

SEPTEMBER 2023

CARPATHIA SCHOOL  
BACK TO SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



# Principal's Message



Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a great summer. Carpathia staff are thrilled to work with all of our returning students as well as getting to know our many new students. I am honored to be your acting principal to start the year. I look forward to connecting with and getting to know all of you!

As you are aware, the school is still under renovations, however the finish line is in sight! Until the construction finishes, we only have access to the Lockwood doors. We are going to continue the practice of having families meet their children after school outside on the playground. Please make sure you share with your child's classroom teacher if they are allowed to walk home (if they are in grade 2 or above). Please make sure your emergency contacts are up to date, and who is permitted to pick up your child.

We are going to have a **Grade 1 - 6 Meet the Staff** on Wednesday, September 13 from 5:30 - 6:30. Teachers will share their program overview, as well as go over other items such as home reading programs and homework expectations. We look forward to seeing you all there! As a thank you for coming to our Meet the Staff evening, each family will receive an entry to a prize.

The staff and I here at Carpathia are so excited to get the year started. Thank you and I hope all of you have a great September!

*Ms. Manness*



# DAILY SCHEDULE

8: 55 A.M.

Warning Bell

9:00

Students enter the building

10:15

Primary Recess

10:35

Intermediate Recess

11:30

Nursery and Kindergarten Dismissal

12:00

Grades 1-6 Lunch time

1:00

Classes start for the afternoon

2:00

Primary Recess

2:30

Intermediate Recess

3:30

Dismissal of all classes

# DATES TO REMEMBER

September 6 - First Day of classes for Grades 1 - 6

September 11 - First Day of classes for Nursery and Kindergarten

September 13 - Meet the Staff Evening (5:30 - 6:00)

September 19 - Parent Council Meeting (On TEAMS 6:00)

September 29 - Orange Shirt Day

September 30 - Truth & Reconciliation Day

October 2 - Picture Day

October 3 - No School





## SCHOOL SAFETY

Each year we are required to practice elements of our school safety plan. 10 fire drills are practiced, one per month. We also practice 3 lockdown drills, and 3 hold and secure drills, one each in the fall, winter and spring.

A lockdown would be used to secure the interior of the school if a potentially dangerous intruder enters the building.

A hold and secure would be used in case something was happening outside of the school, either on school grounds or in the nearby community. All doors would be locked so that no one would come into the building. Regular routines would continue in the school.

## MEDICAL CONCERNS

Please alert the office if your child has any allergies, asthma or any other medical concerns.



## REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE:

**SAFE ARRIVAL** makes it easy for you to report your child's absence and increases student safety by allowing staff to respond to unexplained absences more efficiently.

You are asked to report your child's absence using one of the following convenient methods:

All methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Phone: 1-855-278-4513**

**Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system**

**Website:**

**<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>**

**Set up your Parent Portal account then log in**

**Mobile App: SafeArrival**



If you report an absence in advance or before the morning bell time you will not receive a call. We will be using the Safe Arrival automated notification system to contact parents/guardians if a child is absent and the absence was not reported in advance. SafeArrival attempts to contact parents/guardians at multiple contact numbers until the designated contact(s) is/are reached.



## REMINDER

At Carpathia School, we are a Peanut and Nut free school. There are students and staff here who have severe allergies. When making lunches for your children, please take this into consideration. Thank you.



## Adult Crossing Guards are posted at:

- Kenaston (Route 90)

Adult Crossing guards are on duty at these intersections in the morning, lunch hour and after school. Ms Krista Shyntak and Mr. Omar Velasquez are Carpathia Crossing Guards. They will be there from 8:30-9:05, 12:40-1:05, 12:00-12:10, 3:30-3:45. There is NO LONGER A CROSSING GUARD AT CORYDON.

Patrols Corner - Ms Bell our Guidance Counsellor is the adult in charge of patrols. Our Grade five and six student patrols will provide assistance to students crossing the street beside the school on Carpathia, Lockston and Lockwood in addition to an alleyway.

Patrols will be on duty every morning, lunch hour and after school at the following times:

- 8:45 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
- 12:00 P.M. - 12:10 P.M.
- 12:40 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
- 3:30 PM- 3:40 P.M.

Notes will be going home in the next few weeks to recruit for patrols in Grades 5 & 6.

