



Newsletter

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Welcome Back to School!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year! We hope everyone has had a fun and relaxing summer break; it is hard to believe the new school year is almost here! We look forward to working with you and your children and all signs point to another incredible school year. Please help me welcome Ms. Christina Gill to the Hudson community as our new Vice-Principal. I'd also like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we work through the complexities of school start-up this September.



Ms. Gill (Vice-Principal) and Ms. Rondestvedt (Principal)

First Week Schedule

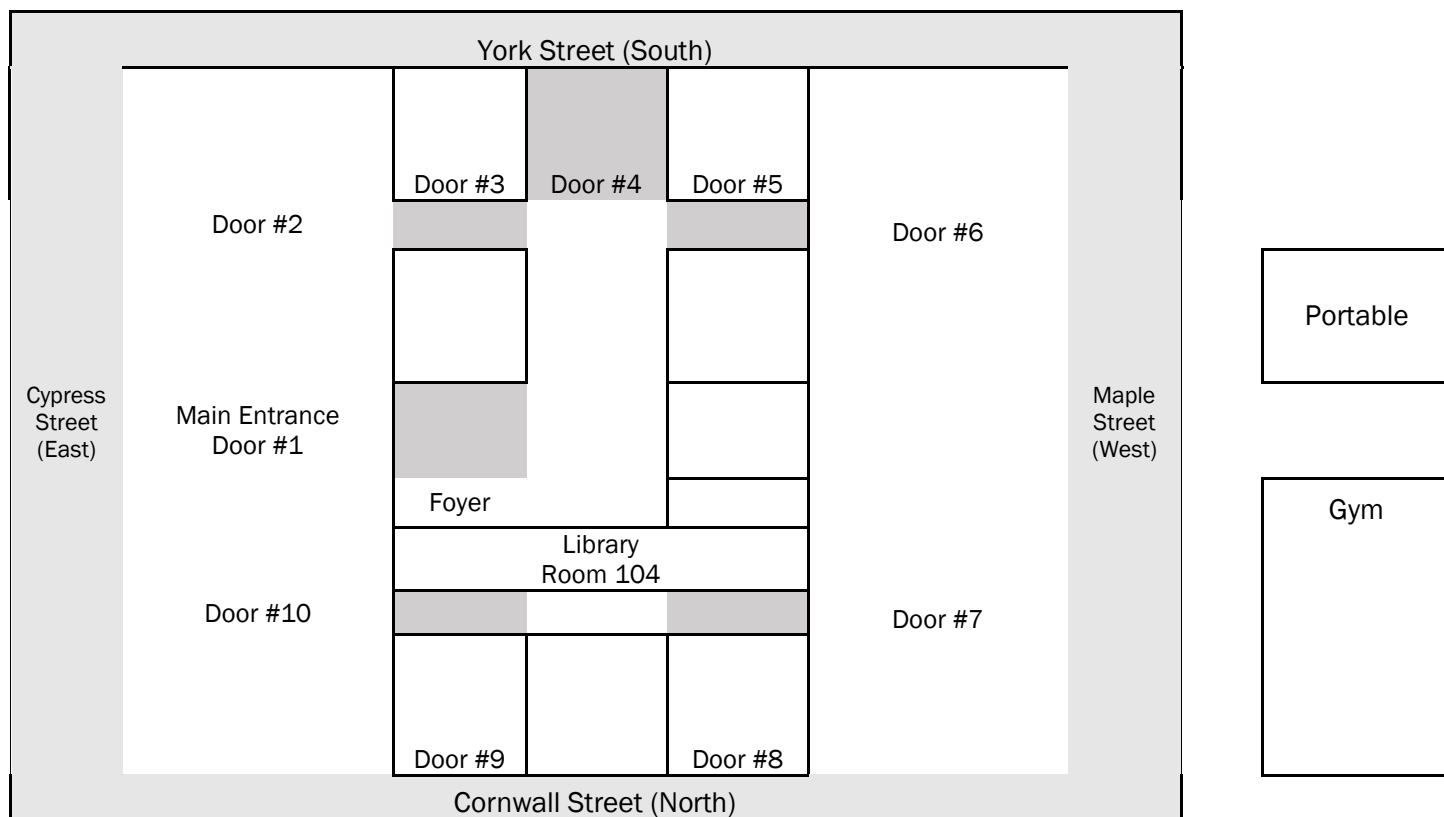
All VSB students will be moving to their new classes on Monday, September 11th. To facilitate a smooth transition, students will return to the **same teacher/classroom that they were in last year on Tuesday, September 5^h through Friday, September 8th**. We will not be sharing class lists until we are confident in our numbers and have received approval from the district. Once we have approval of our new organization, teachers will share the new classes with the students, and students will move to their new classrooms. This will be exciting for them, and they will have the remainder of the day in their new classroom. Parents will be sent a welcome email from the new classroom teacher once students have switched classes.

All non-K students who are new to Hudson will meet outside Door #1 and then will head to the library with Ms. Wilson and Ms. Chater. During their first hour at Hudson, they will receive a tour of the school, be introduced to support staff, teachers, and administration. New students will then join a grade appropriate class on Wednesday, September 7th.

