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*We can't wait to welcome everyone back, and look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new families! Let's remember:*

First week: Punctuality matters!

- Please organize your morning schedule so that your children can arrive in time for school.
- Ideally, they should be here at 8:30 so they have time to socialize and reconnect with their classmates - *especially* during the first days of school.
- Orange cones will help your children find where their class lines up right outside the front doors of the school. Kindergarten students will gather in the play area outside their classroom, according to the gradual entry plan that the teachers sent by email.

Attendance - Please remember to notify the office if your child is absent. Absence [forms](#) must be submitted online only. Thank you for your cooperation.

Summer uniforms may be worn until the end of October. Take pride in your appearance as a way of showing engagement with your school community! Students should wear their gym strip for PE classes starting the second week of school.

Classroom Communications - Look for a message from your class communicator, under the helpful direction of Mrs. Fiona Dwan about tips for a successful back to school start.

**School Maintenance** - During our summer holidays, Mr. Bencze, our dedicated plant manager and Mr. Timbang, our hard working custodian, have been working hard to maintain our school building. Please take note of the following:

- The roof got its UV paint done by Penfolds.
- The gym floor got a new coat of varnish by Cascade Sports Systems.
- New curtains were installed in the gym, both the main retractable ones as well as the stationary one on the back wall.
- The new score clock for the gym got delivered and will soon be installed.
- Acme Alarm Systems finishing replacing the old outdated heat detectors.
- The yearly inspection of the fire alarm system and equipment at the portable building was completed.
- A/G electric changed our old outdated fire alarm panel to a new system which now sends its signal via the internet.
- The P.A. system speaker that was in the library was making a buzzing sound so it was replaced.
- The gutters and the roof of the portable building were cleaned.
- All the carpets were shampooed by Coit and the window blinds were cleaned. They also rewaxed the floor in the portable building.

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- Mr. Timbang rewaxed all the floors in the school by himself this summer as well as cleaned the inside and outside of all the windows and screens.
- The parent volunteers were fewer in number this year but very helpful with various cleaning tasks.

**Technology:** Classmate (the tech company we partner with) set up new iPads for student use, primarily primary students. Staff iPads and laptops were also replaced, as the leases were up. Wifi access points were updated, and our Securly partnership has been upgraded to allow for stronger content filtering and better tools for Chromebook management in the intermediate grades. Together this will result in an enhanced student and staff experience with technology so that we may better prepare them to engage in their learning while at SFDS School

**AGM** - Please see more about this on our [website](#).

**Proclaiming our Faith** - Please see how staff prepared for the year's faith formation by clicking on this [link](#) on our website.

**Before and after school care** starts on Monday, September 8.

**For upcoming events, please see our [website](#).**