For more information please speak to our Guidance Counsellor, Ms. Ann-Marie Bell. [Anbell@wsd1.org](mailto:Anbell@wsd1.org)

# OUR CARPATHIA STAFF FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:

## Teaching Staff:

Acting Principal—Ms. Manness

N/K Ms. Kristi Zonneveld

Gr. 1/2 Mr. Alan Kopstein Rm 137

Gr. 1/2 Ms. Marissa McNaught Rm 125

Gr. 3/4 Mrs. Jessica Braun Rm 124

Gr. 3/4 Ms. Jagriti Aggarwal Rm 139

Gr. 5/6 Mrs. Sherrie Moir Rm 110

Gr. 5/6 Mr. Jeff Kirkpatrick Rm 101

SERT/Resource

Mrs. Erin Reimer

Reading Recovery

Mrs. Josie Hartley

Guidance Counsellor

Ms. Ann-Marie Bell

Phys Ed

Mr. Tony Taronno

Music (AM)

Mrs. Jessica Hildebrand

## Support Staff:

Head Secretary—Ms. Trista Hosein

Breakfast/Food Coordinator—Mrs. Susan Chambers

Head Caretaker—Mr. Tim Coombs

Caretaker—Mr. Dong Nguyen

Caretaker—Ms. Ven La Spina

## Educational Assistants/Adult Crossing Guards:

Mrs. Susan Brown

Mrs. Susan Chambers

Mrs. Sheryl Fitzell (AM)

Ms. Jeanine Jovellano

Ms. Lia Steinberg

Ms. Rayna Tran

Ms. Stacy Lindsay

Mr. Omar Velasquez

Ms. Ashely Hoogervost

Ms. Krista Shyntak

Ms. Abrienne Balmes



## CSS Staff

Ashleen Scott, Speech & Language Pathologist

J. Skinner, Psychology

P. Krahn, Reading

Shelly Gallagher, Social Worker

PAC Non-Profit Lunch Program

Co-ordinator: Susan Chambers

## Vision Care Clinic: Free Glasses for Students



The Mobile Vision Care Clinic will be coming to Carpathia school from October 11—14. The mobile vision care provides eye examinations and glasses for no charge to students that qualify. More information will be coming out in mid-September, or you may leave a message for Ms Erin Reimer, Resource Teacher, [ereimer@wsd1.org](mailto:ereimer@wsd1.org) for more information.



## Carpathia Parent Advisory Council



We are looking for parents to join our parent council. If this interests you we will have a virtual meeting on September 19 at 6:00. More information will be emailed to families at a later date. If you are interested in PAC please leave your phone or email info with the office and we will pass it onto our PAC.



## Important Reminders



If you have moved or changed phone numbers please contact the office to update these. It is important in case there is ever an emergency that we be able to contact a guardian.

The Staff Parking lot is for staff parking, please do not use it for dropping off students even if you think it is for a moment

Attendance letters are sent home from classroom teachers if your child is away for more than 3 times or absences are unverified. We also have a truancy officer, Doug Yuel, who visits homes when students are away.



## Breakfast Program



The Breakfast Program is sponsored in part this year by the Breakfast Club of Canada. Ms Chambers is our Breakfast & Nutrition Coordinator. All these generous donations enable our children to have a healthy start to their morning, and snacks throughout the day when needed.

Students can come inside for breakfast at **8:40**.

We will have food for those who need it. Please let your child's teacher know or leave a message with our secretary if your child needs to access breakfast daily. Daycare students are able to access breakfast/nutrition through the daycare during daycare hours.



## Lunch Program

If you are interested in registering your child(ren) for the Parent Council run lunch program, you will need to fill out all the documents in the registration package, as well as include payment for the 2023-2024 school year in order to secure your spot. (Please note, this program is not run or managed by Carpathia School staff. It is separate from the school. Your lunch fees pay for the supervision of staff). Children are able to go home for lunch that are not in lunch program, and crossing guards/patrols are available to cross students.

Without pre-payment and the registration documents, we cannot secure your spot in the lunch program. Payment of all outstanding fees for the previous school years is also needed before you are eligible to register for lunch program in September.

- Priority is given to families who are working or attending school during the lunch hour not in daycare
- Payment and registration form is required to attend the lunch program as it is non-profit and all fees are used to pay the staff. Students are to adhere to the rules of lunch program in order to attend.
- Mrs. Susan Chambers will still be our coordinator! You may call the school to speak to her or email her at the address below.
- There will be no microwaves or kettles available to heat up lunches. Bagged lunches only please.
- The drop in rate is \$5 per day. Registration documents need to be completed before your child is able to stay at school for lunch. Please contact Susan Chambers.



We are looking for substitute lunch supervisors. Please contact Susan Chambers.

For more information please call Susan Chambers at 204-488-4514 (she can be reached from 11:30-12:00 or 1:00-1:30) or email her at [carpathialunch@gmail.com](mailto:carpathialunch@gmail.com)



# SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Meet the Staff 5:30-6:30	14	15	16
17	18	19 Parent Council Meeting (On TEAMS 6:00)	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Orange Shirt Day	30 Truth & Reconciliation Day