

Looking Ahead to a Tremendous School Year!

Communication:

All necessary information, calendar of events and parent resources will continue to be communicated on our Margaret Avenue website (<http://mrg.wrdsb.ca>). Parents can receive a direct email when the website is updated. In order to receive this notification parents are asked to subscribe to the website by entering their email address using the “Subscribe” dialogue box on the first page of our website. We also update an Instagram page ([instagram.com/margaretavesenior](https://www.instagram.com/margaretavesenior)) where we include photos and videos of school events and activities. We also have a school twitter account. Please follow us at **@mrgwrdsb**. **All these methods of parent engagement are new to our school this year** and we have appreciated the positive community feedback!

Busing:

The School Board offers transportation to students who qualify. For all your bussing information, please visit the website at **www.stswr.ca**. We do not organize bussing at the school. When online, please click on Student Login and use your child’s OEN number (on their report card), birthdate and address.

Meet the Teacher!

Our Meet the Teacher event will occur on **Thursday, September 4 from 6:30-7:30 pm**. We will begin promptly in the gym at 6:30 pm with a formal welcome followed by an informal meet & greet of our staff in their classrooms and throughout the school.

Bell Times and Nutrition Breaks:

Students must be in their homeroom by no later than 8:30 am. They may not enter the school before 8:20 am unless they are involved in a before-school activity. There are two nutrition breaks during the day. Our Tuck Shop is open during both Nutrition Breaks. Pizza will be sold Tuesday to Friday and Pitas will be sold every Wednesday. Students eat in the lunchroom and then go outside. However, during the Activity portion of the break, we will continue to encourage students to get involved in activities, clubs, teams and events! We will dismiss students at 2:50 pm.

Daily Schedule:

Student Entry Time	8:20am	Attendance Bell	8:30am
Homeroom/Announcements		8:30 - 8:42	
Period 1		8:42 - 9:30	
Period 2		9:30 - 10:18	
Nutrition Break		10:18 - 10:58	
Period 3		10:58 - 11:46	
Period 4		11:46 - 12:34	
Nutrition Break		12:34 - 1:14	
Period 5		1:14 - 2:02	
Period 6		2:02 - 2:50	
Dismissal		2:50pm	

School Council:

Parent Engagement is a priority for us at Margaret Avenue as we endeavor to remove barriers. Our first School Council Meeting is on **Monday, September 29**, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Treasures Fundraising:

Our School will be participating in Treasures Book Fundraising in September! We have a variety of exciting initiatives that we would like to embark on to enhance the learning environment of our students, both inside and outside our school. It is through our collective fundraising efforts that we can make our goals a reality. More information will be shared at our Kick-Off Assembly on **Monday, September 15!**

Margaret Avenue Start Up Supplies:

Student Planner:

All students will need to have a student planner to record tests, homework, assignments, and special events. These will be sold in September. We encourage parents to check the planner regularly to ensure it is being used effectively.

Combination Locker Lock:

The Lock that is provided is of highest durability and quality and will certainly last the two years your child attends Margaret Avenue. The cost for this lock is \$5.00.

Physical Education Uniforms:

The common school Phys. Ed. Uniform ensures consistency amongst our students and allows for easy identification of our students when attending sporting events, intramurals or off campus activities.

For the items listed above, we are kindly requesting payment for:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Phys. Ed.	T-shirt	\$14.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Phys. Ed.	Shorts	\$18.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lock for Locker		\$5.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>School Planner</u>		<u>\$8.00</u>

Total: \$45.00

Please remit payment, preferably in cash, to your child's homeroom teacher by **Monday, September 8, 2014**. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's homeroom teacher or us in the office.