



THE LION'S DEN

O.S. Community Newsletter

Greetings, Oliver Stephens! Welcome Back!

Welcome back, Lions! We are excited for you to be returning for another wonderful school year. Our custodial team, educators and support staff have been busy getting ready for your return. The building is shining and the classrooms are waiting for you! We're ready for a year of learning, relationship building, and of course fun. Thanks for taking the time to read through all of the following important information. We can't wait to see everyone next week back in the Lion's Den!

Sincerely,
Mme. Rycroft and Mrs. Mackie

Here's a breakdown of Day 1 :

8:45 - 9:00: arrival onto the school yard (back of school)

9:00: Educators will gather students, do attendance, and head into the building for the day together

3:30: Dismissal. Families are asked to have a pre-established meeting place, away from the road and parking lot, to reduce congestion.



Oliver Stephens 25/26 Homerooms



French Immersion = FI

Kindergarten: *Moesker, Hart & Holmstrom*

Kindergarten: *Poole & Carron*

Grade 1 - FI: *Furgal*

Grade 1/2: *Yeo*

Grade 1/2 - FI: *Duplain*

Grade 2/3: *Dwyer*

Grade 2/3- FI: *West*

Grade 3/4 - FI: *Havens*

Grade 4/5: *Moura*

Grade 4/5: *Hemeryk*

Grade 4/5 - FI: *Uchacz*

Grade 6/7: *Wiltshire*

Grade 6/7 - FI: *Kirollos*

Grade 7/8: *Sproat*

Grade 7/8 - FI: *Albers*

The Ministry of Education regulates class size, and reorganization may sometimes be necessary. If reorganization occurs, our school community will be kept up to date on any changes as soon as possible.

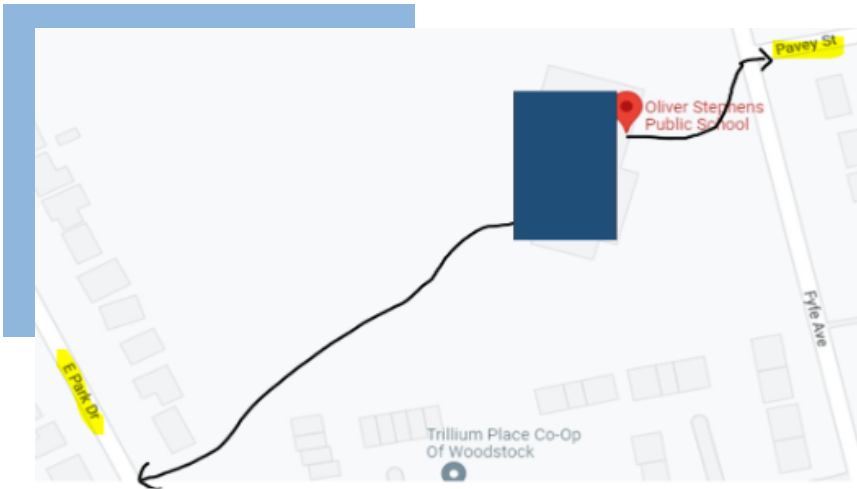
**Kindergarten
Staggered
Start**

Wednesday

All SKs

Thursday

All JKs & SKs



Safe Arrival and Dismissal at O.S.

Safety is our priority. Please ensure you are following our drop-off and pick-up procedures. All persons picking up students **MUST** be on the approved pickup list on record at the school. This list can be updated in the Parent Portal.

Buses: There will be 6 buses for our students this year. They park along Fyfe Ave. at the front of the school. Upon arrival, students will walk into the backyard area of the school. At dismissal, JK - 3 students will meet up with their bus buddies and walk together to their appropriate bus.

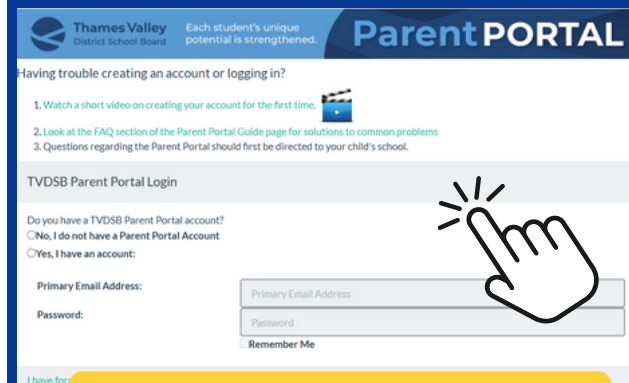
If your bus student is NOT going to take the bus, please let the classroom educator and office know.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up: We are asking families who wish to drive, then drop off their student(s), to park along Pavey Street or East Park Drive, then walk to the backyard for drop-off. At pickup, please have a pre-established place to meet on the school property, then walk to your vehicle. If you are dropping off your student during the day, please use the parking lot and report to Mrs. Hahn in the office through the front doors.

