

## **Webber Academy - New Family Information**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

**1. What is the first day of school and what time do we arrive?**

This is specific to your child's grade level:

- Jr. Kindergarten has a staggered entry in which half of the children start on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 and the other half start on Thursday, August 26, 2021.
- Jr. Kindergarten (JK), runs from 8:20 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.
- Sr. Kindergarten (SK): Wednesday, August 25, 2021, runs from 8:20 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Grs. 1- 6: Wednesday, August 25, 2021, runs from 8:20 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Grs. 7-12: Wednesday, August 25, 2021, runs from 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**2. Where do I go on the first day of school?**

This is specific to your child's grade level. Email communication from administration will be sent a week prior to August 25<sup>th</sup> with specific details about the first day of school.

**3. Can I park anywhere on the school campus?**

No, parents are assigned the two parking lots directly in front of the school on both sides of the traffic circle with the two flagpoles. The Performing Arts Centre and Senior School parking lots are reserved for staff and students.

**4. Which door do we use to enter the school?**

This is specific to your child's grade level:

- JK-SK: Kindercentre.
- Grs. 1-6: The South Elementary entrance near the music rooms.
- Grs. 7-9: The front entrance.
- Grs. 10-12: The North Senior School entrance

**5. Can you tell me who my child's teacher is before the first day of school?**

No, all students will learn who their teachers are on the first day of school and not before.

**6. Can I request a specific teacher for my child?**

No, preferred teacher requests will not be considered as teachers and administrators put a great deal of time and energy into class placements and we cannot accommodate such requests.

**7. Where can I find uniform information?**

In the current Parent-Student Handbook or at [www.topmarks.ca](http://www.topmarks.ca) or call 1-800-667-7105.

**8. Can I buy uniform items from local stores?**

No, all clothing items worn to school must be uniform issued items from Top Marks.

**9. Does my child wear his/her formal dress uniform or non-formal dress uniform on the first day of school?**

Yes, all students are required to wear the 'formal' uniform on the first day of school, on the first school day of each week during the school year, and on the first day back to school after any scheduled school break or long-weekend.

**10. What if my child does not have their complete uniform for the first day of school?**

To avoid this, please ensure that your uniform order is placed by the deadline set by Top Marks. **June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Top Marks uniforms are dedicated to making sure every child has the appropriate uniform for the start of school. Children will worry if they do not have their complete uniform on the first day of school; however, in the case of late acceptances, new students simply need to let their teacher know that their uniform is on the way and they will be excused from a uniform infraction for that day.

**11. How many pairs of shoes do I need for my child?**

- One pair of plain black leather, non-marking shoes for daily wear with uniform
- One pair of gym runners (for indoor use only)
- Weather appropriate outdoor footwear for wear to and from school and during recess and lunch breaks.

**12. Do the gym runners have to be completely white or can they have some colour on them?**

They can be any colour as long as they have non-marking soles.

**13. Does my child need a gym kit?**

Only children in grades 4-12 change for gym classes. Children in grades JK-3 only change their shoes.

**14. Where can I find busing information?**

New families are emailed busing registration forms near the end of May each year. If you wish to take the bus please submit this form. Southland will create the bus routes based on the addresses submitted, keeping in mind the bus boundaries. **Bus routes are finalized mid-August**. You can email Corri Esposito at [cesposito@webberacademy.ca](mailto:cesposito@webberacademy.ca) if you have further bussing questions.

**15. Can I have email addresses or phone numbers of other children in the class so my child gets to know a friend over the summer?**

No, we cannot release any personal information on our students without parental permission; however, teacher and homeroom parent will assist with a preauthorized class list once school begins.

**16. Will my child be assigned a ‘buddy’ with a returning student on the first day of class?**

Yes, each new student is assigned a buddy to show them around (with the exception of JK/SK); however, teachers always take their classes on tours during the first day of school to help the children get to know their new environment.

**17. Is the office open during the summer to drop off payment and forms?**

Yes, the school office is open from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday during the summer months.

**18. How do I know if my child is too sick to send to school?**

This is not always easy to determine; however, if your child has any fever (even low grade), cough, chills, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea we ask that you keep them at home for at least a day or two. You should be consulting with a physician if symptoms persist before returning them to school. Please notify the front office either via email ([attend@webberacademy.ca](mailto:attend@webberacademy.ca)) or by phone (403) 277-4700 prior to 8:00 a.m. It is a good idea to ‘cc’ the homeroom teacher on the email regarding absence from school.

**19. How do I sign up for Kid’s Club (after school care for students in JK through Grade Five)?**

You do not have to sign up in advance; however, you will be required to complete a registration form for this programme. This service can be used as a drop-in service or on a regular basis for a rate of \$14/hr. Your child’s attendance will be recorded and you will be invoiced for this service. Please inform your child’s teacher through email or the Student Agenda if your child is to be sent to Kid’s Club.

**20. Will my child be given an agenda?**

All students in grades 1-12 receive an agenda planner. This planner is designed to keep track of daily homework and forthcoming tests, school events, and notices. It is also a communication tool for teachers and parents. All students are encouraged to develop the habit of using the agenda effectively.