



Good Afternoon St. Matthew Families,

We hope you are enjoying a wonderful weekend with your family.

Thank you for all your support last week with our staggered entry to begin the new school year. Every day was a success. The children were amazing working through all the new routines and health and safety protocols with regards to mask-wearing, cleaning hands, and movement about the building and playground. The children are now aware of their playground zones and understand that they are only to play with their class cohort during recess time.

## ENTRY DROP OFF and DISMISSAL PICK UP ROUTINE

The link below is an image of the school grounds with guidelines to help parents for the gathering location for drop off and pick up. We continue to encourage everyone to have masks on for drop off and pick up with many people being around the school at that time. ***There are three areas parents can congregate for drop off and pick up: North Gate, West of the Outdoor Classroom, Left of the Portables from the trail path gate. Parents are not to come on the blacktop or zone area for drop off and pick up. [Playground Image Entry/Dismissal Procedures](#)***

Teachers will be on the playground at 8:25 a.m. and at dismissal in the assigned zone on the playground. The children are aware of their entry and dismissal zones.

Our staggered dismissal times are:

**Kindergarten** – 2:55 p.m.

**Grade 1,2 and 3** - 3:05 p.m.

**Grade 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8** 3:10 p.m.

The Kiss N Ride program continues to be on hold. We are hoping to have the new protocols and parent volunteers in place to begin on Thursday morning. Parents, please continue to park at St. Matthew Church until we can start up the Kiss N Ride program in a safe manner.

## DAILY SELF SCREENING

Parents and guardians must perform daily screening of their child(ren) for COVID-19 symptoms BEFORE leaving for school using the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#).

- Check your child's temperature to ensure they do not have a fever (temperature greater than 37.8°C)
- Monitor for signs and symptoms (including atypical symptoms) of COVID-19
- If any signs or symptoms, students and other household members must stay home, and the school must be contacted

Please note that if a student or staff member shows signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or has come into close contact with anyone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, they cannot come to school. They must self-isolate and be tested for COVID-19.

Parents are able to access the **Daily Screening Checklist for HCDSB students** [HERE](#).

*What happens if your child feels unwell at school?*

Your son or daughter needs to let their teacher know if they are feeling unwell at school.

Students who show signs/symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day **will be taken to our school's designated 'isolation room' where they will be cared for and supervised until a parent or guardian can pick them up.**

We must have current contact information for all of our families so that we can get in touch with you quickly. Please contact our school office if there have been any recent changes to your contact information.

## FAMILY INFORMATION PACKAGES

Family Information Packages will be sent home on Monday. Please complete all the forms for your child(ren) and send them back to the school as soon as possible in the envelop provided.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Parents interested in being a member of our Catholic School Council for the 2020/21 School Year please follow the link for detailed information and the Microsoft Form. [Catholic School Council Information](#)

We are looking forward to the new week and being together with all participating students.

Wishing everyone a great start to the new week. ☺

Your partners in Catholic Education,

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