



Caledonia Junior High School
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Dear Caledonia Families,

I hope you have had a safe and restful summer. We are so excited to welcome students and staff back to our building! The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 7th, 2021.**

All students are returning to school as outlined in Nova Scotia's updated back to school plan "Living with Covid-19". To learn more about the plan, please visit www.novascotia.ca/backtoschool.

We recognize that you may have questions about the new school year. Covid-19 has changed what our school and school day will look like, but it has not changed the quality of education, or the care and support your child will receive.

The following information will help with those returning/transitioning to Caledonia Junior High.

Masks and Hand Sanitizing:

- As per the current mandates from Public Health, all students will require masks upon entering the building and require them throughout the day in most school settings.
- Masks are required on the school bus.
- Hand sanitizing will still be required as students enter the building and will have the opportunity to sanitize their hands frequently.
- All students will receive an additional mask the first day of school. Please ensure students come with a mask.



Where do I go?

- Grade level doors: To ease congestion and large numbers of students in one area, students will enter the school:
 - Grade Seven students will enter/exit through the main entrance facing Caledonia Road.
 - Grade Eight students will enter/exit from the back of the building (Beasley Field side).
 - Grade Nine students will enter/exit the door near the basketball courts.

Locks and Lockers:

- Students will be issued locks and lockers this year. Students will be taught to use the locks provided by the school. Locks and lockers are the property of the school.
- Students will be travelling to and from their different classes this year, so good locker usage is important as students will not be able to leave items in their desks.

Student Safety:

- To ensure the students are safe the school parking lot is closed to outside traffic. We ask parents not to pull into the parking lots during morning entry and afternoon dismissal.

Caledonia Junior High Schedule:

- 8:25am - Students can arrive on school property
- 8:40am - Entry Bell (locker/transition to first period)
- 8:45am - First period class begins
- 9:45am - Second period class begins
- 11:45am - Lunch Dismissal (see below for additional information).
- 12:40pm - End of Lunch entry bell
- 12:45pm - Fourth period Class begins
- 1:45pm - Fifth period begins.
- 2:45pm - End of school day. Walkers are dismissed and all bus students will wait at the back of the school for their bus.



Lunch:

- Lunch runs from 11:45am through 12:40pm. Students who go home for lunch will be asked to return to Caledonia as close to 12:40pm as possible. Students who are remaining on school property at lunch will eat in our lunch room and then have time outside in the back (pavement and small ball field).
- It is important to note that Beazley Field, the skate park and basketball courts are not school property. On the first day of school all students who are walkers will be dismissed to walk home. Forms will be sent home on the first day for parents/guardians to sign regarding future lunch plans.

Information:

There will be information shared throughout the first week of school, as well as the school year. We use a variety of methods to deliver the information:

The school Website (<https://caj.hrce.ca/>), School twitter (@CJHS_HRSB), Electronic Newsletters, Emails (please check your junk folder) and some paper forms.

First Day Procedures

The first day will look different for students so we have included a brief summer of what students can expect and to look for when they arrive at school. Teachers will be around ensuring students are in the right area and making sure students are comfortable.

Students can arrive on school property after 8:25am.

Grade seven students will come to the front of the building. Pylons will designate an area for grade seven students on the pavement. We ask that students not wait on the sidewalk as it becomes congested and distracting for drivers.

Grade eight students will go to the back of the school and **grade nine students** will go to the designated area in the parking lot near the basketball courts.



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Homeroom class lists will be posted on the grade level entry doors the morning of the first day of school. Students can check their homeroom class while they wait. Additionally, teachers will have copies of class lists to help students find their homeroom number.

When the bell rings teachers will call their students by homeroom. If your child does not hear their name they can speak with a staff member who can direct them to the office for support.

Students will sanitize and go with their homeroom teacher to their class. Students will remain with their homeroom teacher for the first two periods of the day. Teachers will teach students to use their locks, introduce and review school procedures, schedules and other school operations. Third period students will go to scheduled class. Staff will be in the hallways ensuring students easily find their way to their next class.

Lunch on the first day: All walkers will be dismissed to walk home for lunch at 11:45am and should return for the 12:40 bell. Bus students will eat in the lunch room and then have time outside.

After the lunch period, starting at 12:45pm students will have two more periods of classes. **Students will be dismissed at 2:45pm.** Students will be asked to exit their grade level door. Walkers are asked to make their way off property after the dismissal. Bus students will exit the back of the building and wait with staff for their bus. Students should know their afternoon bus number/route. If you require assistance regarding busing please contact transportation@hrce.ca or call 9024314723.

We are excited to welcome our new sevens and welcome back our eights and nines. See you soon!

Kind Regards,
Caledonia Junior High