



Dear Jockvale Families,

As summer comes to an end, we hope you and your family enjoyed the opportunity to relax, rejuvenate and reconnect with family and friends. We are happy to prepare for a new school year and we are excited to welcome our Jaguars back to Jockvale!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 2023 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR JK to GRADE 6 -

Our new and returning students will join us at Jockvale on September 5th.

Please note the school day begins at 8:30 a.m. Supervision on the yard begins at 8:20 a.m. For safety reasons, students should not arrive prior to 8:20 a.m. unless they are enrolled in the [EDP program](#).

- Kindergarten classes will meet in the front for KJSA and KJSB. KJSC and KJSD will be in the kindergarten yard.
- All other students will be directed to go around to the back of the school within the yellow walkway by the gym.
- Parents/guardians of primary students may bring their children to the back of the school on the first day. At the end of the day, primary students will be dismissed through the Front entrance (Door A).
- Junior students will exit the building at the end of the day through their regular exit door (Door D or Door E).

Class lists will be posted by the different entry doors for parents/guardians to view, if needed. Signs will be placed on the pavement at the back of the school, labeled with teacher last names and class code (e.g., R1A/Waddell) to help students and parents/guardians find their homerooms.



We will have many staff helpers to guide families and students!



CLASS PLACEMENTS - Our wonderful Jockvale teachers emailed their students' families today. If your child is registered at Jockvale, and you have not received an email from your child's teacher, please email jockvalees@ocdsb.ca.

OSTA & TRANSPORTATION - Families may recall that last spring all students were required to submit confirmation that they would be taking the bus. If you did not have an opportunity to complete that information in the spring, you will need to do so ASAP at <https://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/> to ensure your child is able to take the bus once school starts on Sept. 5th, 2023. This year Jockvale will have six buses.

If you are looking for bus stop and time information, OSTA has indicated that the information is now available on the Parent Portal as of **August 30th, 2023**. Please contact OSTA directly with any questions or concerns.

CHANGES TO THE YARD - As communicated in the spring, there have been some changes made to the yard to accommodate the growth of Jockvale ES and John McCrae SS. We now have two portables and the goal posts of our soccer field have been moved while still maintaining a full-size field. Ms. Choudhery's (R45A) and Ms. Baines' (R5A) classes have been assigned to the portables.

ELECTRONIC FORMS - All families are asked to complete the following electronic form for their children.

MEDIA RELEASE: <https://forms.ocdsb.ca/Forms/Media-School-Website-Consent-Form>

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE - Jockvale will once again be using School Cash Online as our primary method of ordering and paying for a variety of programs (i.e., food programs, field trips, etc) throughout the school year. This convenient program allows you to shop and make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your own home. Please feel free to register at your convenience at <https://ocdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>.

We look forward to welcoming our Jaguars on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023! Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to send us an email or call us at the school once our office reopens on September 5th.

Enjoy your long weekend!

Loretta and Karl

