students and staff will be:

- spending time getting to know each other in many different ways
- co-constructing together classroom agreements and norms to support how learning and collaboration will happen in our learning spaces
- sharing and establishing classroom and school-wide routines that support creating a safe, nurturing and orderly environment
- discussing and understanding the Templemead Student Code of Conduct

Let’s Stay Connected at Templemead! Communication is key!

In the office, you will find Mrs. Snelling, Ms. Endicott, Mrs. Harvey, and Mr. Williamson.

Need to reach the office? Phone: 905.383.8348 (voicemail 24/7) E-Mail:
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Important Upcoming Dates:

- Meet the Staff – September 12th, 4pm to 6pm
- PA Day – September 20th
- Grade 7 Immunizations – September 25th
Terry Fox Run – September 26th (Rain date: 27th)
- Photo Day – October 23rd

We look forward to an exciting year at Templemead! Go Timberwolves!