

Dear Clipper Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We look forward to an exciting year of learning and growth with your child at Cunard Junior High School. Our **Curriculum Night will be held on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 6pm-7pm**. We are excited for you to join us on that day, in person, to receive information about your child's curriculum and expectations this year.

During this time, we ask that you **bring in any school supplies** you would like to drop off to lighten the burden for your child on the first day of school. Curriculum Night is a time to meet the teacher, look at the classroom, observe some of the learning agendas for the school year and ask any questions you may have about the learning that will be taking place. If you have questions or concerns around your child's learning specifically, please make arrangements for a private conversation at a later date.

The **first day of school will be on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 8:10am**. Please be sure your child is at school on time. All grade 7 and 8 students will go directly upstairs, and teachers will help them find their classroom. All elementary students will gather in the gymnasium along with any new students to our building.

Please welcome the following new staff to Cunard Junior High School:

Jill Sabadash – Vice Principal

Angela Gillis – Grade 5

Alison Power/Meghan Andrea – Grade 5/6

Rebecca Cassidy – Exploring Music (Grade 5-8)

Maryann Farrell – Family Studies and Art (Grade 7 and 8)

Jada Moshett-Crawford – Resource (Grade 5-8)

Bahija Scott – Core French (Grade 5-8)

Sara Tillett – English Language Arts (Grade 7 and 8)

Rachel Dunford – EPA

Justin Gannon – EPA

Elsy Giminez – EPA

Leju Saras – EPA

Tim MacLeod – Junior High Intervention Teacher

Robin Kroeker – Speech and Language Pathologist

As we all work together to provide the best education we can for your child, we invite you to be a partner in your child's learning. We encourage open communication with your child and teachers. Please give our staff 48 hours to respond to any communication. We encourage email as it is the easiest way for our staff to receive messages.

For up-to-date information on Nova Scotia's Back To School Plan, please visit <https://backtoschool.ednet.ns.ca/>.

Our **daily school day** will be as follows:

Supervision for students – 7:55am

First Bell for students to enter the building and prepare for their day (lockers, etc) – 8:10am

First class – 8:15am

11:15-12:10pm – Lunch

12:15pm – first period after lunch

2:15pm dismissal

Please encourage your child to be on time for all classes. When students are late, they miss important instruction and disrupt the learning of others. Students late for school will be required to make up the time, at a later date, during lunchtime.

Some **important reminders and new procedures** for this coming year:

-all cell phones, electronics must be left in lockers or turned off/silent during instructional time. If it is seen by a teacher, students will be required to leave it in the office until 2:15pm

-no backpacks will be allowed in classrooms. Students will be provided school cinch bags or they may carry materials to class

-students late for school will be required to make up the time during lunchtime, at a later date

-no food or drinks are allowed during instructional time. Water will be allowed.

-students must go outside during assigned lunchtime, no exceptions. Please dress appropriately.

The school is always looking for **volunteers**. If you are interested in volunteering as a chaperone or helping to **coach a team or club**, please let us know. Also, please be sure to complete all appropriate paperwork (Child Abuse Registry and Criminal Record Check) prior to any activities as these forms take time to complete. <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-child-abuse-register-search>

Please consider joining our **School Advisory Council** as we will have some spots open for this year. More information to come in the upcoming weeks.

Sincerely,

Sabitha Masih

Principal Cunard Junior High School

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