

Parent's Message – Sept. 10, 2021

1. Thanks to everyone for helping to make such a positive 'return to school!' Students have been wearing masks and following direction very well and by now everyone knows how important it is to stay safe – especially at school.

2. I was hoping to be able to be the only St. Thomas high school in our Board to have our cafeteria open this fall. Unfortunately – as many of your children may have told you - after crowding and seating issues the first day, I made the decision that it needs to stay closed until COVID regulations allow a more normal arrangement. Safety first... and students have been great at eating outside or in their rooms!

3. This is the first call for parent volunteers for our SCHOOL COUNCIL! Unlike elementary school we have no fundraising and meetings are held only every other month. However, I depend on the Council to help me make decisions for our school and would love if you EMAILED me to express your interest. I like to call it a "high information – low stress" opportunity for parents/guardians to have a behind the scenes say in school level decisions. (m.moore@tvdsb.ca)

4. A reminder to all parents/guardians that if your student has a serious medical condition, we need you to complete an IPOC - INDIVIDUAL PLAN OF CARE. This can be easily done on the parent portal. Or... if you call the main office and ask for Mrs. McPhee, she will help you complete it over the phone. If you haven't done so yet, please call ASAP as we need to know how to best help your son/daughter while at school. (519) 631-3770.

5. Students on an IEP with a SEA laptop or chrome book can pick up computer use agreements in the Resource Room. Computer use agreements must be signed by both the parent or guardian and the student and returned to Resource before the device can be released to the student.

6. Remember... next week is two different subjects for students. Be sure to check your timetable or the portal to find your classes.

7. GYM doors open, as usual, at 7:40am on Monday for our 8:25 opening class. Don't be late!