



**Don Christian Elementary School**  
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Newsletter #1

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**School Goal: To improve in the area of Social Responsibility**

Principal: Mr. M. Bobik  
Co-PAC Presidents: Mrs. C. White and Mrs. S. Wise

**Message from Mr. Bobik ...**

*Although we are uncertain of which date school will begin, we are looking forward to seeing all our students back at school as we begin another school year. We hope you had a pleasant summer and are ready for another wonderful year of learning at Don Christian. Please check the school district [website](#) and our school [website](#) for updates about when school will begin.*

**Start-Up: Class Organization**  
**Date to be determined**  
**10:00 - 11:00 am**

If you know that your family will not be returning from vacation by our start up date, please notify the school of your return date and we will hold a spot for your child during opening week.

Students in Grades 1 through 7 will come to school for registration from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Even though it is a short time for this first day, it is very important that all students attend so that we can have an accurate 'head count' to finalize our proposed organization.

As in past years, during the first few days of the new school year, students in Grades 1-7 will be organized randomly into grade groups. For example, all Grade 2 students will be placed with Grade 2 teachers. Grade lists and room numbers will be posted at the front of the school.

# **Student homerooms for the first day of school**

New students who are not yet registered, are asked to report to the office.

On the second day of school, Grade 1 -7 students are asked to report to the same classroom as the first day for attendance. Students will then be divided into temporary classes until our final numbers are confirmed. Student will then be placed in their permanent classes for the school year. Kindergarten students will report according to their assigned gradual entry schedule.

## **Grade 7 to Room 606**

With Mr. Taylor and Mr. Lowe

## **Grade 6 to Room 603**

With Ms. Block, Ms. Leung, Ms. Phillips, and Ms. Downs

## **Grade 5 to Room 602**

With Mr. Penner and Mr. Kaila

## **Grade 4 to Room 406**

With Mrs. Jardine and Mrs. Hale

## **Grade 3 to Room 605**

With Ms. Mueller and Ms. Kay

## **Grade 2 to Room 504**

With Ms. Polok and Mrs. van Ryswyk

## **Grade 1 to Room 403**

With Mrs. Madaski, Mrs. Bomford, and Ms. Domonkos

## **Kindergarten to Room 408**

With Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Hoven, and Mrs. Mason

Please note: these may not necessarily be your child(ren)'s placement for the year.

These initial groups are **temporary** groups, which allow us to confirm enrolment and the number of needed teachers with Human Resources, to effectively deal with any issues that arise with the least amount of disruption to our students, and to finalize class organizations.

As always, teachers at Don Christian work collaboratively to provide students with a dynamic start to the new school year. They plan valuable learning opportunities for the first few days of school. Additionally, teachers will have the opportunity to observe and assess all students in that grade in order to make the best decisions for final placements for the year.

We are hopeful that we will be able to move students into our permanent classes as early as possible. However, if there is a change in our numbers, either substantially more or less than predicted by our district, we will need to take the time to give thoughtful consideration to reorganizing classes.

Please check the posted grade lists posted around to determine which classroom your child(ren) need to **temporarily** report to. Signs will also be in classroom windows, and staff will be circulating at 9:45 am on the first morning to ensure that everyone finds their way. Please call us at 604-576-1381 if you have any questions.

### Kindergarten 2014/15

#### Gradual Entry

We are excited for the starting of Kindergarten at Don Christian in September 2014! As explained at our Kindergarten Orientation in May, new kindergarten students are gradually introduced to the program at the school and attend partial days for the first week or so of school. Parents have already received a package providing them with details of their child's gradual entry.



Call our office at 604-576-1381 if you have any questions.

#### First Day Meet and Greet

After a terrific summer holiday, what better way to re-connect with other Don Christian friends, than PAC sponsored coffee time! On the first day of school, while your children are in class from 10:00 - 11:00 am, parents are invited to linger over coffee, goodies, and conversation. We look forward to seeing you then!



#### School Supplies

Pre-paid school supplies for next year can still be purchased through School Start. Orders can also be made online at: <http://www.schoolstart.ca/>



If you prefer to purchase your own supplies, the lists are posted on our website.

### Allergy Awareness

Several Don Christian students have severe anaphylactic reactions to peanuts, nuts and their by-products. Please refrain from sending foods to school that contain peanuts, nuts and/or their by-products. You can also help by reminding your children to wash their hands carefully after eating, remind your children not to share snacks, and do not use these products in any treats you may send into the classroom over the year. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation as we attempt to make our school a safe environment for all students. Please inform the school immediately if your child has a severe life threatening allergy so that we can ensure appropriate procedures are in place.

# FOOD ALLERGIES



Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.