

August 30, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students of R.H. King Academy,

We hope that you all had a safe and healthy summer. We also hope that it was a good opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy the great weather. Our administrative team are preparing the school for our start on **Thursday, September 9th** and would like to share some of the information that we have with you all.

First, we are so excited to have all our students join us this year! We would like to welcome our new grade 9 students and welcome back our virtual and in-person students.

As a parents and educators, we know only too well the concerns of returning our children to school during these challenging times. Rest assured that student health is our top priority. The TDSB is presently working to revise its protocols to ensure the safe return to our school. Precise information on the procedures for entering our buildings will be forthcoming; however, it is clear that all students and staff entering R.H. King Academy will be required to wear a mask, screen for COVID-19, and check in upon arrival at school.

We would like to draw your attention to a few important items:

Daily Schedule

All TDSB schools will run the same daily schedule with the school day beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 2:45 p.m. Link to the [TDSB Daily Schedule](#) for more information.

Student Timetables

As was the process last year, we will be sharing student timetables via the TDSB Connects App - which can be downloaded via [Google Play](#) or the [Apple App Store](#). Once downloaded, students will use their TDSB credentials to access their timetable. Timetables will be unlocked and available to students at the end of the day on Thursday, Sept. 1. Please note that students new to the TDSB will receive a separate email from their Vice Principal indicating their TDSB email address and log in process.

In-Person & Virtual Learning Options

The TDSB emailed all parents/guardians on August 5th and 9th requesting that they indicate by August 12th whether their student would be opting for in-person or virtual learning for this school year. Students will have an opportunity to change their choice for the second semester classes in February 2022. Our team is still working to organize and support students who opted for virtual learning and more information will be shared directly with our virtual students and their families soon.

School Uniforms

As mentioned in previous communications, we will be having a “relaxed” school uniform this year as we continue to consider our students and their comfort and well being during this pandemic. All students are asked to wear a **King “top”**—any uniform top with the King logo or insignia. Students may wear any bottoms, socks, and shoes. Our new grade 9 students will be provided with a long-sleeved King t-shirt within the first few weeks of school. We also plan on selling short-sleeved t-shirts (at cost) so that students will have choices available. We recognize that our uniform vendor, McCarthy’s, has very limited inventory, particularly in large sizes so we wanted to provide an affordable alternative. More information on ordering t-shirts will be provided in a separate email.

For phys. ed. classes, students will be able to wear any t-shirt and any shorts. We still have many XS, S and M used polo shirts and some other used uniform pieces that School Council may sell in another fundraising sale once school has begun.

Any additional questions about school uniform should be directed at the alpha Vice-Principals:

tasneem.munir@tdsb.on.ca (last names A-L)

lesley.mclean@tdsb.on.ca (last names M-Z)

More Details to Come:

Additional, more specific information about lockers, extra-curriculars, Student Activity fees, school entrances to use (by grade), and other aspects of school life will be shared. Our team will be working hard to provide you with information in a second email, once the TDSB has finalized the operational guidelines.

Warm Regards,

Niva Kulendran, Tasneem Munir and Lesley McLean

(your R.H. King Academy Administration Team)

School Year at a Glance:

September 2, 2021	Board Wide PA Day
September 3, 2021	Board Wide PA Day
September 6, 2021	Labour Day
September 8, 2021	Board Wide PA Day
September 9, 2021	First Day of School
October 11, 2021	Thanksgiving
November 15, 2021	Semester 1, Term 2 Begins
November 19, 2021	Board Wide PA Day
December 20 to 31, 2021	Winter Break
January 27 to February 1, 2022	Exams
February 2, 2022	PA Day
February 3, 2022	Semester 2 Begins
February 18, 2022	Board Wide PA Day
February 21, 2022	Family Day
March 14 to 18, 2022	March Break
April 15, 2022	Good Friday
April 18, 2022	Easter Monday
April 25, 2022	Semester 2, Term 2 Begins
May 23, 2022	Victoria Day

June 24 to 29, 2022	Exams
June 30, 2022	PA Day
Grade 9 Math & OSSLT EQAO testing dates TBD	
Days of Significance Calendar	