

Catholic School Council Administrators' Report: October 5, 2020

Catholicity and Community of Culture and Caring:

Opening Virtual School Liturgy with Father Jim – Friday, October 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Sacraments – Sacraments of First Communion (for students in grade 3) and Confirmation will take place in January, February and March. The grade 2's of this year will celebrate their First Communion in the Spring after Easter as usual. There will be an online Parent Meeting in October to review dates and protocols.

Welcome Back Code of Conduct Divisional Assemblies – Expectations reviewed with students in grades 1-8 on Friday, September 25 – they have a clear understanding of school expectations and new routines in place due to COVID-19.

Fire Drill – staggered practices will occur this week and the week after Thanksgiving.

Lock Down Drill – to take place the week after Thanksgiving.

Photo Day – postponed until further notice.

Curriculum Night – to occur virtually after Thanksgiving.

Wednesday, September 30 – Orange Shirt Day: Day to recognize the impact of residential schools on Indigenous Children and that we need to be committed to recognizing that “Every Child Matters!”

Academic:

Great start to the school year despite the challenges related to COVID-19. A special thank you to our entire community for a smooth transition back to school and excellent transition for new students!

MathUp – Our school continues to be part of the MathUp Program this year to improve Math skills with students Grades 1- 8.

First 20 days of Math: Focus was on social/emotional learning with respect to Math.

Long Range Plans – Teachers are to follow the long range plans for Math that was created by the Board. Long range plans are meant for this year only to ensure consistency for all teachers and students (transitioning from online to face to face at school, visa versa). Resources that will be used to teach Math this year are Math Makes Sense and MathUp Classroom.

Rotary in Grades 7 and 8: Postponed due to COVID-19. Teachers in grades 7 and 8 are teaching all the subjects to their homeroom classes. Both grade 7 and 8 teachers are teaching History first for 7 weeks then Geography for 7 weeks. Online teachers are doing the same.

Extra-Curricular – Learning Beyond the Classroom (helping kids find their niche is the goal)

Cross Country and Volleyball Season Cancelled. All other sports TBD

Return to School Plan:

Routines that have been implemented at Guardian Angels:

- Students go directly to their class lines in the morning when they arrive to school. The lines have dots on them to ensure students staying a good distance away from each other.
- Bus students have a seating plan based on siblings and cohorts (classes). Hand sanitizer placed on their hands when they get off the bus and when they get on the bus at the end of the day (by the teacher/Educational Assistant on bus supervision). Students must wear masks on the bus.
- Staggered entry into the building in the morning and after recess times/lunch time. Students consistently use same door.
- Students go directly into their classrooms. No locker use for now. Teachers place hand sanitizer on each student's hands as they enter the classroom.
- Parents are encouraged to have their children arrive at school on time. If children arrive late, they go directly to class to avoid congregating in the office area.
- Use of hand sanitizer or washing of hands at the sink with soap and water has been implemented by the teachers numerous times throughout the day, especially when students enter the classroom after being outside, using Phys Ed equipment and before eating snacks or lunch.
- Recess Times: specific to division (first recess: only primary classes are outside, last recess: only junior classes outside). The rest of the school have nutritional breaks instead of scheduled first recess or last recess. Divisions who have nutritional breaks: teachers take their classes out during instructional time to enjoy 15 minutes of recess time. Intermediate classes last recess is always 2:45 until 3:00. This is to allow smooth exit from the school at the end of the day as 7 of our classes on the second floor will already be outside.
- Lunch Recess – same as last year. Grade 1, 2, 7 and 8 eat from 11:30 – 12:00, then go outside from 12:00 – 12:30. Grades 3-6 go outside from 11:30 – 12:00, then eat their lunches from 12:00 – 12:30.
- All classes have specific zones to play in. Classes must stay in their zones at all times. The zones have been painted on the pavement and field.

- Washroom Use – only two at a time in the washroom. There is signage on the floor outside the washrooms (3 circles) where students must stand when waiting to use the washroom. Only grades 1-2 students required buddies to go to the washroom. Portable students must travel back and forth from portable to school with a buddy during instructional times.
- Masks to be worn at all times when in the school or portable other than when eating or drinking.
- Students remain in their own classrooms, at their own chairs and desks/tables. No rotation of students to different classrooms. Library use is off limits.
- Masks must be worn at the end of the day for all students grades Kindergarten to grade 8 until off school property.
- Disinfectant sprays and wipes are used often by teachers in classrooms.
- Essential visitors only and meetings are to take place virtually as much as possible.
- No lunch services to date – TBD moving forward
- Students will not be gathering in the gym in the foreseeable future. By class only.