



# Henry Hudson Elementary School

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## Welcome Back Hudson Students!

### INFORMATION FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year! We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We look forward to welcoming back our students and families. The purpose of this message is to communicate the start-up procedures for the first week of school. You likely saw this in our June newsletter, but we wanted to give some more details. We are really looking forward to welcoming you safely back to school on Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to a year of learning, sports, music, and other extracurricular activities in person. We hope you enjoy the last few days of summer!

### First Week Schedule

#### Hudson schedule for the first week of classes:

Wednesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	First day of classes from 9 am to 10 am in your child’s last year’s classroom
Thursday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Full day of classes from 9 am to 3:03 pm in your child’s last year’s classroom
Friday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Full day of classes from 9 am to 3:03 pm

Students will be moving to their new classes at some point at the end of this week or early the following week of September 13<sup>th</sup>. To facilitate a smooth transition, students will return to the **same teacher/classroom that they were in on Wednesday through Friday**. We will not be posting class lists until we are confident in our numbers. When we are confident with our numbers, teachers will share the new classes with the students, and students will move to their new classrooms. This will be exciting for them, and they will have the remainder of the day in their new classroom.

The new Kindergarten students should have received their gradual entry schedule for the first two weeks of school in June. Please, refer to this schedule and detailed information.

All non-K students who are new to Hudson will go to the library. They will join a grade appropriate class on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Social Media Photo Wall

We will have a social media wall set up on the “stairs to nowhere” facing Cornwall Street from 8:30 am – 11 am on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for families to take photos of their children on their first day back at school. We ask families to socially distance if there is a wait for the photo wall. The wall will also be set up again on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 11 am to accommodate gradual entry with the kindergarten students.

### Hello and Goodbye

We would like to welcome Ms. Sara Langlois who is joining our resource team and providing prep coverage for teachers. We are saying goodbye to Mme Evelien Voorberg and wishing her well in her new assignment at Norma Rose Point Elementary. She will be replaced by Mme Elissa Doyle. We are also saying goodbye to Mme Julia Jourdain who has left the district and will now be teaching in North Vancouver. We wish her well in her new

district and position. Her job share partner, Ms. Brittany Webber will be replacing her in the meantime. In our office, Hannah Dubuc is taking a union leave until the end of October and will be replaced by Julie Verhoeven. I am sure you will all help me in welcoming our new staff to the Hudson School Community!

## School Hours

### School hours

8:55 am	Welcome Bell
9 am	Classes begin
10:30 am to 10:50 am	Recess
12:05 pm to 12:52 pm	Lunch
3:03 pm	Dismissal

### Recess/Lunch

Recess this year will be from 10:30 am -10:50 am and lunch will be from 12:05 pm – 12:52 pm daily. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather and bring their snack and lunch with them to school.

## Health & Safety

The health, safety and well-being of students and staff continues to be a top priority. The Vancouver School District's plan will provide for a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment. A variety of COVID-19 health and safety protocols and procedures, as advised by health officials, will be in place again this year to help keep everyone safe.

### Reminders

- Families are to complete a daily health assessment, prior to attending school
- Staff and students in grades 4-12 must wear masks in all indoor areas at school
- Students must sanitize their hands upon entering the school
- Visitors are asked to report to the office to sign in
- For now, parent access to the school is by appointment only

### Daily Health Assessment

All parents, guardians, and/or caregivers have the responsibility to conduct a Daily Health Assessment of your child(ren) each day before sending them to school. The [K to 12 Health Check website](#) and app is an easy way to decide if your child should attend school based on their symptoms. It includes current health guidelines and offers an age-appropriate user experience for K to 12 students.

Download the app:

- [iOS devices \(iPhone/iPad\)](#)
- [Android devices](#)

Daily health checklists are available here: [English](#), [ਪੰਜਾਬੀ](#), [عربي](#), [简体中文](#), [繁體中文](#), [Français](#), [فارسی](#), [Tagalog](#)

### If Your Child Becomes Ill at School

Any child experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms will be moved to a secluded space, such as a first-aid room or designated health room, where they will be supervised and supported by staff. Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick-up their child as soon as possible.

Please ensure that the school has your current contact information, including emergency contact information, to ensure timely pick-up.

