

START OF THE 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR – STAGGERED ENTRY

WE HAVE MODIFIED THE FIRST OFFICIAL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

- All Elementary students will start school on Friday, September 4th, 2020. They will then continue the following week beginning Tuesday 8th September attending class everyday.
- All High school students will start school on Thursday, September 3rd, 2020. They will not attend on Friday 4th September. They will attend on Thursday only followed by a staggered entry the following week.
- Staggered start days for high school:
 - a. Gr.9/10 – Tuesday Sept 8 and Thursday Sept 10 to attend only these 2 days.
 - b. Gr. 11/12 – Wednesday Sept 9 and Friday September 11 to attend only these 2 days.
- All high school students will then proceed with everyday attendance week beginning Monday 14th September.
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COVID SCREENING PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- Each morning, parents/guardians and/or students must complete the **COVID-19 self-assessment** and parents must review the checklist of symptoms with their child/children.
- Students should only be sent to school if they answer **no** to all of the questions and have **none** of the symptoms present on the checklist.
- As per the Ministry of Education and Ottawa Public Health guidance, **student temperatures will not be taken upon arrival as screening by parents prior to going to school is mandatory.**
- **HOW TO SELF-MONITOR:**
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-self-monitor.pdf?la=en>
- **COVID19 SELF-ASSESSMENT:**
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

ARRIVAL

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- Social distancing protocol as students come in. Clearly marked
- Parents will only be allowed to drop off their children starting at **8:30 AM**.
- To limit the risk of spreading the virus, parents will **not** be permitted in the school.
- Students go directly to their classes maintaining physical distance.
- All students and staff must sanitize their hands upon entry.
- **THERE WILL BE NO MORNING ASSEMBLY FOR STUDENTS.**

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- **NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED ENTRY INTO THE SCHOOL WITHOUT A MASK.**
- All students from grades 4 to 12 are required to have a mask at all times inside the school.
- It is recommended that parents provide a spare mask with the student's name.
- Personal hand sanitizers are also recommended for all students. (Labelled ziploc with spare mask & hand sanitizer)
- Each student must bring their own prayer mat. (can use a small towel, pillow case etc)

NEW SAFETY PROTOCOL MEASURES FOR STUDENTS

- Hallways have been marked with directional arrows to help maintain social distance.
- Hand sanitizer stations have been installed near entry points and all classrooms.
- In the classroom, students will not change seats to maintain contact tracing. Teachers will implement a fixed seating plan and ensure it is adhered to. Desks will be labelled.
- Doors will remain open and windows to remain open where possible for increased ventilation.
- As part of enhanced health and safety, **all water fountains will be closed**. Students are to bring their own pre-filled and labelled water bottles each day.
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- Snack & lunch will be eaten at their desks no sharing or exchange of food allowed
- Lockers will **not** be available for students. All items/personal belongings to remain in the student's bag.
- Students will wash or use hand sanitizer prior to going outdoors and upon re-entry into the school.
- In order to maximize social distancing, teachers may take students outdoors for learning.

DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

- Starting at 3:00 PM, students are to be picked up from the specified pick-up zones outside the school.
- Teachers will lead students outside the school at the end of the day to the pick-up zones
- The designated pick-up zones are as follows:
 - JK/SK – Grade 2 (north gate playground)
 - Grades 3, 4, 5 – main field/baseball diamond
 - Grades 6, 7, 8 – front of the school



HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL VISITS/APPOINTMENTS

- Parents/guardians and visitors are **not permitted** entry into the school in order to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.
- Parents/guardians and visitors must **book an appointment** in order to meet with anyone in the school.
- It is highly recommended that parents/guardians communicate with teachers over the phone or by email.