



June 25, 2021

Dear Sullivan Heights Parents and Guardians,

I hope this finds you well looking toward the summer and what will hopefully be a more relaxed and less restrictive period for all of us. It has been a while since my last communication, and it is hard to believe that we have just completed a year full of much change, unpredictability, and far too many COVID notifications. It has also been a journey of experiential learning for both teachers and students. A school year that I know we all hope will not be repeated in our lifetime, or that of our children. Nonetheless, you acted as our Sullivan community would – with a hard work ethic, commitment, great patience, and understanding. A commendable effort from all of you - congratulations!

As we look toward September, I want to share some exciting news for our school community. **The school district has allowed Sullivan Heights to move back into a semester system for the fall.** It does mean a return to the extended day for another year until our extension is completed, but I know for our staff, students and community it is a long-awaited return to normal. We are excited to welcome our students back to a regular class structure, face-to-face instruction, and if things continue to improve, a return of extra-curricular activities.

There will be updates to our calendar which will be shared with you over the summer. We will be posting important dates on our school website so please check this during the last two weeks of August for the latest news. A list of important dates including reporting, early dismissals, school closures, and non-instructional days will be posted on our website for your convenience as well.

To those Grad families whose children will be leaving our Sullivan Heights community, we wish you well. Thank you for your leadership and we hope that you will continue to exemplify the Sulli Spirit in your future endeavours. To those families returning in September, we are excited to have you back. To our new Grade 8s, we cannot wait to welcome you into the Sulli family.

Thank you for your continued patience and support throughout this challenging school year. These were truly unprecedented times, but together, we got through them. The resilience demonstrated by our students, families and staff is a testament to our great school community. I am excited for what will be and look forward to opening in September and having our students back with us full time. In the meantime, enjoy your well-earned summer break, stay safe and rest up. Take good care, Stars!

Sincerely,

David Baldasso
Principal
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