



# Bruce Peninsula District School



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## ***Welcome (or welcome back) to Bruce Peninsula District School!***

We're all excited for another year of learning, and teachers are working hard to get ready for students.

A few details about the first day and subsequent days:

- Please continue to screen for illnesses before sending a student to school. We absolutely hope we're done with the pandemic, but other illnesses can also spread easily in a school and it's hard to learn when you're sick. Please keep students home if they aren't well. If students arrive at school with symptoms or develop them through the day, we will contact home to arrange for the child to be picked up.
- You may have noticed our new parking area in the front of the school. It will work a lot better for busses but there may be some challenges with families driving students to or from school. When possible, please use the street parking at the front of the school for drop-offs or pick-ups and please make your stop as brief as possible so someone else can take your place. If you need to park, please use the central parking at the front of the school. You may wish to walk younger students to the front doors or the playground from this parking area.
- Secondary students should have received their schedules through the mail (sent out Tuesday). If your student does not receive a schedule, we will help them in the office on the first day of school.
- Elementary students will be divided into classes on the first day of school.
- Please contact the school by phone (519-793-3211) or text (519-379-2286) if students won't be at school or will be leaving early or, for elementary students, if they won't be on their buses. If a primary student (JK -3) doesn't get on the bus when we expect them to, we hold the bus until that student is found. If a parent takes a student without telling us, it can lead to a lot of worry and inconvenience.
- If you think you may want to volunteer at the school at any point this year (including going along on class trips) – fantastic! We're happy to have you! But we do need to have criminal record checks completed by the OPP, and this often takes a while. If you think you'll be volunteering, please contact the office and we can give you a letter to ensure you aren't asked to pay for the record check.
- We communicate "serious" business via School Messenger, but more fun news is available on Facebook as BrucePeninsulaDS and on Instagram as brucepends. Use those sites to stay in touch with all the great Panther activities!

Thanks for reading all this – we look forward to seeing everyone in less than a week!