

2025/08/29 Sheridan Weekly Message to Caregivers



Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year!

My name is Mrs. Teszeri and I'm excited to be the new Principal at Sheridan Public School. I look forward to meeting students and their families over the next few weeks and am honoured to be working with you this year! **Our school year starts on Wednesday, September 3rd at 9:05 a.m. for ALL students in kindergarten to grade 5.** We strive to stay connected and communicate with families through our weekly school newsletter, School Messenger emails and our school website. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Class Placements

After 4 p.m. today, parents/guardians will receive a School Message with their child's class number and teacher's name. Teachers will be on the blacktop in the morning of the first day of school. They will be holding signs with their names and class numbers. Additional staff will also be available to assist if needed. If you do not know your child's class or teacher's name, please see one of the staff members with a yellow/orange vest for assistance.

Student Medical Conditions

If your child is new to Sheridan or returning and has a new medical condition, please ensure the office staff are made aware and appropriate procedures are put in place to support your child. All students with a prevalent medical condition (i.e., anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy) are required to have their Plan of Care document reviewed and updated every school year. If you have not yet filled out the annual review medical

forms for the upcoming school year please see the forms below and email it to patricioa@hdsb.ca as soon as possible to ensure that your child's Medical Plan of Care documents and information have been updated. Updated medical prescriptions should be brought with your child on the first day of school and dropped off at the main office. Leave the prescriptions (e.g., EpiPens, inhalers, seizure medication) in the original packaging with your child's name on it. Two EpiPen prescriptions are required - one to be stored in the office and one to be stored in the classroom (if kindergarten) or in a hip pouch on your child (grades 1 to 5).

Fire and Other Emergency Drills

Schools are required to practise emergency procedures so that students and staff are prepared should there be situations of fire, lockdown, hold and secure, and emergency evacuation. The first of our six fire drills will be held next week so that all students and staff know how to exit the school safely. Reassure your child that it is just for practice and that they should be very quiet, listen to their teacher and follow the instructions.

New to HDSB?

New to Halton District School Board? Please check out the following links to help you get set up for the first day of school.

[School Messenger Link \(Absence Reporting\)](#)

[School Cash Online](#)

[Sheridan P.S. Schedule](#)

What to Bring to School

- Backpack with their lunch/snack
- **Labelled** water bottle
- Indoor shoes and extra clothing to keep at school

Reporting Your Child's Absence

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each and every day. In order to report your child(ren)'s absence, you are required to access our [Safe Arrival program](#). The Safe Arrival program allows parents and guardians to report their child's absence in advance, or before bell time (9:05am) for the current day, in one of three ways:

- HDSB Mobile App (available for download from the App Store and Google Play)
- Website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/>
- Phone: 1-877-409-6310 (toll-free)

Allergy Reminder

Parents please remember when packing your child's lunch that there are some members of our school community who have a life-threatening allergy to all nuts/tree nuts including peanuts and peanut butter. Classroom teachers will advise their students' parents about other severe allergies. Please help us to ensure a safe environment for all children by not sending these items to school. **We cannot accept any food treats for birthdays and special occasions.**

Town of Oakville Crossing Guard Program Reminders

Safe Crossing Protocols

- Always use designated crosswalks and follow crossing guard instructions
- Children and parents must stay well back from the curb until assisted by a crossing guard.
- Pedestrians on bikes must dismount and walk their bicycles across the street.
- Avoid distractions like phones or headphones while crossing streets.

Driving in School Zones

- Drivers and cyclists must stop and yield the entire roadway at school crossings, pedestrian crossovers, and where crossing guards are present.
- Proceed only once all pedestrians and crossing guards have safely reached the sidewalk.
- Never block crosswalks, intersections, or driveways

Parking Guidelines

- Illegally stopped or parked vehicles near school zones compromise visibility and pose safety risks.
- Streets around our schools have "**No Stopping**" and "**No Parking**" signage to support safety - please respect these zones
- Consider parking a block away and walking in to reduce congestion and ensure a safer school perimeter.

Timing Matters

- Please note that many crossing guards serve multiple locations and it is crucial that students arrive and depart during the designated school supervision times in the morning and afternoon to ensure their safety and proper crossing guard coverage.

Message from Town of Oakville Parking Enforcement Services

The Municipal Enforcement Services team will be conducting regular morning and afternoon patrols at all Oakville schools throughout the year, on a rotating basis. Please review this important information: [School Zone Parking](#)

Volunteers at Sheridan Public School

If you are interested in volunteering in our school, you are required to have a Criminal Background Check with vulnerable sector screening. If you have a Criminal Background Check with vulnerable sector screening on file at the school, you need to complete the Halton District School Board's [Annual Offence Declaration](#) for this school year prior to volunteering. For your reference: [HDSB Volunteer Application Form](#)

Important Dates

September 2 - PA Day - no school for students

September 3 - First day of school for students

September 30 - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, September 3rd!!