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The 'DRAGON'

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# St. George-German School

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## Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to a school year like no other! We know everyone has been extra diligent with hand hygiene and mask wearing and we want to extend our deepest thank you! It has been wonderful having the classrooms and outdoor spaces of St George German filled with happy children and eager teachers.

## Absent or Running Late?

When you call to tell us your child is absent, we will need you to leave details of why. If the reason for being absent is one of the COVID symptoms you will need to follow the Health Unit protocol:

1. Parents contact their health provider to determine if a COVID test is required
2. They take a COVID test
3. If 1 & 2 are not followed, they must self-isolate for 14 days

(If sent home and protocol is followed, they must be 24hrs symptom free before returning to school)

If you are keeping your child at school for **longer** than the recommended 24hrs symptom free, ensure you call the office and let us know.

**If a student arrives after the bell has rung in the morning, they must go in through the front door of the school to be signed in and receive a late slip.**

We want to make sure all our Dragons are safe at all times. Thank you

## Orange Shirt Day—September 30, 2020



The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on. (<https://www.orangeshirtday.org/about-us.html>)



## Lanyards and Masks

Thank you to the St. George Lions Club who donated mask lanyards to our school. We appreciate all you do for us and thank you for thinking of us! These lanyards were made available to every student, and they have the important “break-away” feature at the back. **We have noticed some lanyards sent to school have solid backs, and they are a health and safety concern. Please double check that your child(ren)’s lanyard has a “break-away” feature.**



## Upcoming Dates

### October 1 and October 2

- Terry Fox Run

### Friday Oct 9:

- Spirit day — Welcome back, Dragons!  
Wear spirit wear or **blue** and **red**

## Microsoft Showcase School

We have some exciting news to share! We are proud to have been selected as a Microsoft Showcase School, working in the “Incubator Path”. We are one of only a few schools in Canada to be recognized with this global learning achievement. Through educator collaboration in our school, we continue to provide our students with a variety of digital tools to enable them as 21<sup>st</sup> Century, digital learners. We have earned our recognition as a Microsoft Showcase school in part because our students are learning to be #FutureReady! Our students access their 0365 accounts by logging into office.com with their Grand Erie accounts. Students have access to real-life problem solving and computational thinking opportunities, coding experiences, and game-based learning through Minecraft. We are extremely proud to continue our professional development as a staff to engage our students in new and exciting ways! Stay tuned, dragons, for continued updates as we begin our journey as a Microsoft Showcase School!

We are a Microsoft Showcase School

