

Welcome Back!!!!

Aurora staff is super excited to see all of our kids tomorrow!

What will the first day of school look like?

We will be running a day 1-5 schedule this year which will coincide with Vera's schedule. On Tuesday, September 6th students will spend the day with their homeroom teachers organizing their stuff, getting to know their schedules and doing some team building activities with their classmates. On Wednesday, September 7th we will start the day 1-5 schedule and it will be a day 1. Like past years, doors do not open until 8:20am on school days. For safety reasons students being dropped off and picked up before and after school must be dropped off and picked up at the South entrance (the cafeteria doors). Students should never be let out of vehicles in a place requiring them to cross traffic and bus lanes at these times! Students arriving and leaving via bus or walking can enter through the front main entrance. Parents coming for pickup please be mindful to not block off the bus routes.

Is programming returning to normal?

We are glad to be able to offer wonderful programs like Music, Home Ec, Fine Arts, Industrial Arts/Shop, active living, field trips and extracurricular activities again. Sign-up for volleyball, mountain biking and other sports begins right away in the gym! We are also happy to announce that all our Grade 6 students will have band programming all year. Grade 7 and 8's will be able to choose between Band, Active Living and Creative Explorations this year.

What cafeteria service is available?

We are an [APPLE School](#) so nutrition is a top priority! The Breakfast Program will be up and running with fruit, cereal, muffins, and other offerings available free of charge each morning from 8:20am-8:40am in the cafeteria. This year, for lunch, we will have affordable, healthy, hot meals provided that align with Vera's Nutrition programming. Pre-purchase of meals through [School Cash](#) is required, as there will be no cash sales. In order for our chef to order enough supplies, parents will typically need to purchase meals a week in advance. There will be no beverage purchases at this time, so please

send your child with a refillable water bottle and snacks for morning snack break. The [Kids are Worth It](#) program will continue to support hungry students throughout the year!

Does my child need a lock for their locker?

We are using lockers this year, though students will only be able to access them at designated break times. Grade 5 through 8 students should purchase a \$10 lock through [School Cash](#). Grade 4 students do not need to purchase a lock, but may choose to do so in order to have their child practice as part of their transition plan.