Good Evening Clayton Park Junior High Families,

Thank you to the students and families for an amazing and smooth start to the school year. Students have settled in nicely the past two days with the routines and getting back into the groove of school. We hope that students have had a positive experience over the past two days.

**Stand Up Against Bully Day**

Tomorrow, Thursday September 9th is Stand Up Against Bullying Day.To help send a strong message against bullying in Nova Scotia's schools, colleges and universities, the province has proclaimed the second Thursday at the tart of each school year as Stand Up Against Bullying Day.

The inspiration for the day came from the actions of Central Kings Rural High School Grade 12 students Travis Price and David Shepherd who rallied behind a new student to the school who was being bullied simply for wearing pink.

We are asking all students and staff to wear pink to show our support.

**Supervision**

Just a friendly reminder that supervision begins at 9am for students. Students should not be on school property before 9am as; supervision is not provided before this time. We have had many students over the past two days arriving earlier than 9am. I have spoken to all classes, reminded students about this, and explained the rationale behind it.

**Parking and Bus Loop**

The Halifax Regional Municipality has placed no parking signs across the street in front of CPJH and 15 minute parking signs on the sidewalk side of the school. This is so that all school buses can access our bus loop in a safe manner. We are asking all parents and guardians to please not park across the street to pick up or drop off students at the beginning and end of the school day. We thank parents and guardians for not accessing the bus loop during the hours of 8am to 4pm. Again, parents are encouraged to park on the side street of Woodward Crescent to drop off and pick up students. We thank you for your cooperation with this, as we want to keep all students safe.

**Safe Arrival & Leaving Early**

If your student will not be at school, we ask that you please call the school 902-457-8930 and press 1 for safe arrival/report a student absence. Alternatively, email [cpjh@hrce.ca](mailto:cpjh@hrce.ca) with the students name and dates they will be absent. We ask that you please remember to do this so that Ms. Reid is not calling parents to check on students for the entire morning and afternoon. If your student is leaving early, we ask that you please let the school know by sending an email to [cpjh@hrce.ca](mailto:cpjh@hrce.ca) on that day or calling the main office. When you arrive to pick up your student, we ask that you please ring the front doorbell and we will gather your student and send them out. We must have contact with the person picking up the student for safety and security reasons. We ask that you please not text your student as, teachers will not allow students to leave.

The main office phone is not answered between 11:15am and 12:20pm.

**Water Bottles**

Students are reminded to bring a water bottle with them as, there is no access to water fountains. We have water bottle refill stations for students to fill their water bottle up throughout the day.

**Lunch Google Forms**

Google Forms for lunch were sent to families on September 7th. Thank you to those that have filled them out and we ask that those that have not yet please do so as soon as possible.

The staff at Clayton Park Junior High are looking forward to a great year with the students. We thank you for your continued support.

Kindly,

Trina Canavan – Principal