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Dear ÉSKS families,

There are a few changes coming to our school schedule next fall that we'd like to inform you about in advance. Our school start time will not be changing (8:50), but we have shifted our classroom periods to be one-hour slots in the morning. As such, the lunch period will now run from 12:00 until 12:55 (it is currently 11:45 – 12:40). We don't expect that this will greatly impact our families, but we are wanting to provide adequate notice.

As well, our Parent Council-run lunch program will be changing. Schools across the Winnipeg School Division have been encouraged to take over the running of lunch programs. This will begin in September 2025. The fees that you may have been paying over the past many years have been going to pay the salaries of our community members who have been supervising in each classroom. This shift means that there will no longer be a charge for families needing to have their children stay at school over the lunch hour. All interested families will be required to register so that we are aware of which students are eating in each classroom. Students who are registered for the lunch program are expected to stay for lunch unless teachers/the office are informed otherwise. Attendance will be taken at lunch time.

Our school will be working to accommodate supervision of students over the lunch hour. We are planning to have a group of students eating together in the small gym, while other students will be in classrooms with student leaders and roving adult supervision. We do not have the staff available to have one adult in each classroom; we will however ensure that safety remain a priority over the lunch hour. As with the



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current lunch program, students will either eat first and then go outside or start outside and come in to eat at 12:25.

To summarize:

- The school day will run from 8:50 until 12:00, and from 12:55 until 3:30 each day
- We thank our Parent Council, community members, and Miss Christine, our lunch program coordinator, who have worked tirelessly over the years to provide a lunch program for families
- Our new, school-based lunch program will run at no cost for families needing to have students remain at school over the lunch hour
- Students who live close enough to the school are encouraged as always to go home for lunch if this is an option
- Students who attend the school-based daycare will continue to eat lunch with their daycare groups
- All families will be expected to fill out a lunch program registration form (to be available at our Meet the Staff Night on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Families are reminded that students need to bring their lunches with them in the morning; dropping off lunches through the morning can be a disruption to the school and learning environment

More information will be made available prior to school starting, once the office reopens on the last week of August. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Warm regards,  
Your ÉSKS Admin Team



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