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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school! Our first week went well as we were able to move the Grade 1 to 5 students to their new classrooms. Due to staffing changes in August we still have two teaching positions to fill. We anticipate the new teachers starting early next week. In the interim, we are very lucky to have two excellent teachers preparing these students for their new teacher. Mme Turcotte is teaching one of our grade 4/5 FI classes and Miss Chan is teaching our grade 2 Eng. class. We are also waiting for word from the school district about an additional teacher. If we are allocated one we will be dividing our two grade 4/5 Eng. classes into three classes. This will be determined by Thursday or Friday this week. Hopefully in time that all grade 4/5 parents will know what teacher to visit on Meet the Teacher night. I will let you know as soon as I can.

Sincerely,

Murray Harris

Here are some items of note for this month: (all dates are on the website calendar: <https://sjd.sd61.bc.ca/calendar/>)

Meet the Teacher Night: Thursday, September 15th, 6:30 to 7:30. Please come to the school to meet your child's new teacher and get a brief overview of the year to come. There will be two sessions for those with multiple students at SJD. The first session starts at 6:30 and the second session will start at 7:05

Terry Fox Run: The run is being held this Friday, September 16th. We will begin on the front hard top at 1:15 pm. and **everyone is welcome to join** in and participate in this event. Our school has a fine tradition of participation and fundraising for this very worthwhile cause. Donations will only be accepted on-line this year. Please do not send money into school.

Provincial Development Day: Monday, September 19. School Closed District wide

Anxiety Workshop for Parents: September 20th <http://bit.ly/Forceintheknowworkshop>

PAC Meeting: Wednesday, September 21st. 6:30 in the school library

Student Photo Day. On Friday, September 30th individual student photos will be taken. Proofs will be sent home at a later date, together with an order package for parents to complete and return to the school.

Orange Shirt Day: Thursday, September 29th. <http://orangeshirtday.weebly.com/about.html> Wear your orange shirt in support of awareness of residential schools

Newsletters: Our school **newsletter** will be sent home via email on the 1st and the 15th of each month. Our first newsletter will be Oct. 3rd.

Parent-Teacher Interviews - are scheduled for October 12th and 13th. On these two days, we will be dismissing our students at 11:50 a.m. as interviews begin at 1:00 p.m. More information will come home in October.

NB Please go to the school website to inform us that your child will be absent or late. <https://sjd.sd61.bc.ca/student-info/attendance/>
Please include your child's last name and division number.