



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 to Jockvale!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2024 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR JK to GRADE 6

Our new and returning students will join us at Jockvale on September 3rd.

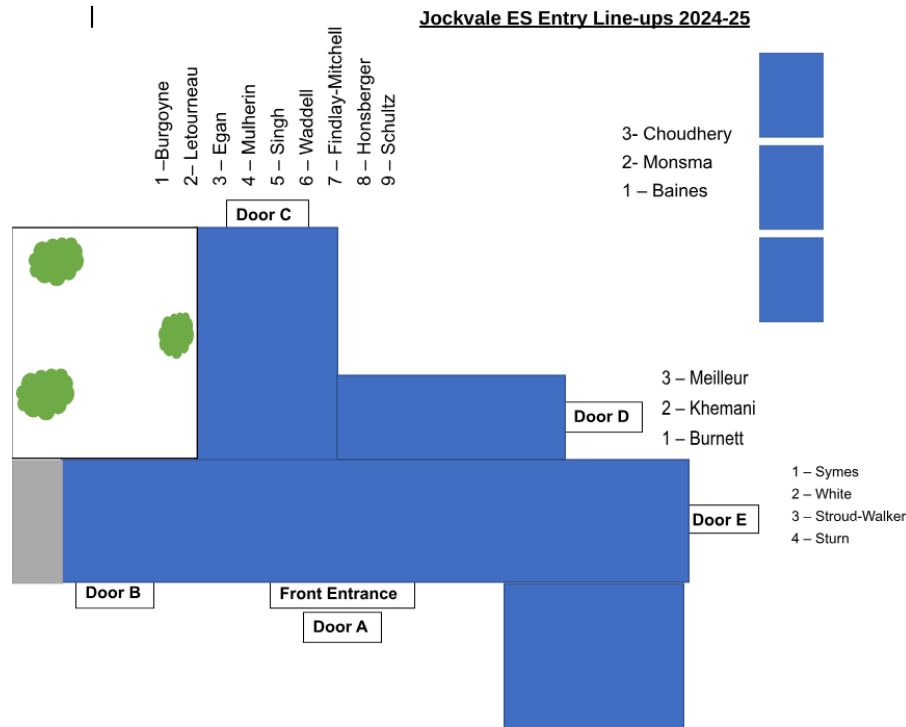
Please note the school day begins at 8:30 a.m. Supervision on the yard begins at 8:15 a.m. For safety reasons, students should not arrive prior to 8:15 a.m. unless they are enrolled in the [EDP program](#).

- Kindergarten classes will meet 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 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).

Staff will be available to direct students to their classes. 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.



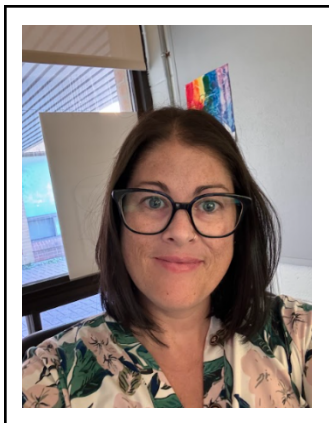
We will have many staff helpers to guide families and students!



CLASS PLACEMENTS - A form email was sent out to families this afternoon with your child's class placement. A great deal of time, effort, and input goes into creating classes. Parent/guardian input was invited before the class placement process began in the late spring.

In addition, class reorganization is always a possibility until October, depending on registrations and demits, and decisions in this regard are made in consultation with the OCDSB. Families will be notified of a possible reorganization and the resultant class changes in a timely manner.

We anticipate that there may be a reorganization this fall, especially with our primary classes, but will not know until later in September.



NEW ACTING VP SARA AZARBAR - My name is Sara Azarbar and I have the pleasure of supporting and working alongside Loretta in the office this year as Vice Principal. This is my 8th year at Jockvale E.S. I taught grade 6 for a few years before moving into a special education

role. I was the Learning Support Teacher for the last 2 years and will continue part-time as LST this year. Jockvale is home and has such an amazing group of students, parents, and educators. I am thrilled to be embarking on this new journey and look forward to meeting those students and families I have not yet had the pleasure to.

A MESSAGE FROM JOCKVALE ES SCHOOL COUNCIL -

Hi Jaguars - We are looking forward to another exciting school year!

All parents and guardians are invited to the school council Annual General Meeting and first meeting of the year where the new council will be elected, on Wednesday September 25th at 6:00 pm, located in the school library. Childcare can be made available during the meeting by emailing sc-jockvalees@ocdsb.ca.

Subway days will take place Tuesdays starting September 17th. Please stay tuned for more information next week.

OSTA & TRANSPORTATION - Please check <https://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/> to ensure your child is able to take the bus once school starts on Sept. 3rd, 2024.

If you are looking for bus stop and time information, please check the OSTA website/app and/or contact OSTA directly with any questions or concerns. We highly recommend that parents/guardians download the app and sign up for notifications that include short and long term cancellations.

CHANGES TO THE YARD(S) - As communicated in the spring, there have been some changes made to the yard to accommodate the growth of Jockvale ES. We now have three portables. Ms. Choudhery's (R4A), Ms. Monsma's (R45A), and Ms. Baines' (R5A) classes have been assigned to the portables.

In anticipation of opening a new daycare centre, the enclosed front yard by the gym is under construction. We do not yet have any information about an opening date for the daycare.

ELECTRONIC FORMS - Homeroom teachers will share and track electronic forms with their students' families over the next week. Please fill them in promptly, thanks!

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.schoolcashionline.com/>.

We look forward to welcoming our Jaguars on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024! 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 3rd.

Enjoy your long weekend!

Loretta and Sara

