

July 31, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope everyone is doing well and have been enjoying their summer vacation. We have a few updates for you this week:

### **Summer School**

We would like to start by thanking all our staff and students who worked hard in completing online and face-to-face courses. As you may have heard, we did have one student test positive to COVID-19. We worked closely with the Ministry of Education and Alberta Health Services to make decisions to keep all students as safe as possible. Let us keep the students and the families impacted in our prayers. For those students writing diploma exams next week, we wish you the best. You will do great!

### **Online School Option for 2020-2021**

On July 21 the government announced that we will be proceeding with Scenario #1 – In school classes resume (near normal with health measures). This means that all our students will come back to school Monday to Friday. More details on the Provincial K-12 school re-entry plan can be [found here](#). We know that for some, this news may cause anxiety. We are working hard to develop an excellent online program that will open in September.

Earlier this week the Board of Trustees approved the online school's name: St. Isidore. He is the patron saint of computer users and the internet. This makes him the ideal namesake for CCSD's first online school, which will care for the grades 1-9 students. Grades 10-12 online learning will be connected to St. Anne's.

For staffing reasons, students who are interested in the online option will have to commit to a full school year but may return to their home school in year 2 or continue with online learning. Online learning is most successful when there is parent support and access to technology. We will be staffing the online school with excellent Catholic teachers who will teach the Alberta curriculum online. Registration and further information will be sent home next week.

### **School Re-Entry Feedback**

The safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. We are currently working on the health measures outlined by the province for scenario #1. We want to hear from you. Today's thoughtexchange is, "what ideas would you like to share with CCSD to keep our students and staff safe in a world with COVID-19?" (<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/731176189>). This exchange will stay open until Wednesday, August 5 at noon. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will be considered in our school re-entry plan which will be shared in mid-August.

Thank you, parents/guardians for your continued support and confidence in us. We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to school in September. Peace and blessings this long weekend.

Dr. Bryan Szumlas  
Chief Superintendent  
Calgary Catholic School District

July 22, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope everyone is having a safe and relaxing summer. As promised, we are providing an update on our school re-entry plan for September 2020.

Yesterday, Alberta Education announced that we will be proceeding with Scenario #1: in-school classes resume (near normal with health measures). This means that all students will come back to school Monday to Friday. To learn the details of the Provincial K-12 school re-entry plan please visit: <https://www.alberta.ca/k-to-12-school-re-entry-2020-21-school-year.aspx>. For many people, this is welcome news and relief. However, for others this decision may cause anxiety. The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Our staff will work diligently with Alberta Health Services and the Ministry of Education to implement the recommended public health measures outlined in Scenario #1.

We hope that everyone will return to their local Catholic school in the new school year. As an alternative, we are developing an online school scheduled to open in September. For students (grades 1-12) interested in this pathway, it will be for a minimum one year commitment as it involves district staffing. More information about this option and registration will be coming in August.

The Calgary Catholic School District is prepared to support families as we work together to continue education. Additional detailed information on school resumption will be shared by your child(ren)'s principal in August.

I would like to thank you, parents and guardians, for having confidence in us. There are many challenges ahead, but working together and with God at our side, we can open schools and teach students how to live in a world with COVID-19.

We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to schools in September.

Blessings to you and your family.

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