## **Masks**

All K to 12 staff, students in grades 4 to 12, and visitors are required to wear masks in all indoor areas, including:

- At their desks
- On school buses

Exceptions include:

- A person who cannot tolerate wearing a mask for health or behavioural reasons
- A person unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it
- If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask.
- If a person is eating or drinking
- If a person is behind a barrier
- While providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (for example, a hearing impairment), where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are encouraged to wear a mask indoors in schools and on school buses but are not required to do so.

## **Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette**

School staff will continue to focus on the importance of frequent hand washing (hand sanitizing) and of proper respiratory etiquette, such as coughing/sneezing into your sleeve or into a tissue. Over the past several months the district has replaced faucets in all Vancouver schools to enable proper hand washing. Schools have also been provided with hand sanitizing stations for common areas, classrooms without sinks and at entry and exit locations.

## **Cleaning and Disinfecting Schools**

Like last year, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting will take place in every school in the district. This will include ensuring that all frequently touched surfaces are cleaned and disinfected at least once every 24-hours.

## **School Visitors**

Schools in Vancouver will continue to welcome in-person visitors by appointment only. If you would like to make an in-person appointment, please contact the office or your child's teacher directly to make an appointment. All visitors are required to wear a mask, complete a daily health check, and follow all COVID-safety guidelines.

