



Runnymede Junior & Senior Public School
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Dear Runnymede Families,

Bienvenue! I would like to start by introducing myself, my name is Deborah Zamin and I am the Principal here at Runnymede Jr and Sr PS. Along with our Vice Principals, Cherril George and Jamie Price, we are very excited about this upcoming year and the opportunity to work with the students and families in our community.

We are delighted to extend a very warm welcome to all of our families who are returning to Runnymede and to all families who are new to our school community from junior kindergarten to grade 8. We trust that you will find our school to be welcoming and supportive of student success. The staff is happily anticipating a dynamic and productive 2022-2023 school year, as we work to provide the best possible learning environment for your children. We are a vibrant community and dual track school of over 900 students and close to 100 staff members. We are also looking forward to strengthening the essential partnership among our committed staff, enthusiastic students and supportive parents, guardians and community partners.

As a staff, we will be working together to continue to learn together and improve our practice in order to create a positive learning environment for all of the students in the school. Here at Runnymede, we have a mix of new and returning staff members and a beautiful campus which includes inviting indoor and outdoor learning spaces. Our staff includes educators at various stages of their careers. They hold a wide array of qualifications, experiences and talents. As a result, rest assured that your children are in great hands! Our office team, led by Ms. Roberts, Ms. McCrimmon and Ms. Carambelas have been actively completing registrations this week. Homeroom teachers have been setting up inviting classes all week and will be reaching out on **Tuesday, September 6** in the afternoon with welcome letters and first day information regarding the return to school. The school will share updates with parents in the first days and beyond, along with our weekly **Runnymede Reminders**. Please look for it in your inbox and ensure that we have your current email on file as the bulk of our communications will be online. The TDSB recently navigated to a new board-wide platform and schools are working with the details of that online system.

On the first day of school, **Wednesday, September 7th**, homeroom teachers and staff will be outside the school on the paved area and field to welcome our students beginning at 8:35 a.m. Students will enter the school at 8:50 a.m. The teachers will be holding a sign with the grade and class number will be posted. Staff will be present and available to help answer questions and direct students seeking their teacher location.

You will also be receiving an email from TDSB with a link to forms that must be filled out and returned. These packages contain information and parental consent documents necessary for your child's safety and participation in various programs. If you have any questions, feel free to ask your child's teacher or visit us in the office.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. As always, we look forward to a positive school year with parental and community support. As we embark on another learning and thriving school year, we wanted to first take a moment to send a greeting and a warm welcome. We will work collaboratively to ensure quality education for all students at Ecole Runnymede Jr and Sr Public School.

"It takes a village to raise a child" – African proverb

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah Zamin".

Deborah Zamin