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Hello to our Frank Ryan Community. Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year. It will be a much different year than we have experienced in the past, but we look forward to working with you. If you are a parent of a child who elected to enroll in the virtual school, I believe you will be receiving communication about their procedures closer to the first day of school. We are not able to answer questions about the virtual school at this time. Below is some information that I hope all parents find helpful, but is directed to parents of students who will be attending Frank Ryan for In-Person Learning starting the week of September 8th.

Yesterday (August 26th), the school board sent out a communication. [Please click here to review the communication.](#)

Highlights include:

1. First day of School for Grade 7 students is Tuesday September 8th
2. First day of school for Grade 8 students is Wednesday September 9th
3. First Day of Yellow School Bus transportation is Monday September 14th. Please direct all questions about Yellow School Bus transportation to OSTA. [Click here for information about OSTA and yellow school buses.](#)
4. [Hand Hygiene Routine Video](#)
5. [FAQ document](#)
6. Ministry of Education: operational guidance on [Outbreak Management in Schools](#). This document was produced in collaboration with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health.
7. [Board Plan/Resource for Parents](#) (updated August 26th)

Other Considerations for the Start of School

1. Unfortunately we will not be able to do any tours/visits for students as we can not gather in large numbers. In the first days of school, staff will welcome students and review all pertinent information. We will send more information home via email closer to the start of

the first school day. We trust that students will adjust to their new environment very quickly as we have a dedicated staff to support our learners.

2. BYOD (Bring your own Device)

Students are encouraged to bring their own device for learning to school. The recommended device is a chromebook as it supports the google suite of apps for education that is used by our school board. The school does have devices that can be shared (with proper cleaning), but you are welcome to provide your own chromebook should you choose (thus not having to share a device). Chromebooks can be purchased at retailers such as Staples, Amazon, Costco etc., etc. [Click here to read more information about how the OCSB supports BYOD.](#)

3. Suggested Items to Bring to School

[-please click here to view a list](#) of suggested items to bring to school. This list was shared earlier in the [OCSB return to school resource package](#).

4. OSTA/Bus Information

OSTA has indicated that the first day of transportation for students via yellow school bus will be September 14th. [Please visit the OSTA website](#) to find answers to questions related to the yellow school bus (e.g. stops, times, protocols, etc., etc.). The school does not set up the bus routes.

5. [FAQ questions](#) & Answers (found on Board Website)

As we prepare for the first day of school to welcome our students, we will send more information closer to the day. We look forward to working cooperatively with you and your child this year. There will be some different routines in place this year compared to last year, but again, everything will be reviewed at the appropriate time.

Thank you.

Michael Raso.

Principal, Frank Ryan Catholic Intermediate School.