

East Garafraxa Public School

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year!

Dear East Gary families,

Welcome back to a new school year 2022-23. The East Gary Public School staff are excited to welcome all of our new and returning students. Students and staff are back to East Gary Public School on Tuesday, September 6th! Upon arrival staff will be available to direct students and help get oriented. Our school day starts at 8:45 am and finishes at 3:15 pm. We ask that students are not dropped off prior to 8:30 am. Please find below some more information about the first day of school.

No Kindergarten Staggered Entry

We will **NOT** be having a “staggered entry” for students this year. This means that all students will come to school on Tuesday, September 6th.

Before Coming to School

COVID-19 Screening and general illness:

- All parents must continue to screen their children daily before leaving home for symptoms of COVID-19 and illness. If there are symptoms, children need to stay home from school. If COVID-19 is suspected, testing is recommended.
- [COVID-19 Screening](#)

What to Bring to Back to School Supplies

As stated in the Education Act, all schools will provide students with the necessary supplies required for fulsome learning. Please keep in mind that this top up list would be a great enhancement to what supplies we already provide. We appreciate any contributions parents make when shopping for school supplies for their own children. Please label all items. If support is needed for items such as a backpack, lunch bag, etc. please contact the school.

Kindergarten (JK/SK) please label everything!

- Indoor shoes for gym/class and outdoor shoes (that students can put on independently)
- Seasonal spare clothes in a large ziplock bag clearly labeled with your child’s first and last name (replace as needed)

- One book of small tissues for each child/Kleenex for classroom use
- Apply sunscreen at home in the warmer weather
- lunch box and containers
- Blanket for quiet reading time
- An appropriately sized backpack to pack independently

Primary (Grade 1-3)

- Water bottle
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil crayons (1pkg)
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue stick
- 30 cm ruler
- Indoor shoes (non marking soles, appropriate for gym)
- Outdoor shoes
- Pencil case or box
- Earphone for computer (with own bag, plastic or cloth)
- Lunch bag
- Knapsack

(All items well labeled, please!)

Junior (Grades 4-6)

Please bring all items listed under the primary section, PLUS:

- Highlighters
- Red pen
- Calculator
- Markers (1 pkg)
- 3-hole punch lined paper

Intermediate (Grade 7-8)

Please bring all the items listed under the primary and junior sections, PLUS:

- Earbuds (mandatory, can't be shared for hygiene)
- BYOD (if possible - we are supporting the Board's Bring your own Device policy for technology)
- Device chargers
- Calculator (with square and root functions, scientific calculator)
- Pens (blue or black, and red)
- Erasers

- Ruler (with metric measurements)
- 2x2 inch binder with at least 6-8 dividers
- 3 hole lined paper
- Indoor athletic shoes (non-marking soles, appropriate for gym)
- Change of clothing for gym class (shorts, t-shirt, track, pants, etc)

Late Arrival/Absences:

Parents will need to call or email the office or email the teacher in advance if they are planning to pick up their children early or if their child will be absent on an upcoming day. Parents must phone the main office upon arrival while outside the front doors of the school. Late arrivals: **Call the office to be admitted: 519 855-4484.**
Doors will be locked for student safety and security.

Communication with the School

- We will be sending home our regular package of information on the first day of school. Please complete the forms, and return them to your child's teacher as soon as you can.
- Please download the messenger app and follow the link: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/parents/school-messenger-app/> to receive updates directly from the school to your email.
- If you haven't already please consider downloading the UG Connect App to receive notifications <https://launch.customschoolapp.net/uppergrand/> from the Board
- You can call the office at 519 855-4484

**I look forward to seeing all of our students, staff and parents
and having an amazing school year!**

Lena Federico
Principal

