

Good evening Highland Park Families,

We were excited to welcome our students back today and wish you all a Happy New Year.

I hope everyone had a rejuvenating holiday break and are looking forward to the year ahead. As we welcome students back to school, we ask families to remind their children of NS Public Health's expectations while at school. We know COVID has impacted our community so we need everyone who comes to school to follow the protocols.

Prior to coming to school each day it is very important that you review the COVID Checklist of Symptoms. If you have symptoms, you must stay home, see how you are feeling and if you are feeling worse, contact 811.

Thank you for sharing this information with your child. It is incredibly important that we have a common understanding of expectations to keep us ALL safe and healthy.

We have been provided with new cloth masks for 2021. One package with two non-medical, reusable cloth masks will be given to each student during their first period on Tuesday. This should help students who are not bringing their own masks to school on a daily basis. Please remind your child to bring/wear their own mask.

Thank you for having these ongoing conversations.

Now that we are back to school, if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID, Public Health will contact us and we will follow their direction to keep everyone safe and maintain a person's confidentiality.

The above information will also be posted on our website at: <https://hpj.hrce.ca/>. Follow us on Twitter for pictures and updates of our opening preparations @Hpjhdragons.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

With thanks,

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