Hudson Elementary NEWSLETTER

To reduce crowding in the halls at pick-up and drop-off times at Hudson, students are asked to enter the school using the entrances of their last year's class:

Division	Teacher	Door
1	Ms. Dosch	2
2	Ms. Roberge	10
3	Ms. Dixon	1
4	Mr. Dong	6
5	Mr. Hunter (Mrs. Dawson)	2
6	Miss Cathy (Miss Vanja)	7
7	Ms. Demosten (Ms. So)	4
8	Mrs. Morehouse	2
9	Ms. Hedley	9
10	Mrs. Johnson (Ms. Cotter)	10
11	Ms. Webber (Ms. Tabuenca)	4
12K	Mrs. Robinson/Ms. Coval	8
13K	Mr. Hauptman	9
F14	Mme Doyle	6
F15	Mme Chloé	10
F16	Mme Suzanne	7



September 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5 First Day of School 9am-10am	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Professional Development Day Students not in attendance	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule

September 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4	5	6 Day 1 9:15am-10:15am Gym	7 Day 2 9:15am-11:00am Door 8	8 Day 3 9:15am-11:45am Door 8	9
10	11 Day 4 9:15am-1:00pm Door 8	12 Day 5 9:15am-1:30pm Door 8	13 Day 6 9:00am-3:03pm	14	15	16

* Parents are encouraged to refer to the detailed entry schedule that they were emailed in July for additional information.

Bell Schedule

8:55am	Warning Bell
10:40am-11:00	Recess
12:10pm-12:57pm	Lunch
3:03pm	End of Day

Hello and Goodbye

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mr. Hunter and Ms. Webber and wish them well in their new assignments. We are also saying goodbye and congratulations to Ms. Reed who has moved to Kitchener Elementary as their Vice-Principal. We would like to welcome Ms. Ailish Cotter, Ms. Courtney Tabuenca, Ms. Madeline Chater, Ms. Maggie Coval and Ms. Vanja Vitkovic to our primary team. We are also welcoming Ms. Emily So while Ms. Demosten is on maternity leave until May. We are pleased to share that Ms. Anna Stroemich is the SLP assigned to Hudson this year. I am sure you will all help me in welcoming our new staff to the Hudson School Community.q4

Social Media Photo Walls

We will have a social media wall set near the gym from 8:30 am – 10:15 am on Tuesday, September 5th for families to take photos of their children on their first day back to school. We ask families to only take photos of their own children unless they have permission from another parent to photograph their child(ren). The wall will also be set up again on Wednesday, September 6th from 8:30 am – 10:30 am to accommodate gradual entry with the kindergarten students. An additional special First Day of Kindergarten background will also be set up for photographs.

Washrooms

With the preschool moving into the main building over the summer, we have had to re-model the girl's washroom to split it in half. The kindergarten students will continue to use the separate washroom across from the kindergarten classrooms. Also, we have two all gender single stall washrooms for students to use. One is in the gym, and another is on the 2nd floor.

Voluntary Student Accident Plans

The VSB is offering parents access to two voluntary student accident plans which offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical/dental expenses and critical illness. The two companies that are offering this product are the IA Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) and Study Insured.

Families can register online to purchase and participate in either of these plans by using the URL's provided below.

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com

PAC Information

Dear Henry Hudson Families

Welcome to the new school year! We look forward to working together in building a stronger community. Here is some information pertinent to all parents and caregivers for the month of September:

Come past, say hello, grab a cup of coffee and enjoy a chat with us!

We will be setting up a **PAC Information tent** on the following days during Orientation week:

- **Tuesday morning at 9:40am to 10:20am** and again on
- **Wednesday morning at 8:40am till 09:15am**

Come say hello – we look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please check out the PAC website <https://www.hudsonpac.ca/>

PAC Spirit Wear Information

For all the new families joining Henry Hudson and those who would like to purchase Spirit Wear, please note that we will be setting up a Spirit Wear tent on the school premises where you will be able to purchase and order Spirit Wear clothing. The sale date will be communicated as soon as it is confirmed. Stayed tuned for more information!

PAC Hot Lunch Program

We asked, and you have spoken! The PAC has secured Calhoun's Catering as our exclusive hot lunch vendor, and they will be providing our children with lunches on **Tuesday's** and **Friday's**. **The first hot lunch will commence on Tuesday, September 26th**. The PAC will be sending out communication to inform you as to when hot lunch ordering will commence. Calhoun's Catering will provide a \$10.00 hot lunch credit for any new parent who registers an ordering account with the Munchalunch platform. Existing parents will also be given the same \$10 credit. We will be sending more information shortly.

Calling for PAC Volunteers

We are always looking for more volunteers as that means we can do more for the Henry Hudson school and families.

The following roles are currently needing to be filled:

- Vice President
- Fund Raising Lead
- Fund Raising Volunteers
- Activities Committee Lead
- Activities Volunteers
- Social Media Lead
- The DPAC (District Parent's Advisory Council) Representative role is also open for anyone who has an interest.

Please come past the PAC tent during Orientation week to chat more about volunteering or email us at HUDSONPAC@gmail.com for more information.

Next PAC Meeting

Our annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 21st from 6:30pm to 8pm** in the school library. All parents are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Children are welcome and there will be pizza and babysitters available. We look forward to seeing you all there!



The Vancouver School Board is committed to fostering safe schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility. There is zero-tolerance for violence, harassment, or disrespectful behaviour in the school community. We strive to make our schools and sites welcoming places for everyone in our community.

As we begin a new school year, we ask that you pause and remember VSB staff are valued community members. Be considerate, and ask, will my actions or words hurt someone?

It is our shared responsibility to ensure interactions are conducted safely and respectfully. Students learn here, and together we can be models for those that are watching.