

# Welcome Back 2025-2026

## **Welcome to a New School Year!**

We're excited to welcome everyone back for another fantastic year at Louise Arbour French Immersion Public School! Our staff has been working diligently to ensure a smooth and successful start. A special thank you goes out to our custodial team for their hard work in thoroughly cleaning and preparing our school. Our administrative assistants have been busy managing registrations, organizing the office, and coordinating incoming resources. Meanwhile, our educators have been thoughtfully planning meaningful, engaging activities that prioritize connection, safety, and a strong sense of belonging for every student.

## **First Day of School – Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

Students in K2 through Grade 8 will begin school on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

## **Staggered Entry for K1 Students**

K1 students will start following a staggered entry schedule shared with families in June. If you're the parent or guardian of a K1 student and are unsure of your child's start date, please contact the school office at 519-452-2820.

## **Classroom Placement and First-Day Information**

On the afternoon of **Tuesday, September 2**, you will receive an email with important first-day instructions, including the name of your child's teacher. Please check your email after **3:00 p.m.** that day.

Our team invests considerable time and care into organizing class placements to create the best possible learning environments for all students. As such, we are unable to accommodate requests for changes to class assignments.

## **Health & Safety First**

The safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our top priority. This newsletter contains important details about what to expect on the first day. We kindly ask that you review it carefully and discuss the relevant information with your children to ensure a smooth start.

We look forward to a wonderful school year ahead!

With warm regards,

Sylvie Blais and Pam Hart

Principal and Vice-Principal

**Principal: Mme S. Blais**

**Vice Principal: Mme P. Hart**

**Secretaries: Mme S. Earls & Mme Vink**

**Superintendent: Mme T. Vacante**

**Trustees: Mme M. Larsen and M. L. Osbourne**

**Office Team**

S. Earls

L. Vink

**Kindergarten Team**

R. Henderson/L. Martin

K. Rollins/K. Mitchell

K. Small/S. Baker

K. Shewfelt/L. Shackelton

J. Eagleson/A. Woods

J. Suschkov/L. Tran

D. Enns (Kindergarten Outdoor Education)

C. Tansley (Kindergarten Outdoor Education)

**Primary Division**

K. Auer

J. Blakemore

C. Gicala

J. Gicala

T. Grouette

H. Jones

M. Lebelle

E. Poulx

K. Riley

M. Wakelin

M. Welch

R. Welch

### **Junior Division**

J. Albert

M. Chute

B. Lawrynczyk

C. McCrae

M. Nakeyar

A. Russette

E. Swan

S. Zeinali

### **Intermediate Division**

A. Efstratoudakis

J. Lantos

K. Milinkovic

T. Shanahan

### **Specialty Teachers**

N. Allen (Teacher Librarian and Computer Specialist Teacher)

D. Enns (Kindergarten Outdoor Education)

G. Gorira (Physical Education, Health)

E. Singh (Music, Drama, Dance)

N. Regehr (Music, Drama, Dance)

C. Tansley (Kindergarten Outdoor Education)

X. Paturel (Physical Education, Health)

L. Welch (Science, Social Studies)

### **Learning Support Teachers**

M. Crow

J. Turpin

### **Educational Assistant**

R. English

### **Custodial Team**

B. Bajric

S. Brown

C. Diamond

N. Kharel

J. McNamee

**Student Supervisors**

D. Awad

B. Elhasan

N. Farej

**System Support Team**

S. Maltby (Speech and Language)

L. Kassymova (Psych Services)

K. Palma (School Social Worker)

**Community Partners**

N. Renno (SWIS worker)

## Access to School and School Hours



LET TODAY  
BE THE  
START OF  
SOMETHING  
NEW.

When visiting the school, please be sure to use the front door and sign in at the office. Please call the main office (519-452-2820) during school hours should you need to reach us for any reason.

### **School Hours:**

8:00 am ~ Supervision begins on the yard. **Students may not arrive earlier than 8:00 a.m.**, as there will be no supervision on the yard.

8:15 am ~ School day begins

9:55 am ~ First nutrition/recess break (K- 8)

12:15 pm ~ Second nutrition/recess break (K-8)

2:45 pm ~ School day ends. If picking up your child, please arrive at the school by 2:45 p.m. If making alternate pick-up arrangements for your child, please call the school **before 2:00 p.m.**

3:00 pm ~ Supervision on the yard ends, please be sure to pick up your child **before 3:00 p.m.**

### First Day Procedures



The 1st day of school can be very busy! We have made every attempt to ensure a smooth start to the school year by helping students find their new teacher in the quickest and most efficient way possible. We ask that you dress for the weather! If it is raining, but not thundering, we will still meet outdoors to prevent congestion indoors.

