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JS BUCHANAN FRENCH IMMERSION PUBLIC SCHOOL

AUGUST 27, 2025

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Bienvenue! Welcome back!

We hope that you have all had a restful, relaxing and fun summer and are ready for a brand new school year! To begin the school year, please note that Tuesday, September 2nd is a PA Day. Staff will be in the school participating in professional learning and preparing for the return of their students. We look forward to welcoming your children into the school on Wednesday, September 3rd.

We would like to welcome the following new and returning staff for this year:

Janine Van Bommel and Shanna Gatt are both returning from Maternity Leaves and we are happy to see them back! McKenna Gurchin is returning to her role as our Educational Assistant and we look forward to having her back. Teresa Wilcox will be starting the year in Kindergarten for Mme Brand and Jenn Veenvliet is returning to cover a portion of Krystina Zolnierczyk's maternity leave. We also welcome Nekka Hislop to cover the other portion of Mme Zolnierczyk's role.

Please see below for important information as we start the year. See you soon!

Mme Buchanan



FIRST DAY PROCEDURES

We look forward to welcoming our students back on Wednesday, September 3rd! When students arrive in the morning, teachers will be outside with their class lists. SK students will head straight to their yard to meet their teachers. For students in grade 1-8, grade level signs will be posted on the wall in the school yard. Students will head to their grade level gathering area and teachers will assemble their classes there! In the event of rain, we will ask grade 1-3 students to head to the library and grade 4-8 students will go to the gym.



LUNCH TIME!



Students have 2 nutrition breaks during the day where they get a chance to eat and to go outside for recess. Please ensure that your child has enough food for both breaks and knows what to eat at each. Please also ensure they have the utensils they need. We frequently have students coming to the office to ask for spoons or forks and we can't always provide them.

Please also note that our school council runs hot lunches through lunchbox twice a week and you can order through them. More information about ordering will be coming.

We have some students with a life-threatening allergy to peanuts. Please explain to your child the importance of never sharing food with other students since many foods contain peanut oil or by-products. We request that all our students refrain from bringing peanut products (or products that are similar in nature like WOW butter) to school since the oils from nuts can be passed on when a student who has eaten peanut products simply touches a computer keyboard, desk or table. We thank you all for your help and understanding

Students will remain at school for lunch breaks unless they have been signed out by a parent/guardian. Students in grade 7 and 8 may leave during the second break if they have written permission from a parent. You may give them permission for a specific, one time event, or write a note that allows them to go out for lunch any day of the year. These notes will be kept on file in the office and students will be required to signout and back in again using a QR code in the office.

PHYS. ED. MESSAGE

In physical education class, the right footwear is essential for safety, performance, and comfort. We are requesting that your child wear athletic shoes during phys. ed. classes. Athletic footwear is defined as shoes that tie with laces or velcro (please no slip on). The sole should have good grip, especially for indoor activities on polished floors to prevent slipping. These shoes should remain indoors to keep floors clean and to prevent wear and tear on our freshly polished floors.

Thank you for your support!



STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION

If your child has a prevalent medical condition (asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, risk of anaphylaxis or other life threatening condition) please ensure you complete an Individual Plan of Care in the Parent Portal as soon as possible. It is important that we have current medical information. Please note that authorization forms must be completed by a medical practitioner if your child is required to have medication at school. This includes inhalers or epi-pens that they carry themselves or self-administer. These forms are available in the Parent Portal.



CELL PHONE POLICY

Many students bring electronic devices to school on a regular basis. While we welcome the use of technology and realize that these devices provide excellent opportunities for learning, we have established guidelines for the use of technology in school that align with our school board and government policies. Cell phones are permitted at school but are to be used for educational purposes only under the supervision of staff. When not in use, they must be stored out of view and turned off or set to silent mode. Cell phones are not to be used during lunch time or recess. If you need to contact your student during the day, or they need to contact you, we ask that you go through the office.

We will be reviewing these expectations with the students during the first week of school. Thank you for your co-operation and support in this.



JOIN SCHOOL COUNCIL

Be a Voice for Our Students and School Community!

WHAT DO WE DO?

Organize Events and Fundraisers, Discuss and Influence School Policies,
Enhance Communication Between School and Families

WHY JOIN?

Make a Difference: Help shape the educational experience for all students

Get Involved: Stay informed and have a say in school policies and activities

Connect: Build relationships with parents, teachers and school staff

LEVELS OF INVOLVEMENT

Executive Member: A leadership role that helps guide the council's direction

Active Member: Attends meetings, participates in discussions, helps organize events

Volunteer: Helps out at specific events or projects as schedule allows

Supporter: Shares ideas, gives feedback, and stays informed through email updates

HOW TO JOIN

Attend a Meeting: The First Monday of Every Month at 6pm in the School Library

Next Meeting Date: _____

Email Us: sc-jsbuchanan@tvpic.ca

Join the Facebook Group: [@jsbuchananschoolcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/jsbuchananschoolcouncil)

Get Involved. Make an Impact. Join Today!

No Experience Necessary! Just bring your enthusiasm and ideas.

QUESTIONS? SC-JSBUCHANAN@TVPIC.CA

COUNCIL CORNER

NEWS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

We're excited to kick off another school year at J.S. Buchanan and would love to have as many of you join our School Council as possible! This year, we're trying something new by offering two ways to get involved:

1. Join as a Council Member:

Be part of the core team that attends meetings and has direct input into fundraisers, events, and your child's education. Even if you can't make it to every meeting, your role is important and flexible!

2. Sign Up as a Parent Volunteer:

For those who want to contribute but can't commit to full membership, this is a great option! Volunteer opportunities are available during the day, at night, or on weekends, making it possible for working parents (even those with 9-5 jobs) to participate. You can still make a significant impact without being a regular council member.

Child Minding Option:

We're also exploring the possibility of offering child minding at meetings this year. If your older child has completed their babysitting course and is interested in this volunteer opportunity, please reach out to sc-jsbuchanan@tvpic.ca for more information.

Stay Connected:

If you haven't already, please join our [Facebook group](#) where we post updates on school events, fundraisers, and more.

First School Council Meeting:

Our first meeting will be on Monday, September 9th at 6 p.m. in the school library. We hope to see many of you there!

Sign Up as a Council Member/Volunteer & Nomination Forms:

Nomination Forms and Volunteer Forms will be sent out in the next couple of weeks for those who would like to participate. Please keep an eye on your email for more information.

J.S. Buchanan School Council

UPCOMING DATES

September 2 - PA Day

September 3 - First Day of Classes

September 25 - Meet the Staff Night - 5:00-6:30

September 29 - Photo Day

September 30 - Orange Shirt Day

ARE YOU FOLLOWING US?



If you are on Facebook, please ensure you follow the J.S. Buchanan School council page for ongoing information and updates!



J.S. Buchanan now has an Instagram Account!
Follow us: @j.s.buchanan

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE



If you wish to pick your child(ren) up before the end of the day, please call the office when you are on your way. This way we can make sure they are ready when you arrive as we do ask that you wait outside and also to ensure they miss as little class time as possible.

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