

# PATRICK'S PAGES

August 31 - September 11

Good afternoon St. Patrick families:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. As we begin this school year, we would like to thank you for your tremendous support since the move to "at home learning" in March. We hope you had a wonderful summer and are again asking for your support as we begin the year in Scenario 1. We are looking forward to getting our year started, and seeing our students in classes again. The St. Patrick School community has shown incredible strength over the last 5 months, and we are excited about the opportunities ahead of us.

## Week at a Glance:

- Monday 31** Day
- Professional Growth Day for Teachers
- SEPTEMBER**
- Tuesday 1** Day
- Professional Growth Day for Teachers
- Wednesday 2** Day 1
- Staggered entry **Grade 1 and 2 students only**. Please arrive at 8:45 am. Students will need a recess snack and lunch as they will be here from 8:45 am until 3:00 pm.
  - Pre-booked Kindergarten interviews.
- Thursday 3** Day 2
- Staggered entry **Grade 3 and 4 students only**. Please arrive at 8:45 am. Students will need a recess snack and lunch as they will be here from 8:45 am until 3:00 pm.
  - Pre-booked Kindergarten interviews.
- Friday 4** Day 3
- Staggered entry **Grade 5 and 6 students only**. Please arrive at 8:45 am. Students will need a recess snack and lunch as they will be here from 8:45 am until 3:00 pm.
  - Pre-booked Kindergarten interviews.
- Monday 7** Day
- LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday 8** Day 4
- All students Grade 1-6 return.
  - Pre-booked Kindergarten interviews.
- Wednesday 9** Day 5
- Pre-booked Kindergarten interviews.
- Thursday 10** Day 6
- Kindergarten – Staggered entry Day 1.
- Friday 11** Day 1
- Kindergarten – Staggered entry Day 2

## Beginning and End of the day:

Students are asked to arrive 5 minutes prior to their entry bell times starting September 8. When students arrive, we ask that they meet at the spot designated for their homeroom class.

**The park will be unavailable at the beginning of the day and after school** to limit the mixing of students from different classes and cohorts.

Parents are asked to have a plan for the end of the day to ensure that students are picked up on time. Students not being picked up will be asked to head home once they are dismissed.

## Information:

### Daily Wellness Screening Checklist:

Staff, students and visitors need to self-assess each morning before they arrive at school and stay home if they answer yes to any question. Families are not required to hand this document in to principals. The document is attached to the end of this newsletter.

### Cohorts:

To keep contact between students as low as we can, students are divided into classes and cohorts. Your child has a homeroom class that they will be with for the entire day.

The cohorts that we created are Grades 1,2 and 3 (COHORT 1), and Grades 3/4, 4, 5 and 6 (COHORT 2)

The cohorts will go for recess and lunch breaks together, and will enter and exit the building at the same times.

When at lunch and recess, homeroom classes are to stay with their class and not mix with other students from the cohort

### Bell Times:

COHORT 1: Grade 1-3	
Entry Bell:	8:50 am
Recess:	10:15-10:30 am
Lunch - Eat:	12:15-12:35
Lunch - Play:	12:35-12:55
Exit Time:	3:15 pm

Grade 4-6	
Entry Bell:	8:55 am
Recess:	10:40-10:55 am
Lunch - Play:	12:15-12:35
Lunch - Eat	12:35-12:55
Exit Time:	3:20 pm

### **Mental Health Priority:**

We realize students and families may be apprehensive and/or anxious about coming back to school. Our district and staff will be prioritizing student mental health as we resume classes. Take the time to familiarize yourself with the School Resumption Handbook and go through it with your child. Have a conversation with them about their concerns. As always, reach out to us for support with any specific concerns.

Miss Currie will be working with us again this year as our School Support Worker.

### **Illness at School:**

School staff have been instructed to be aware of common COVID-19 symptoms and report any observed symptoms to school administration. School administration will then determine whether or not the student will be sent home and direct parents to follow AHS guidelines for self-isolation and/or testing (more information on this is included in the School Resumption Handbook sent to parents and on our website). If a student is presenting multiple COVID-19 symptoms, the student will be isolated in the infirmary here at the school under the direct supervision of a staff member until a parent or other adult picks up the child.

### **Continuation of Learning While Ill:**

As with any illness, if a student is required to be away from school for a significant time, teachers will provide work and be in contact with these students while they are recovering so that learning is not interrupted. Please remember, your child's Homeroom Teacher is your liaison at the school in these cases. Please reach out to them if you should have any questions or concerns.

### **Entry Points:**

To stay as physically distanced as possible, all students will now have designated entry/exit doors at the school. These will be explained to the students in detail on September 2-4.

**Students MAY continue to use the main entry doors if they are late for class or returning/leaving for an appointment.**

### **Masks**

All students must bring a mask to school. For those who forget, a disposable mask will be supplied by the school for that day. Students will be required to wear their mask while at the school at all times unless social distancing can occur and this will be left up to the teacher's discretion.

