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ST. MARY'S RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

St. Mary's School Staff and Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division staff are preparing for the safe return for all students, staff members, and families with enhanced safety and health measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. In consultation with the Ministry of Education and the Chief Medical Health Officer of Saskatchewan we will continue to make updates to our planning document and email our school families. Please keep us updated on your current contact information including an emergency contact.

Additional details can be found in CTTCS Return to School Plan

<https://christtheteacher.ca/ctt/return-to-school-plan-fall-2020/>

First day of classes is Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

1. SAFE ATTENDANCE:

- a. Please monitor your children for any signs or symptoms of illness. If any symptoms are present, he/she needs to remain home.
- b. Parents will be asked to pick up their child from school immediately if they show symptoms of COVID-19 and call 811 to be assessed for a test.
- c. Dedicated confidential isolation area at school for anyone with COVID-19 symptoms until a parent or caregiver can safely pick them up.
- d. All parents, guardians, and students who are confirmed to be COVID-19 positive and /or mandatory self-isolation must not enter the school. Instead, they must stay home and self-isolate. Students and staff can return to school once they are cleared by public health.

2. SAFE TRANSPORTATION:

- a. Parents are strongly encouraged to transport your own children to and from school.
- b. All Grade 4 to 12 students are required to wear masks on buses.
- c. Assigned seating for students and a record of this seating plan on school buses.
- d. Students who live in the same household will be seated together.
- e. Cleaning and sanitation of buses or other vehicles used to transport students is required between each run. Pre-K van will not be used at this time.

3. SAFE ACCESS:

- a. Arrival Times: Students are asked to come to school no earlier than 8:40am and go toward their nearest outdoor classroom door. The breakfast program will be available if needed and the students will eat in their classroom in their desks.
We are asking parents to refrain from entering the building with their child(ren) unless necessary. If so, the main doors must be used.
- b. Arrival locations: (Doors will be labeled accordingly)
 - Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2/3 - Use outside door of their classrooms.
 - Grade 4/5 and Grade 6/7– Use the gym door entrance
 - Grade 8 – Use back South West entrance to the field
- c. Directional signage and floor markings to control flow of students and staff in common school areas.

- d. Departure Times: Dismissal is at 3:20 and students will exit the building through designated doors. Any parents on school property dropping off or waiting for your child must practice physical distancing.
 - e. Pre-Kindergarten: New schedule of full days twice a week. Monday will be the family day. Parents or caregivers must transport your child to Pre-K at this time.
4. SAFE FACILITIES:
- a. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be used in each classroom. Students may bring their own hand sanitizer.
 - b. Custodial staff will provide enhanced sanitation of high-touch areas.
 - c. We will limit shared materials, classroom and outdoor equipment.
 - d. Students are asked to bring a re-fillable water bottle for use.
5. SAFE CLASSROOMS:
- a. Students will be in cohorts as per their classrooms using physical distancing and forward-facing desks. Classrooms have been redesigned to limit furniture and allow for more space for students and limit physical contact. Each classroom has an extra room adjacent to it for extra physical distancing if needed and for individual locker storage. Teachers have portable plexi-glass shields for use. We will emphasize the importance of frequent handwashing and proper coughing or sneezing etiquette with sanitization.
 - b. Recess and Lunch Time: Students will sanitize before and after they eat their snack or lunch at their desk. When students use the lunch program their lunches will be individually bagged. Outside playground equipment will have specific classroom schedules. Only 1 pair of shoes are needed for indoor and outdoor to keep traffic flowing in the boot room.
 - c. Visitors: To minimize tracking, parents are asked to only enter the school if necessary. If you visit the school, you must come in the main doors, complete the self-assessment, wear a mask, and remain in limited areas of the school. Staff will not be arranging guests to their classrooms at this time.
6. SAFE SUPPORTS:
- a. We will provide an inclusive and compassionate learning environment, and support individual students' needs with mental health, stress and trauma.
 - b. Will provide a safe and secure environment for personal interactions with intensive needs/immune-compromised students.
 - c. Medically fragile students will have access and supports for alternative learning opportunities who are unable to attend school for medical reasons.
7. SAFE ACTIVITIES:
- a. Extra-curricular activities and travel are currently on hold.
 - b. Curriculum field trips at indoor locations are on hold. Outdoor locations will have the same safety protocols as in the classroom.
 - c. No school assemblies will be held at this time.
8. SAFE ALTERNATIVES:
- a. Mask Usage: It is strongly recommended that staff and students in Grades 4 to 8 wear a mask in hallways and buses. Students may wear their own non-medical masks, made using two or three layers of fabric. The school will have masks to distribute to students. Bandanas and gaitor masks are not recommended as appropriate face coverings. Students under Grade 4 may choose to wear a mask if they want.

Thank you for helping keep our school safe!

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