\*Students who arrive late to school will be required to come to the front door and ring the bell.

This is a special time of year, and we understand that parents and guardians may wish to see that their child meets up with the assigned teacher. Please remember that our staff members' priority on the first day of school is ensuring that all of our students are safe. They will not be available to engage in meetings and conversations on this day. There will be many communication opportunities provided to you by your child's teacher throughout the year.

At the start of the day:

- The front of the school is restricted to buses and school staff only. Please do not drop off your child or park in front of the school.
- Bused students will be dropped off at the front of the school, greeted by the staff, directed, and/or accompanied to their meeting “zone”. **If your children are in grades K-3, please consider creating a tag for their clothing or backpack with their grade and teacher's name.** This will assist us in bringing your children to their teacher.
- If you are driving your children, please park in the parking lot or on a nearby street and walk with them into the yard to their designated area. **Please do not park in the drop-off zone and leave your car unattended.**
- If your children are in Kindergarten, please proceed to the Kindergarten zone. This tarmac area is painted with beautiful blue, red, green, and purple shapes.
- For safety reasons, parents’ time on the yard will need to be limited to dropping off and ensuring they have found their teacher.

End of day:

- Bused students will be accompanied to their buses by staff.
- Independent walking students will be permitted to leave through the back doors of the school, where there will be supervision, and they can proceed home.
- Younger students may be picked up by a parent/guardian on the tarmac at the back of the school.

Children will be directed to the following locations on their first day of school. While staff will be present to assist students to their designated location and in finding their teachers, it is recommended that you practice with your child before the first day of school.

**Kindergarten:**

Proceed directly to the exterior classroom doors, where students will be welcomed and invited to stand.

**Grade 1-6:**

Grade 1 - Tarmac Area at the Four Square

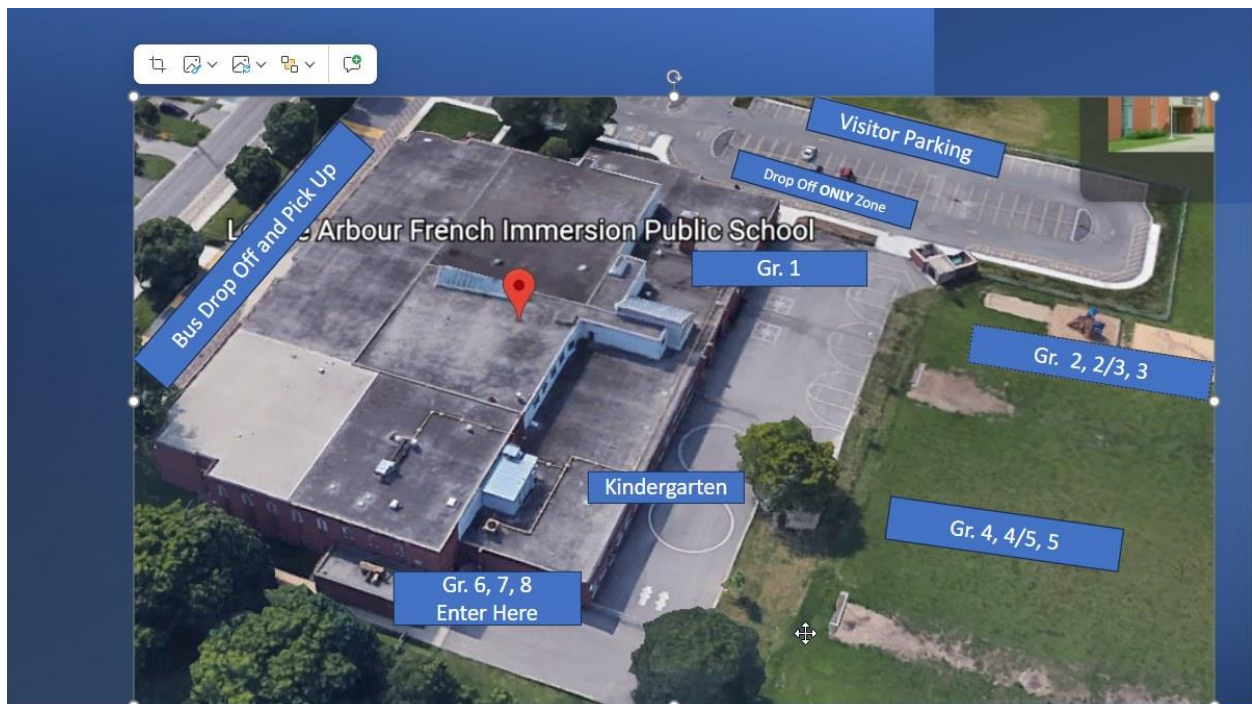
Grade 2, 2/3, and 3 - Play Equipment ~ Monkey Bars

