



September 1, 2023

BCA Families,

Welcome back! It was so fun to see everyone yesterday at the Open House, the children's excitement is contagious as they look forward to another incredible year at BCA. It has been a relaxing but busy summer. Our facilities committee has been working hard fixing and preparing the campus, while our PTA has been busy planning and getting ready for the many social and fundraising events for the year. Most of the teaching staff from last year are returning, Mrs. Izsak and Mrs. Shantz have retired but you will recognize their replacements, Mrs. Chapman and Miss Fisher. There will be two new part time French teachers you will want to get to know. Miss Cain and Miss Ciszek are both working on their master's program at Brock University so will be sharing the position. Miss Cain will be teaching French to the JK-3 classes and Miss Ciszek will be teaching gr 4-8 classes. They might be hard to find due to their part time status but if you see them take a minute to say hello and welcome them to BCA.

The drop off and pick up routine will be the same as it was last year. We have allowed parking in certain areas for those who are not in a hurry and would like to stay and socialize. One change you will notice will be an area closest to the school blocked off for parking with safety cones. The purpose of this area is for safety, to keep moving cars away from the area where the children are getting in and out of their vehicles.

All children will be dropped off at the main entrance in the morning. Drop off begins at 8:20 am, students that arrive before 8:30 am will join the Before School group. All students will head directly to their classrooms after 8:30 am. Parents will have the option once again to drop their children off in the quick line or park and walk them across to the front doors. Pick up will remain staggered with the JK-3 classes dismissed at 3:20 pm and children will come out of the south entrance. Gr 4-8 students will be dismissed at 3:30 pm and will come out of the main entrance when their name is called. Please be patient the first week, we have many new families that will be learning the routine. Each family will be provided with a name card, please place it in your vehicles front window when picking up your children.

A few of the changes implemented the last couple of years will continue even though it appears the pandemic restrictions are a thing of the past. Students and teachers still have the option of wearing a mask in the classroom and grades 3-8 students will be expected to have their own laptop computer. If you are not able to do that, let your classroom teacher know and we will provide your child with an older Chrome Book that they can use for the year.

This is a fantastic community, and you will want to be involved. Check the school Edsby page and the PTA Edsby page regularly so you stay informed of all the upcoming events. If you have questions don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing everyone bright and early Tuesday morning.

Yours in Christ,

Rob Lofthouse