



# Surrey Traditional School Newsletter

## September 14, 2020

### Upcoming Dates



#### **Mark these dates in your calendar!**

September 25 Individual photo days

September 29 Fire Drill day

September 30 Orange Shirt day

October 1 Terry Fox Run and Canada Spirit Day

October 22- Early dismissal at 1:30- Virtual Parent Conferences

## Principal's Message



Welcome Back to the first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year! We are all so glad to see you! It's been a long time! Although we all wearing masks- we are smiling! Our staff have been working hard to prepare and implement new COVID-19 infection control practices and routines for students. We are ready to welcome your children and Monday September 14 is time to begin the new school year here at STS. We welcome all of our returning STS families. We would also like to say a warm welcome to our many new families that are joining our school.

## Healthy Schools Start At Home



### Daily Health Check for Parents-

Please be reminded that **parents and caregivers are responsible to assess their child(ren) each day before going to school. (see checklist sent home today).** If your child is experiencing symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease please **keep your child home until there has been an assessment by a health care provider AND all of the symptoms have resolved.** \* Your child will bring home a handy checklist to keep visible before you leave for school each day. \* Any children that arrive sick or with symptoms at school will be given a mask to wear and parents will be contacted for immediate pick up. This year, please review your emergency contact list and ensure you have a caregiver that can pick up your child should they get sick at school.

## First Week Plans



The first few weeks at STS are “**Welcome Weeks**” at STS. We welcome back all our returning “Bulldogs” into our school community. This year, on September 10/ 11 teachers reviewed new safety protocols with students. **Some of the important school procedures and routines are:**

- All students and staff must stay home when sick
- Hand washing routines upon entering and exiting classrooms
- Ensure your child arrives at school **on time** each day, \* students will be entering the building at 8:25
- To limit any COVID transmission, parents/visitors are not able to come in to the school
- Access to our building will be limited to **ONLY** students and staff, unless prior arrangements have been made through the Principal. Should you need to need to contact the school, please call the office at 604-588-1248 or email the schools at [surreytraditional@surreyschools.ca](mailto:surreytraditional@surreyschools.ca)<sup>1</sup>.
- Parents/guardians **MUST** maintain a safe physical distance of at least 2 metres from others when on the school grounds- please do not gather at school.
- No items/lunch can be dropped off at the office during the school day- please plan ahead
- There will be no sharing of food or supplies in classrooms: this means no birthday cupcakes or pizza for now
- Students are not to bring any of their own toys or equipment items to school at this time.
- Students will be going outside rain or shine every day, please dress appropriately for all weather with good rain boots and warm coats with hoods.

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<sup>1</sup><mailto:surreytraditional@surreyschools.ca>

## Drop Off & Pick Up



### Drop Off

- Help students stay safe by arriving on time but not early - aim for 8:20- 8:25 please
- Children should go directly to their cohort line up spot. Teachers will be picking up the students promptly at 8:25 and walking them into the building to wash their hands

### Pick up

- Student must be picked up at their line up spot at 2:30 pm.
- Please limit early pick ups and always call the office to make arrangements in advance
- Students and families are strongly encouraged to leave the school grounds promptly at 2:30

## District Health and Safety Protocols



You can stay informed and aware of how the Surrey School District is preparing and supporting health and safety in schools. Check out the COVID health and safety page on the district website:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/covid19/healthsafety/Pages/default.aspx>

In addition, at STS, we have a new daytime custodian. Mr Lee will be cleaning all our high touch areas in classrooms, and around the school during the day. We also have a full crew disinfecting all classrooms each evening to prepare classes for the next day.

## More Health and Safety Information for Parents



Fraser Health has good resources for parents. Please see Fraser Health's Covid-19 webpage: Back to school resources for parents and teachers<sup>2</sup>.

## Class Placements



Placement of students into classes is done through school-based professional decisions. This year, we have had to work within the Provincial Health Officer's guidelines. When placing students, the teachers at Surrey Traditional worked carefully to determine the most suitable placement for your child based on the following criteria:

- student intellectual, social and emotional development
- learning styles and strengths of students
- degree of independence
- integration of students with special needs
- social compatibility

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<sup>2</sup><https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/Back-to-school-resources-for-parents-and-teachers#.X1qJZUxFzjr>

- gender balance
- maintaining reasonable teacher-student ratios

Classes are set and cohorts have now been established. This year, due to the strict safety structure of classes, we will not be moving students. Some parents are concerned about combined classes, however, combined classes are a reality every year at Surrey Traditional. It is important to understand that even in a single grade there is still a range of strengths and abilities. Combined classes have many educational benefits. Teachers are well qualified to teach both grades in a combined class.

Surrey Traditional values strong home school connections, with the trust and support of parents, we are confident that all children are in classes that will allow them to have a productive and rewarding school year. Allow your child time to settle into their new class and make plans to meet with the teacher to discuss your individual concerns. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

## Healthy Snacks and Lunches



In order to maximize learning opportunities at school, we recognize that children work best when adequate rest and good nutrition combine to support their efforts. To that end, we encourage children to bring healthy lunches and healthy snacks to school. There are a tremendous variety of healthy items available to include in a child's lunch that will equip them with the energy and nutrition to make the most of their time in school.

Please do not drop lunches off at the office - they must be packed with your child every morning. Please do not bring in any treats for the class.

## Allergy Awareness



Please be aware as you are packing lunches. STS is an "Allergy Aware" school! This means that we ask parents to be mindful as they plan school snacks and lunches. Please do not send snacks, candy or products to school with nuts. Creating a safe place for everyone is dependent on the help of all staff, students and parents to limit the risk of exposure. If you ever have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher.