Grades 4, 4/5, 5 ~ Soccer Field

**Grades 6, 7 and 8:**

Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will *proceed directly into the school* using the North (Side) Doors. Staff will be in the halls directing students to their new classrooms.

First Day Meeting Zones



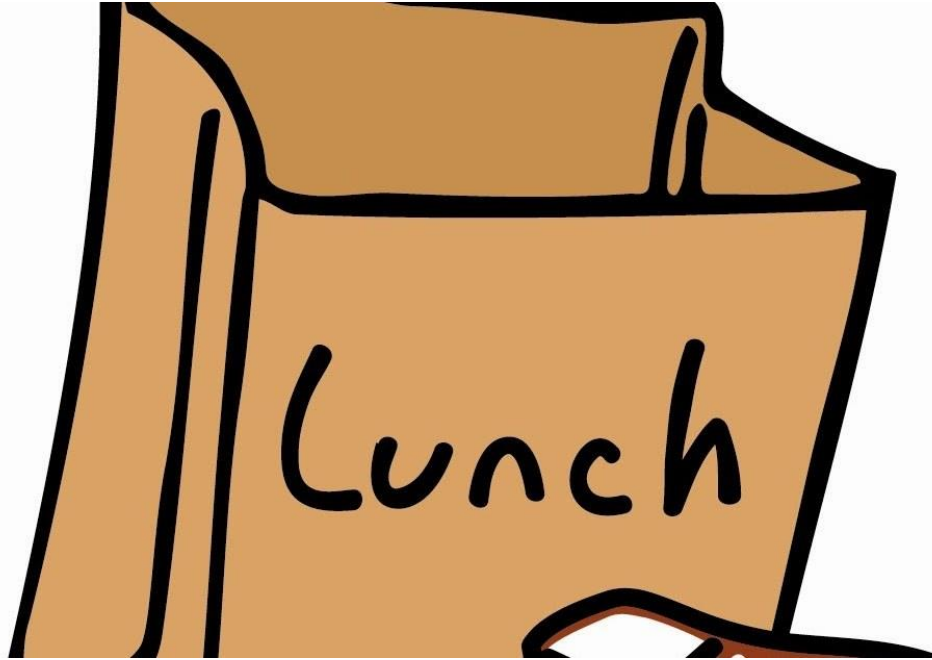
## Student Materials and Belongings



Students are encouraged to bring their own tissue box. Backpacks need only to have lunches, school supplies, and a water bottle. Less is best when it comes to bringing in personal items.

Everything should be labelled with both first and last names so it can be returned to their rightful owner if misplaced. Please avoid sending any “extras” such as toys, stuffed animals, trading cards, etc., as the school will not be responsible for any of these extra personal items.