**UPDATE: we will be providing all students 2 reusable masks to start the year.**

### **School Resumption Handbook**

This will be updated regularly on the District Internet site. The link below is the version that was updated on August 24, 2020. [https://www.cssd.ab.ca/News/COVID-19/Documents/SchoolResumptionHandbook\\_Scenario1.pdf](https://www.cssd.ab.ca/News/COVID-19/Documents/SchoolResumptionHandbook_Scenario1.pdf)

### **Sharing Supplies:**

We will be asking students not to share their school supplies in class. If you need assistance with supplies, please email us at [stpatrick@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:stpatrick@cssd.ab.ca).

### **Other Items of Interest**

#### **Breakfast Club/Recess Snack:**

To start the year, Healthy Hunger will not be an option for families each week. As the year progresses, we will re-evaluate this decision.

We will also not be operating Breakfast Club or have recess snacks for students. We understand that many families used these services each day. Please let us know if you need support. We will have our School Support Worker contact you.

#### **Hallways:**

We have marked the hallways with direction arrows. We ask that students and families follow these each day.

#### **Homeroom/Staffing:**

We have created homerooms with the understanding that there will be a number of students from our school and across the district that choose to attend St. Isidore.

Our classes/homerooms may change depending on how many students are registered and come to school during the first week of classes.

#### **Online Communication:**

- Every week, we will continue to email Pat's Pages to families. Please make sure that you have not blocked our email address, or you will not receive this information.
- Teachers will be using Google Classroom with their classes. It is imperative that you familiarize yourself with this as soon as possible. Once the teacher sends home login information, let us know if you are having any difficulties. If we pivot from Scenario 1 to Scenario 2 or 3, this will be vital for your child's success.
- We have a limited number of Chromebooks at the school. We will do our best to ensure that all students have access to these each day. They will be sanitized after being used.

#### **School Events:**

At this time, school events which have traditionally taken place in person will be conducted digitally. Examples of this include our opening celebration and our monthly liturgies. Unfortunately, there are some events that at this time have been cancelled entirely. This includes Family Movie Nights and our Christmas and Spring Concert.

#### **Online learning option:**

We know that all families are working through the decision to return to face-to-face learning at St. Patrick or have your children attend school in an online environment at St. Isadore. This is a difficult decision and we know that each family will make the choice that is best for them.

More information about the new CCSD K to 9 school, St. Isidore, is available [here](#).

<https://www.cssd.ab.ca/Parents/Registration/OnlineLearning/Pages/default.aspx>

Registration for St. Isidore is open again, and will close on September 4. Should you decide to attend St. Isadore for this year, **you are committing to the whole year** online as this decision impacts cohorts in our school and staffing allocations at the beginning of the year.

# GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL RE-ENTRY – SCENARIO 2

In-school classes partially resume (with additional health measures)

## Appendix C

### Screening Questionnaire

PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS MUST USE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE DAILY TO DECIDE IF THE STUDENT SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL

#### Risk Assessment: Initial Screening Questions

1.	Do you, or your child attending the program, have any of the below symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/ Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Have you, or anyone in your household, returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Have you or your children attending the program had close <u>unprotected</u> * contact (face-to-face contact within 2 metres) with someone who is ill with cough and/or fever?	YES	NO
4.	Have you or anyone in your household been in close <u>unprotected</u> contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?	YES	NO

\* “unprotected” means close contact without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

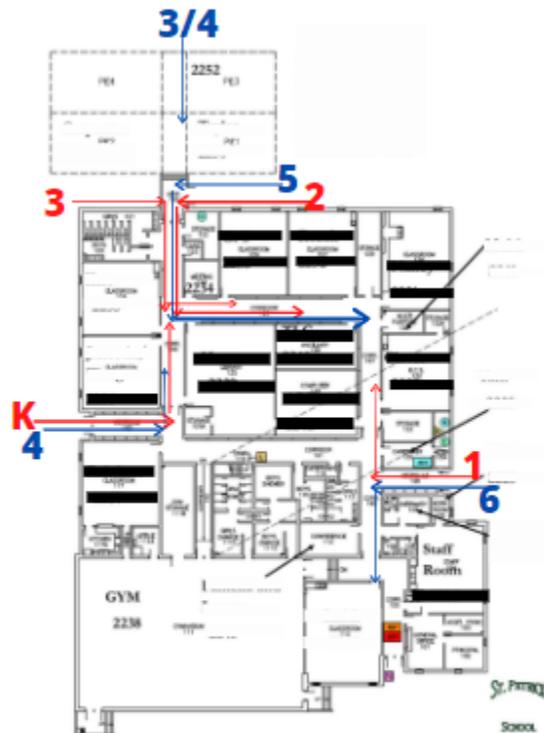
If you have answered “**Yes**” to any of the above questions, please **DO NOT** enter the school at this time. You should stay home and use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine whether you need to be tested for COVID-19.

If you have answered “**No**” to all the above questions, you may attend school.

Where To Meet Your Homeroom Class on September 8



Entrance and Exit Doors



**Cohort 1:**  
**Grade K-3**

**Cohort 2:**  
**Grade 3/4 to 6**