## Uniform Expectations



We are a uniform school and parents are expected to ensure their child has the correct and full prescribed uniform. Please plan to have all the correct uniform pieces. One thing to plan for this Fall, is the cooler days. Please plan for a long sleeve polo shirt and our kelly green sweater or cardigan. Hoodies are not permitted in class during the school day. When we all work together to have a clean and sharp uniform, it prepares our students for a successful day of learning at school. If you have any questions, please see us in the office and we will be happy to help.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM STANDARDS:**

- School prescribed NAVY dress pants, shorts, skort, skirt, or box pleated tunic (dress)
- School prescribed WHITE or KELLY GREEN polo T - shirt (with collar) with or without LOGO

- KELLY GREEN cardigan, V - neck sweater or V - neck sweatshirt, with LOGO
- WHITE long or short sleeved dress shirt (NO frills, turtle neck, and or designs)
- NAVY or BLACK dress shoes (NO heels over 1 inch, sandals, boots or opened toes)
- BLACK or WHITE runners (NO lights, characters or bright colours)
- NAVY or WHITE socks or tights (NO leggings)
- Gym strip of NAVY shorts, NAVY track pants, WHITE t - shirt with or without Bulldog Logo (Grade 3 and up)
- NO OTHER LOGO ARTICLES OF CLOTHING PERMITTED WHILE IN CLASS

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- School Prescribed means the uniform pieces are to be the same style and fabric as the uniforms provided by our school's uniform company.
- Clarification and further information can be provided by the PAC Uniform Committee.
- Uniforms should be clean and shirts tucked in.
- IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT ATTENDING SURREY TRADITIONAL SCHOOL TO SUPPORT THE UNIFORM STANDARDS.

Neat Uniforms by McCarthy's 604-205-7560

1050 Boundary Rd. Burnaby, B.C. V5K 4T3

## Student Absences



If your child is going to be absent from school, we would appreciate it if you would phone before school to let us know. We have a call home program to ensure student safety on the way to school and, if we are not informed of student absences, the secretaries must spend a great deal of time calling student homes. Your help with this would be much appreciated. **The school phone number is 604-588-1248**



## 2020-2021 School Bell Schedule



<b>Welcome Bell</b> .....	8:25 a.m.
<b>Instruction Bell</b> .....	8:30 a.m.
<b>Instruction</b> .....	8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
<b>Recess Begins Bell (Gr K-1)</b> .....	10:00 a.m.
<b>Recess Ends Bell (Gr K-1)</b> .....	10:15 a.m.
<b>Recess Begins Bell (Gr 2-7)</b> .....	10:15 a.m.
<b>Recess Ends Bell (Gr 2-7)</b> .....	10:30 a.m.
<b>Instruction</b> .....	10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
<b>Lunch in class (Gr 2-7)</b> .....	11:45 am – 12:05 pm
<b>Lunch Play outside (Gr K-1)</b> .....	11:45 am – 12:05 pm.
<b>Lunch in class (Gr K-1)</b> .....	12:05 – 12:30 p.m.
<b>Lunch Play outside (Gr 2-7)</b> .....	12:05 – 12:30 p.m.
<b>Instruction</b> .....	12:30-2:30 p.m.
<b>Dismissal Bell</b> .....	2:30 p.m.

## SURREY TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021



Tuesday, September 8, 2020	First Day of School
Monday, September 28, 2020	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend
Monday, October 12, 2020	Thanksgiving Day – School Closed
Thursday, October 22, 2020 (virtual)	Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm – Parent-Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 23, 2020	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend
Friday, November 6, 2020	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend
Wednesday, November 11, 2020	Remembrance Day – School Closed
Friday, November 20, 2020 and Program Planning	Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm – Teacher Assessment, Evaluation
Friday, December 18, 2020	Last day of school before Winter Break
December 19, 2020 - January 3, 2021	Winter Break
Monday, January 4, 2021	School re-opens after Winter Break
Monday, February 15, 2021	B.C. Family Day – School Closed
Friday, February 19, 2021	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend
Friday, March 12, 2021	Last day of school before Spring Break
March 13-28, 2021	Spring Break
Monday, March 29, 2021	School re-opens after Spring Break
Friday, April 2, 2021	Good Friday – School Closed
Monday, April 5, 2021	Easter Monday – School Closed
Thursday, April 29, 2021 TBD)	Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm – Student-Led Conferences (format TBD)

Friday, May 7, 2021	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend
Monday, May 24, 2021	Victoria Day – School Closed
Monday, May 31, 2021	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend
Thursday, June 3, 2021 and Program Planning	Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm – Teacher Assessment, Evaluation
Thursday, June 24, 2021	Last Day of School for students
Friday, June 25, 2021	Administrative Day – students do not attend

- Please note these dates may be changed with notice to parents\*

## Stay Connected... Spread the Word, Tell other parents...



Be sure to stay informed and connected by connecting with your child's teacher, viewing the website, signing up for emails and by getting school link for iPhone/Android. We will send updates as needed.

### **School Website**

All official school communication and information will be posted on our website. Our site is updated regularly with information during the school year. Please visit our web site often! To receive all updates please go to <https://www.surreyschools.ca/surreytraditional> and be sure to enter your email to subscribe to our distribution list. Please check that you have not set emails to go to your "JUNK" folder.

### **'School Link' App For iPhone/Android**

Now available for iPhones & Androids, you can get the 'school link' app free from the app store. Select Surrey Traditional to follow and all website posts will be automatically sent to your mobile devices immediately as a notification.

**Follow Us On Twitter Too!**

We have a school twitter account that we will also be using to send out quick, timely information or celebrations of learning. Follow us at @surreytradition.

**Contact Our PAC Executive**

Please email [surreytraditionalpac@gmail.com](mailto:surreytraditionalpac@gmail.com)<sup>3</sup>

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