

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

August 1, 2023

Dear Students and Parents,

I hope you are enjoying your summer vacation and a well-deserved break from school.

⇒ This is a reminder that the new school year begins on **Tuesday August 29** for all students. The school day will begin at 8:30. Please be here by 8:00 so that you have time for breakfast.

Our first day will include a whole-school assembly, orientation and registration for new and returning students; we want to make sure you all have a chance to meet each other. We'll also be arranging lockers, uniforms, transportation. New students should bring their passports and study permits. If you haven't already sent a copy of your childhood vaccination records, please bring them with you too.

This is a key day to make sure you are ready for school, understand your timetable and schedule and have everything you need for a successful year. Classes continue on Wednesday August 30.

⇒ **New Students:** Here are some key pointers to make your travels and arrival easier.

1. Please send us your itinerary as soon as possible; ideally, we should receive it no less than 14 days before you plan to travel. This helps us to arrange residence facilities, airport transportation and send you all necessary documentation and accommodation that may be needed.
2. Complete and print all the travel documentation sent to you by SOC. Carry it with you when you travel. We generally send this when we receive your itinerary.
3. Don't forget to check and bring your letter of enrollment from SOC; this is normally sent to you after your payment is received. You'll need this at the airport, both for departure and arrival.

NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS: WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO SOC

If you have any questions about what you need to bring with you, please ask. We're happy to help. *Some of the following items can be purchased once you arrive.*

HOME STAY AND RESIDENCE

- ⇒ You will need to supply your own linens: pillow, sheets, towels, blankets.
- ⇒ You will need to supply your own toiletries, for example: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and lotions.
- ⇒ To feel more at home, you may want to bring a few photos or pictures and/or one or two books that are special to you!

MEDICATION

- ⇒ If you take regular medications, please bring a copy of your prescription(s) with you.

ELECTRONICS

- ⇒ mobile phone
- ⇒ laptop or electronic notebook

CLOTHING

Uniform

- ⇒ Black trousers. We supply your uniform shirts and fleeces, but trousers are difficult to fit properly. We ask you to bring your own black trousers as part of your uniform. Please bring black or white trainers/shoes.

Cold weather clothing

- ⇒ a winter coat mittens or gloves
- ⇒ a warm hat and scarf
- ⇒ wool socks
- ⇒ winter boots that are waterproof
- ⇒ warm clothing (sweaters and pullovers, long-sleeved shirts, warm trousers)

For autumn and spring

- ⇒ a mid/lightweight coat or jacket (waterproof might be useful).

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at alison.currie@mysoc.ca. Additionally, please feel free to contact:

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Yours sincerely,



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