Walkers: These students will be entering and exiting the building through the doors at the back of the school. If they are meeting other students, please have them establish a meeting spot somewhere on the yard. Reminder: Once on school property, students are to "Walk their Wheels" bike/scooter/skateboard, etc.

DAILY SCHEDULE

9:00 - Start
9:00 - 11:00 - Instructional Time
11:00 - 11:50 - Nutrition Break 1
11:50 - 1:30 - Instructional Time
1:30 - 2:10 - Nutrition Break 2
2:10 - 3:30 - Instructional Time
3:30 - Dismissal



Please update your student(s) profile in the parent portal before September 10. If you are don't have access to a computer, please let Mrs. Hahn in the office know.

Always bring
your photo
ID to pick up





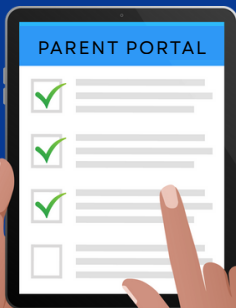
Reminder: Oliver Stephens is a scent free environment. Please refrain from using scents or aromatic products before coming to school



Don't forget to hop off and "Walk your Wheels" on school property.



Annual verification forms for students must be completed for the 25/26 school year online through the TVDSB Parent Portal. The portal is open now!



Medical Forms

If your student(s) has **any prevalent medical conditions**, please complete the appropriate forms online through the Parent Portal OR request a paper copy of the form from Mrs. Hahn through the school's office. **All forms must be re-submitted annually.** These forms may include:

- Individual Plan of Care (IPOC)
- Authorization for Administration of Daily Prescription Medication
- Authorization for Administration of PRN Prescription Medication.

Off Property Lunch (Grade 7 and 8)

Students generally eat in their classrooms, at their desk. However, during first nutrition break (11:00 - 11:40), students in Grade 7 and 8 may leave school property for lunch. This only happens with written permission from a parent/guardian. Please forward a note to your student's homeroom teacher if you are giving them permission to leave first break.

Optional Student Insurance

We'd like to share information about two optional insurance providers that offer coverage for certain medical expenses not included under OHIP. These services may be helpful for families seeking additional protection for their children.

Please note: this insurance is entirely optional and not required for school attendance. Sharing this information is simply intended to support families who may find it useful. For details about the providers and coverage options, please refer to the following:

<https://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/>
<https://insuremykids.com>



O.S. Electronic Device Policy:

OS's cell phone policy is aligned with the Ministry of Education's PPM 128 regarding the non-use of cell phones and other devices.

Grade 1 - 6: Cell phones are to be turned off or set to silent mode for the school day, including nutrition breaks. They should stay in backpacks if they must come to school.

Grade 7 - 8: Cell phones are permitted, but only under the direct supervision and permission of an educator. They are not to be out during nutrition breaks, in washrooms, or in hallways. Students are permitted to check messages at 3:25.

Students using their phones outside these parameters will:

- Be asked to put the phone away.
- If they refuse to put the phone away, the phone will go to the office, where it can be picked up by the student at the end of the day.
- If cell phone mis-use behaviour continues, students will be asked to bring the phone to the office, where Mme. Rycroft or Mrs. Mackie will contact the parent/guardian.

Progressive discipline will be used to determine consequences when actions do not align with school rules/expectations after the above steps have been taken.

If you need to pass on an important message during the school day to your student, please call Mrs. Hahn in the office.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with a variety of events and activities for our students and school community! If you're interested in volunteering once, or on a regular basis, please reach out. We appreciate all the help we can get!



healthy snack program



hot lunch program



Strong Start Program



Class trips

****All volunteers must have a Vulnerable Sector Check or Offence Declaration prior to being present for any volunteering**

Next School Council Meeting



[Click here to complete the form if you're interested in joining Parent Council this year.](#) ✨

All are welcome! 🙌