



J.D. Hogarth P.S. September 2025 Return to School



Important Dates

Tuesday Sept. 2 - PD Day (no School)

Wednesday Sept. 3 - Return to school for all students - 8:50 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

Tuesday Sept. 9 - School Council meeting from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 8 - Green Forms signed and returned

Thursday Sept. 11 - Picture Day

Thursday Sept. 11 - Meet the Teacher Open House from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

[Click here to see our whole calendar!](#)

First Morning - WEDNESDAY September 3, 2025

Please come around to the back of the school when you arrive on Wednesday, September 3rd. After 8:30 there will be signs posted on the school walls by the tarmac indicating grades 1-8. Students are to gather at the sign that shows the grade they are entering and from there, their teachers will get them into class groups. There will be extra staff on the tarmac to help anyone who isn't sure where to go.

First Week Forms

It's that time again! You will be receiving a lot of information during the first week. Your child will come home with a green package of forms. **These forms need to be signed and returned.**

- ☐ Verification of Student Information
- ☐ Consent to Share Personal Information
- ☐ Walking Trip Permission Form
- ☐ Concussion Code of Conduct

More information will be sent home digitally on the first day.

School Council - First Meeting

The first meeting for the 2025/2026 school year is Tuesday September 9th, **from 6:00-7:30 PM** in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

JD HOGARTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:35	Supervision begins
8:50 - 9:40	Period 1
9:40 - 10:30	Period 2
10:30 - 10:50	K - Grade 4 Eat Grade 5 - 8 Outside
10:50 - 11:10	K - Grade 4 Outside Grade 5 - 8 Eat
11:10 - 12:00	Period 3
12:00 - 12:50	Period 4
12:50 - 1:10	K - Grade 4 Eat Grade 5 - 8 Outside
1:10 - 1:30	K - Grade 4 Outside Grade 5 - 8 Eat
1:30 - 2:20	Period 5
2:20 - 3:10	Period 6
3:10	Dismissal

Open House

Please join us on **Thursday, September 11th between 5:30 and 7:00 PM** to walk through the school, visit your child's classroom, meet your child's teachers and enjoy a BBQ with your family.

School Supplies

Many parents ask about what school supplies to purchase for their child(ren). [Here is a list of suggested items](#). While we do have the necessary basic supplies available in the classroom, our school operates within a carefully allocated budget, and any additional items families are able to contribute are deeply appreciated and make a meaningful difference. Please ensure that anything brought from home is clearly labelled. Individual teachers will also provide class-specific lists if any additional supplies are needed.

Student Absences

If you know your child/children will be absent or late to school for any reason, please make sure you call the office at 519-787-0151 ext 100 prior to the start of the school day to inform us so we are aware of their whereabouts. Thanks in advance.

Sign In and Out

When your child is late for school he or she **MUST** check in at the office and pick up an admit slip. If your child will be picked up during the day, please come up to the office to sign them out and they will be called down.

Visitors

If you are visiting the school for any reason, please sign in at the office and pick up a visitor sticker. This will allow us to keep track of who is in the building in the event of an emergency and keep our students safe.

Grade 7 and 8 Lunch

Grade 7 & 8 students have the opportunity to go off site during the second nutrition break. Students are aware that there are important conditions for this privilege. [If your child is in grade 7 & 8, please read this rules and expectations letter](#).

School Cash Online

To reduce the amount of cash coming into the school, we appreciate parents using School Cash Online to pay for field trips, tournaments, lunches and special events. If you are not already set up with school cash online, please follow the instructions [here](#).

School Lunch Days

The following food days will continue to be available to purchase through **Lunch Box** starting the week of September 22nd:

Wednesday - Subway

Friday - Harvey's

Orders can be made online through **LunchBox** in school cash online which will open September 3rd.

NEW THIS YEAR:

We are lowering the cost of pizza and changing to ordering by the **term**. School Cash Online will be open September 3rd for term one pizza. Term one pizza will be served weekly from September 23rd to December 16th. Term two will run from January 6th - March 10th and Term three will run from March 24th to June 23rd. Due to the organization and the large volume of orders, we will not be accepting late orders so it is important to **order on time!**

Bussing Information

STWDSTS, our Transportation Consortium, has a newsletter with lots of helpful information to plan for transportation. Check out the newsletter [here!](#) In order to receive notifications of bus delays or cancellations. Go to <http://stwdsts.ca/home/> and download the "BusPlanner Delays App". **Bus route information is now available on the parent portal.**

Opting Out of Bussing

If you are eligible to take the bus but choose not to, please opt out on the student transportation website. *You do not need to opt out each year, it will carry forward from year to year.* You are able to opt back in by calling Transportation at 519-824-4119.