## Lunches and Recess Breaks



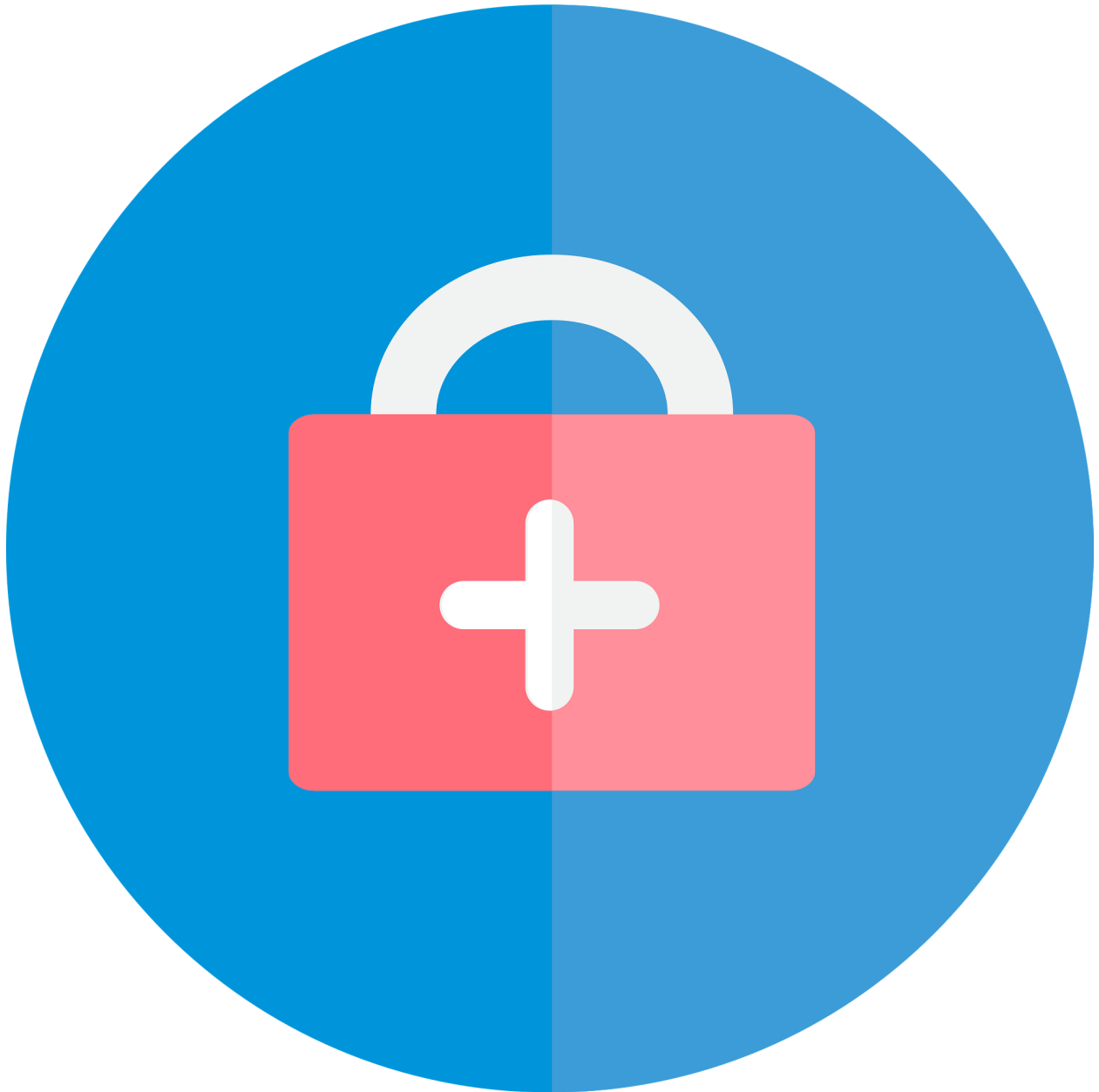
All students will wash or sanitize their hands before eating. Students will eat in their own classrooms and will be asked to remain at their own desks. We ask that you please send food and food containers that your child can open independently.

Students are asked to bring a pre-filled water bottle to school each day. We have two bottle fill stations to use throughout the day.

K-7 students to stay at school over the lunch break. Grade 8 students will be permitted, with parent permission, to leave the school grounds for one nutrition break. A letter will be sent home with our grade 8 students explaining these procedures.

To reduce congestion, classes will have lunch breaks and outdoor recess at staggered times. Your child will learn about eating and outdoor recess times, hand washing, and line-up routines on the first day of school from the teachers.

## Individual Plan Of Care



### **What is an IPOC?**

An IPOC is the short form for Individual Plan of Care.

### **Do you know who fills this out and why?**

Parents/Guardians who have a child with a known condition, such as, but not limited to, asthma, diabetes, risk of anaphylaxis, epilepsy, or any other potentially life-threatening medical condition that could result in a medical incident.

### **Where do I find this information to fill out?**

In your Parent Portal, navigate to the short questionnaire under medical information, which will trigger the IPOC form. If your child has any of the above conditions or a special condition that the school should be aware of, this section in the portal **MUST** be completed. **Please make every effort to do this before the first day of school so that our staff can be prepared to help your child if a situation occurs while you arrive.**

### **What is a PRN?**

This is a specialized form that parents/guardians need to fill out and have their family doctor sign to explain the administration of medication while at school. This may include the student administering it themselves or a staff member having permission to assist with the administration. Without this form, signed by a doctor, we will not be able to assist with the administration of medication.

**Please visit our website for more information on the [Individual Plan of Care](#).**

### Contact Us



Let's keep the lines of communication open!

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