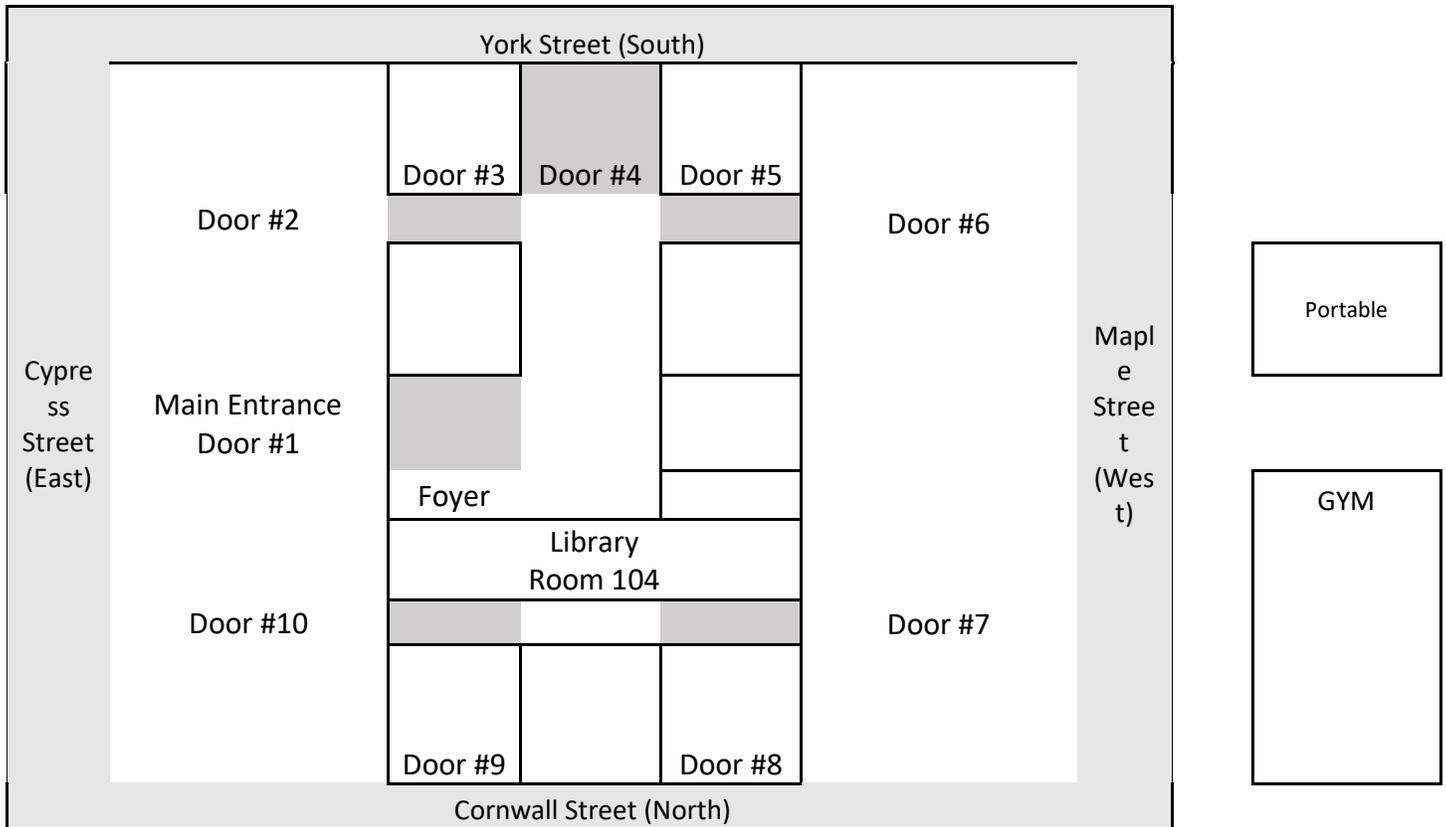
## **Keeping Your Distance**

Schools will continue to create space between students. This will include management of the movement of students in common areas such as hallways, in order to prevent crowding. Students will also be reminded to respect the personal space of others, to keep distance between themselves and others, and, to spread out as much as possible. We will also continue to take students outdoors, as much as possible, to engage in learning opportunities.

To reduce crowding at pick-up and drop-off times at Hudson, students are asked to enter the school using the entrances of their last year's class:

Division	Teacher	Door
1	Ms. Dosch	2
2	Ms. Roberge	Portable
3	Ms. Dixon	1
4	Mr. Dong	6
5	Mr. Hunter	2
6	Miss Cathy	7
7	Ms. Demosten	4
8	Mrs. Morehouse	2

9	Mrs. Johnson	10
10	Ms. Chang	4
11K	Mrs. Robinson/Mrs. Reed	8
12K	Ms. Hedley	9
13K	Mr. Hauptman	10
F14	TBD	7
F15	Mme Chloé	10
F16	Mme Elissa	6
F17	Mme Suzanne	7
F18	Mme Arielle	1



**Ventilation**

Over the past year, significant improvements to ventilation systems have been made at all schools. This work has included making repairs and upgrades to mechanical systems, replacing, and upgrading filters, setting controls to maximize the intake of outside air into learning spaces. Work has also been done to make sure windows in learning spaces can be opened to provide good ventilation.

**More Information**

More information about plans and guidelines to keep schools in British Columbia open and safe can be found [here](#). The Vancouver School District continues to encourage everyone who is eligible to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Details about vaccinations are available [here](#).

**CALENDAR 2021 – 2022**  
**School Operation Overview**

Number of Days in Session	186
Number of Days of Instruction	178
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non-Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

**Important Dates**

First Day of School for Students	Wednesday September 8, 2021
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Thursday, September 30, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 11, 2021
Remembrance Day	Thursday November 11, 2021
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday December 17, 2021
Winter Vacation Period	Monday December 20, 2021-Monday January 3, 2022
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Tuesday January 4, 2022
Family Day	Monday February 21, 2022
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday March 11, 2022
Spring Vacation Period	Monday March 14-Friday March 25, 2022
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday March 28, 2022
Good Friday	Friday April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	Monday, April 18, 2022
Victoria Day	Monday May 23, 2022
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Wednesday June 29, 2022
Administrative/School Closing Day	Thursday June 30, 2022

**Professional Development and Non-Instructional Days**  
**(School not in session)**

Tuesday September 7, 2021	In-Service Anti-Racism Training Day
Friday September 24, 2021	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 22, 2021	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 26, 2021	Indigenous Focus Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)
Monday January 17, 2022	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 18, 2022	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 25, 2022	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

**Parent Conference Dates**

**Early Dismissal Times**

Tuesday, November 9, 2021	2:00 pm
Wednesday, November 10, 2021	2:00 pm
Wednesday, March 9, 2022	2:00 pm
Thursday, March 10, 2022	2:00 pm

## PAC Information

On Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> the Hudson PAC will have a table out front with information on our PAC, seismic upgrade, and before and after school care. They will also be sending out information to families the first week of school for those who can't drop by in person. For more information, please check out the PAC website <https://www.hudsonpac.ca/>

## Closing Thoughts

We continue to recognize this is a very uncertain time, but together, with compassion and kindness, we will work to ensure the safety and well-being of every student. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through the complexities of school start-up this September. We sincerely look forward to welcoming back our staff and student community to our school.

### **Hudson Elementary Administration**

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*We humbly acknowledge that we live, work, and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), seílwitlh (Tseil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) nations.*