Signing Off the Daily Bus List

If students are NOT riding the bus home in the afternoon, it is their responsibility to come to the office after announcements to sign themselves off the bus list.

For the first week of school only, if students are not in their bus line and not signed off on the bus list, we will call parents to confirm the student's whereabouts.

Following this, if students are not in their bus line at the end of the day, the bus will leave.

Allergies

This is a reminder that we are a nut free facility. Please do not send food with nuts to school. This includes any imitation nut butters. We have several students with nut allergies and we appreciate your adherence to this policy.

Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions

Please contact the school as soon as possible if your child has a life-threatening medical condition, is required to take medication at school, or if your previous Plan of Care has changed over the summer. If you completed the annual renewal form in May, you do not need to fill out any new forms at this time.

UGDSB Policy 518: Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions, outlines the roles and responsibilities for all in the educational community to support students with possible life-threatening medical conditions.

The prevalent medical conditions covered under this policy are Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes and Epilepsy/Seizure Disorders. If your child has one of these, or any other



life-threatening medical condition, please visit: www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy (and look for Policy 518)
If your child requires medication, please bring it to the office (or in their backpack if indicated by their care plan) on the first day of school.

JD Communication

Communication with the community is very important to us. Our *digital sign* is updated regularly with important information; however, our *website* is updated every week to include 'JD Three' which is a highlight of three items of importance for the week. We will also send out a digital *monthly newsletter* highlighting important events and information. You can download the *UG Connect App*. It's a one-stop resource for parents to find important information about their child's school and the school board.



Cell Phones at School

JD Hogarth's policy on cell phone use in school is in alignment with new government legislation aimed at promoting a focused learning environment. Phones must remain on silent and out of sight throughout the school day. Students in Grades 7 and 8 may only use their phones during instructional time with explicit educator approval. Any unauthorized use will result in the phone being confiscated by JDH staff. If a phone is confiscated, the following procedure will be followed:

A first offense will result in the phone being taken away and a form filled out by the student outlining the reason for use.

A second offense, a phone call home will be made.

If a student's phone is taken away a third time, we will be asking a parent or caregiver to come to the school to pick up the phone.

Volunteering at JDH

If you're interested in volunteering, please note that a valid Vulnerable Sector Check is required. If you already have one that was completed within the past 6 months, you may bring it in. Once we have a police check on file, it remains valid for 5 years. Go to our website for more information on how to apply for a Vulnerable Sector Check.

Current and new volunteers are required to complete a Volunteer Agreement Form each year. Please complete a [volunteer agreement/declaration form](#) for the 2025-2026 school year and return it to your child's teacher.

Elementary School Organizations

Schools have built class lists based on their tentative organizations. Changes may be necessary at your child(ren)'s school in order for our Board to be compliant with Ministry parameters (see below). Any changes would be implemented by Monday, September 16th. Principals do not have the option of changing the school organization that is set by the District Staffing Committee of the Board. If changes affect your child(ren), you will be informed by the school.

Ministry of Education Parameters:

- Full Day Kindergarten Class Size Average for the Board is 26 students
- 90% of Full Day Kindergarten classes with 29 or fewer students
- 10% of Full Day Kindergarten classes with up to 32 students, under certain circumstances
- 90% of the Board's primary classes with 20 or fewer students
- 10% of the Board's primary classes up to a maximum of 23 students
- Grade 3/4 classes have a cap of 23 students
- Junior/Intermediate Class Size Average for the Board is 24.5 students

Emergency Response Training and Drills

Please review the letter regarding [emergency drills](#) that we will be conducting this school year.

PA Day Agenda for September 2nd

[Information for Elementary and Secondary Parents/Guardians found here.](#)

First Nation, Métis, Inuit Self-identification

If your child is a member of a First Nation, the Métis or the Inuit, then please consider having him or her self-identify. Self-identification helps in several ways:

1. Students will have access to more culturally relevant programming and opportunities for unique cultural and academic experiences.
2. The school system will have an opportunity to focus efforts and resources, as well as an increased awareness of the diverse needs of indigenous families.
3. The school community will have an opportunity for building relationships to increase student success and well being.



Share your pride in your heritage!

Please come to the office (or have your child do so) if you wish to self-identify.

Data will be protected and governed by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Code of Conduct & Bullying Prevention Plan

Please review the following documents prior to the school year.

- [JDH Code of Conduct](#) - outlines our school rules and is a great document to review with your children
- [UGDSB Code of Conduct](#)
- [Bullying Prevention Plan](#)

Video Surveillance Policy

It is the policy of the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) to support the use of video surveillance cameras. Video surveillance can promote a safe and secure environment while upholding the essential and legislated rights of privacy of individuals. Video surveillance is only one means by which the board will ensure a safe and secure learning environment and enhance business operating efficiencies for administrative purposes.