

JEAN AUGUSTINE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Grade 9 JASS Students,

The administrative team of myself, Ms. Dussiaume, lead learner/principal, and Ms. Kipfer, vice principal, would like to welcome you to Jean Augustine Secondary School (JASS).

The staff at JASS is committed to working with students, their families and our community to support and realize each student's academic and career goals. This will be encouraged and supported in a respectful, inclusive and safe learning environment. JASS is committed to excellence, with a focus on Service, Advocacy, Innovation and Leadership (SAIL).

Included in this package is information about this first day of school, and other details to ease the transition to secondary school. **Before the first day of school** we ask that you register at School Cash Online and pay the school activity fee. Directions on how to register and information about the Student Activity Fee follows. This fee is mandatory for participation at Student Council (SAC) sponsored events, any club or team during the 2017-2018 school year. The fee includes print credits.

Please **read the code of conduct** that you will find at <http://schools.peelschools.org/sec/jeanaugustine/aboutus/studenthandbook/Pages/default.aspx> before school begins so that you are aware of our expectations for behavior and dress. We have a no hood, no bandana, no bare midriff etc. policy at JASS. It is important that you familiarize yourself with our dress code and present yourself in a professional manner daily.

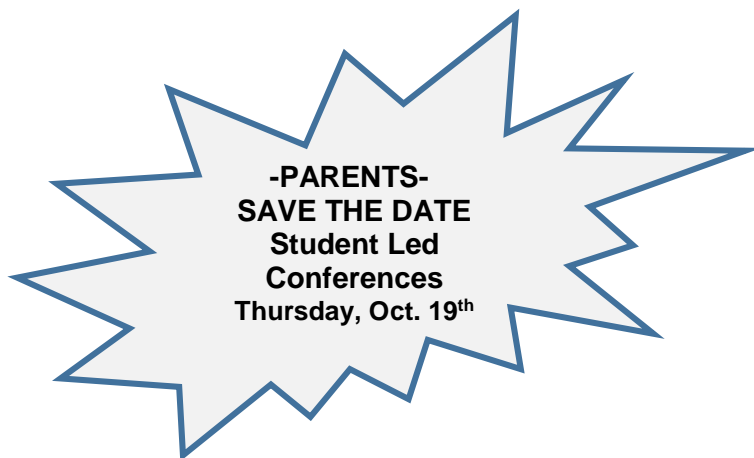
For Grade 9 students your **first day of school Tuesday, September 5th** will begin at 8:15 with an orientation organized by senior students and staff. Lunch will be provided for you on this day.

I know that the transition to a new school can be formidable for both students and parents. There are many adults in the building including Mr. Zia and Ms. Yu, the guidance counsellors, who can assist you with the transition. If at any time you are uncomfortable or need help with **any issue**, please communicate with one of us.

We wish all our students a successful 2017-2018 school year!

Sincerely,

Ms. S. Dussiaume
Lead Learner/Principal



Student Activity Fee Breakdown 2017-2018

\$10.00 Print Credit
\$10.00 School Wide Events
(leadership & team building activities, guest speakers etc.)
\$20.00 Athletics, Intramurals, School Activity Council (orientation, clubs,
workshops etc.)

For safety and efficiency reasons the Peel District School Board has moved to an **online payment system** for all payments – please register today!

Here's how:

- Step 1: Go to <https://peelschools.schoolcashionline.com>
- Step 2: Click on "Get Started Now" and follow the steps
- Step 3: Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.
- Step 4: Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details as well as any other students in the household.
- Step 5: Pay Student Activity Fee \$41.25

For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at
parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com or 1-866-961-1803

AUGUST CHECK IN DAY - Thursday, August 31st 12:30 – 2:30 Grade 9 students

All grade 9 students are asked to come to the cafeteria to have your photo taken and pick up your timetable. The school will not be open for students to tour on this day. Grade 9 students will have time to get oriented on the morning of Tuesday, September 5th.

Students who cannot attend on the 31st may pick up their timetable in the main office on Tuesday, September 5th from 7:45 a.m. Photos will be taken Friday, September 15th.

GRADE 9 ORIENTATION – Tuesday, September 5th 8:15 – 2:25

Join staff and students for the first annual orientation for grade 9 students at JASS. This will be an active day so wear appropriate clothing and footwear. You will receive a JASS t-shirt and lunch is provided. So come ready for fun and start the year with your fellow Phoenixes! Busses will be running.

Parent Web

Parents have the ability to track the attendance of their child in real-time using the Parent Web. More information is provided on the school website jeanaugustiness.com, Parent Web Chiclet.

Bussing

Please go to the Student Transportation website <http://www.stopr.ca/Pages/default.aspx> and select "Am I Eligible for Transportation".

Parents, if you are looking for information specific to your child's transportation you will need to wait until Monday, August 28th and go to the same website with your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card.

Locks, Lockers & Valuables

- Lockers are loaned to students for use through the school year. Lockers will be assigned in home room starting Wednesday, September 6th.
- To be assigned a locker, students are to **provide their own lock**, and combinations must be given to their teacher. Locker combinations are recorded and stored in the office.
- Students should keep their combinations secret and are advised not to bring large amounts of money or valuable items to school. The sharing of lockers is discouraged and any locks not on an assigned locker will be removed.
- During Phys. Ed class, wallets, personal technology and other valuables should be left in student's personal locker.
- A limited number of locks are available for sale in the main office for \$5.00.

If you need to reach your child

We encourage you to make arrangements with your child before they leave for school in the morning. If you must reach your child for an emergency please call the school and press "0" for reception. We cannot page students during class hours and will not interrupting classes. During certain times of the day such as lunch or gym it may be difficult to track them down.

Do not call your child during class time!

School Hours

REGULAR SCHEDULE		
Day	Odd	Even
8:15 – 9:35	Period 1	Period 2
9:35 - 9:45	BREAK	
9:45 – 11:00	Period 2	Period 1
11:00 – 11:50	LUNCH	
11:50 – 1:05	Period 3	Period 4
1:05 - 1:10	BREAK	
1:10 – 2:25	Period 4	Period 3

EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE		
Day	Odd	Even
8:15 – 9:05	Period 1	Period 2
9:08 - 9:58	Period 2	Period 1
10:01 – 10:51	Period 3	Period 4
10:54 – 11:44	Period 4	Period 3

Student Absences and Students Leaving Early

All students must sign out in the office if leaving early. A parent phone call or note is necessary. If a student is unable to attend school, a parent or guardian should contact the school by telephone on the morning of the absence to explain the reason for the absence. When calling the school your child's **student ID number is used to report the absence** and ensure accurate records. Every evening our Synvoice call home program will phone the homes of students with unauthorized absences.